

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 5, 1962

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. July 5, 1962. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Meacham, Love, Lowe and President McCormick. Councilmen Hadden, Colescott and Wright were absent. Also present were City Manager Lacy, City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. R. Ladd Graham, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 1962 be approved as written. Motion carried (4 voted AYE)

HEARING

Liquor application-Chromis & Mitchell dba Quincy Rest. & Lounge, 609 Main

This was the date set for hearing on the application of George P. Chromis and Paul J. Mitchell dba Quincy Restaurant & Lounge, 609 Main St., for a restaurant liquor license. A letter from Karl Johnson, Chief of Police, was read which stated that he had conducted an investigation into the eligibility of the applicants and he had found nothing that would indicate that they were not qualified to have such a license. As there were no protests against the application, it was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Love that the application be approved and license granted when the State license has been issued. Motion carried. (4 voted AYE)

HEARING

Zoning Ord. Text changes - Setbacks and porch enclosures

This date had been advertised for hearing on changes in the zoning ordinance text. City Manager Lacy explained this change was in the requirements for setbacks and to permit the enclosing of porches. In the older part of town the streets are wider than they are required to be in the newer sections. This forces too much of a setback on the few vacant lots in the older part of town. The amendment provides that setback can be fifteen feet back from the property line, or it can be from the center of the street whichever is more restrictive. The second part of the amendment allows existing porches to be enclosed and used as part of the building. There has been quite a demand for this and it will not affect the setback. There was no one in the audience to protest this change and no written protests had been filed. President McCormick closed the hearing.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Committee to investigate re vacancy and changes in Bd.

President McCormick stated that there was a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. He said the wording of the ordinance is such that he felt it would be better for a committee of the Council to take this matter up and see about bringing it up-to-date with the provisions of the ordinance. He appointed a committee of Councilmen Love, Hadden and Meacham to investigate this matter.

COUNCILMAN WRIGHT

arrived at the meeting.

VACATING E/W ALLEY

Blk 1 Mesa Gardens Subd-Recommended by Plan. Comm.

The Planning Commission, at its meeting held June 27th, recommended the vacation of the East/West alley in Block 1, Mesa Gardens Subdivision and that deeds be accepted for a north/south alley between Lots 1 and 7 contingent on receiving clearance from Public Service Co., Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co., the Public Works and Utilities Departments. City Manager Lacy presented a drawing which showed the present T alley. He stated this property is right across from the Ultronix Development and consists of a homogeneous development of ground level apartments. He stated this recommendation was very strongly recommended by the Administration as it would make trash pick up and utilities maintenance much easier. Final passage of an ordinance vacating this alley should be held up until all of the necessary deeds are secured for the north/south alley.

PROP. ORD.

Changes in Zoning ord. text-setbacks and porch enclosure

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 3 b. (7) E., 3 b. (9) D, 3 b. (10)D, 6 i. AND 6 n. (5) ALL OF CHAPTER 83 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO; CHANGING THE SETBACK REGULATIONS IN THE LIMITED BUSINESS, RETAIL BUSINESS AND LIGHT COMMERCE ZONING CATEGORIES, AND AMENDING THE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS ON SETBACKS AND PROJECTION OF BUILDINGS INTO SIDE YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

PROP. ORD.

Prohibiting Use of Public Parks bet. Midnight and 5 am

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO BY ADDING THERETO A SECTION 12 PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CITY DURING CERTAIN HOURS. It was moved by Councilman Love and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

PROP. ORD.

President of Council to sign Improv. Dist. Bonds

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40 OF CHAPTER 81 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SIGN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BONDS OF THE CITY. It was moved by Councilman Love and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

PROP. ORD.

