

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 5, 1964

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. August 5, 1964. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Ray A. Meacham, Chas. H. Love, Harry O. Colescott and Pres. McCormick. Councilmen R. B. Evans, Warren D. Lowe, and Herbert M. Wright were absent. Also present were City Manager Lacy and Deputy City Clerk Blanche G. Stringer. City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson were absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. L. Gerald Burrus, Pastor, First Methodist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 1964 be approved as written. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

HEARING

3.2 Beer for Betty J. Vincent dba Betty's Grocery, 2851 North

Action tabled

This date had been advertised for hearing on the application of Betty J. Vincent dba Betty's Grocery, 2851 North Ave., for a 3.2 beer license. A report by Chief of Police Karl Johnson was read. He gave a review of the past operation of this establishment. The business was operated as a grocery store with a 3.2 beer license before this area was annexed to the City with the license in the name of Betty Jo Vincent. In December 1963, a hearing was held on an application for a 3.2 beer license to add the name of Dixson J. Vincent and to change the nature of the operation from a grocery store to a tavern. At that time a petition signed by 237 residents of the area was presented against the issuance of this license and the license was not granted; however, the licensee, Betty Jo Vincent, did close out the grocery store and operated as a tavern until July 1, 1964 when her license expired.

There was a violation of the 3.2 beer code on Feb. 13, 1963 which involved the selling of beer to a minor. The licensee and an employee were found guilty and paid a fine and received a reprimand by the Council. In Feb. 1964, a public dance was held for which it was advertised an admission was to be charged. The licensee was advised that this was contrary to law without obtaining additional licenses but on Feb. 26th when officers stopped to make a regular routine check, they found the front door locked with a capacity crowd inside. They were advised that in a licensed establishment the doors should be open to the public whenever they were open for business.

In May of 1964 there was a dispute between Dixson Vincent and his wife, Betty, who had removed the licenses from the establishment. Mr. Vincent reported to the City Clerk and State Liquor Inspector that the licenses had been stolen, and, on that basis, duplicate licenses were issued. Later, the duplicates were picked up and returned to the City Clerk for cancellation.

Prior to the expiration of the previous license on July 1, 1964, an application was filed under the name of Dixson J. and Betty Jo Vincent. This application was withdrawn and the license was allowed to expire following another argument between the applicants. On May 21, 1964, a letter was received from Rev. Raymond Paruch of the Galilee Baptist Church, 2853 North Ave., in which he complained of conditions attendant to the operation of this business. This, together with a considerable number of unfavorable verbal reports concerning the operation of this business, he felt would indicate that there is much to be desired in the way of improvement over the manner in which it had been operated in the past since the present applicant was fully responsible for its past operation.

A petition was presented by Mrs. Vincent signed by 190 residents of the neighborhood in favor of granting the license. A letter signed by Clayton and Mary B. Meek was read which stated that Mrs. Vincent had leased their property at 2851 North Ave. for the past eight years and they had always found the premises clean, respectable and in good repair.

A letter was read which was signed by Rev. Raymond R. Paruch, Rev. Hollis E. Cook, Rev. Olen R. Ellis, Rev. W. F. Wilson, Rev. Noble V. Hunt, ministers of the Galilee Baptist Church, G. J. Friends Church, Bethel Assembly of God and Bible Missionary Church. They opposed the issuance of the license to Mrs. Vincent as they felt