Vacating E/W Alley in Blk 1 Mesa Gardens Subdiv

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE EAST-WEST ALLEY IN BLOCK 1 MESA GARDENS SUBDIVISION, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that the proposed ordinance be passed for

publication. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

ORD. 1158 PASSED

Changing Zoning No. 60' Blk A & Blk F Mesa Gardens Subdiv. (No of 22nd & Grand)

The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF CHAPTER 83 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

The ordinance was then read, and it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 1158 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

RESIGNATION

Fred E. Hagie, City T., 7-21-62 instead of 6-24-62

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Love that the previous action of the Council, accepting the resignation of the City Treasurer, Fred E. Hagie, as of June 24, 1962, be rescinded, and that such resignation be accepted to occur on July 21, 1962, with Mr. Hagie continuing as City Treasurer during the interim period although drawing his accrued vacation time and actually being on vacation from his employment. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

3.2 BEER RENEWAL

H.E. Colescott dba Colescotts, 551 South Ave.

An application for renewal of 3.2 beer license was presented by H. E. Colescott, dba Colescotts, 551 South Ave. As there were no objections, it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the application be approved and license granted when the State license has been received. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

POOL HALLS

Report of minors being allowed to play pool

City Manager Lacy stated that a copy of a letter from Management Information Service giving information on allowing minors to play pool and excerpts of different cities' legislation controlling this activity had been furnished to each Councilman. The substance of the letter was if the environment is healthy, there is no reason why minors should not be allowed to play pool but generally the situation is that the environment is not as healthy as it might be in commercial pool halls.

He said that while neither he nor Chief of Police Karl Johnson were recommending that the Council take any action, if the Council wished to adopt an ordinance, Chief Johnson would prefer that the one used in Haysville, Kansas, be used with one addition to it. This would mean that no person under the age of 18 would be permitted to visit, remain, play or be employed in a pool hall unless it conforms to the following conditions:

(a) No malt beverages shall be sold or consumed

(b) No dominos or card games should be played in such pool hall nor shall any pin ball machines or any other amusement devices be located on the premises

(c) That pool hall is closed not later than 11 p.m. if the following day be a regular school day

(d) No person under the age of 16 shall be permitted to visit, remain, play or be employed in the poll hall

Chief Johnson would like the addition that no pool or billiards should be played for money or anything of value.

Mr. Harris was presented and stated that he wanted the ordinance changed to allow youngsters of 11, 12, 13 and up to play pool. He felt that youngsters would be better off to play in a place where they are supervised than to be running loose. He would have parents personally bring in their youngsters and identify them and give their permission.

Councilman Meacham suggested that this matter be tabled and the President appoint a committee to visit the various places, talk with the proprietors to see how they feel about it, analyze the situation and report back. Pres. McCormick stated he thought this was a good idea; that he would take it under advisement and would appoint a committee later.

CATS

Discuss control of

City Manager Lacy stated that he was again receiving many complaints about the cat problem. In talking to Mr. Krutzner, 930 Elm Ave., about the situation a suggestion had been made that probably comes closer to a solution than any he has had or been able to research out. If the cats could be humanely trapped by a person and could be taken to some place, probably the dog pound, and the person who took them there would sign a paper giving his name and address that he caught the animal on his premises and to the best of his knowledge, it was a stray cat, the cat would be kept for a reasonable number of days and if nobody claimed it, it could then be put to sleep.

The reasons he felt this would be a practical approach to the problem was that the people who were aggrieved would be doing the catching; the animal has been on their property and the City does not have to have a licensing program or way to identify or tag the cats. He said he did not know whether this would work or not, but felt if members of the press and radio would air this suggestion, the merit of it might be determined from the public reaction.

City Attorney Ashby thought the legal position would be fairly safe but would like to do more checking before the Council should determine to take this action or make it a policy. President McCormick felt that it would be well to get both sides of the problem and if publicity is given some solution can be made.

I.D.I. SURVEY

Councilman Wright stated that he had been asked for information as to what was being done on making an industrial survey by hired trained help. President McCormick state that the Industrial Development Inc. has a committee which is acting on this matter, and that Mr. Al Letey is Chairman of this Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. (5 voted AYE)

Helen C. Tomlinson\City Clerk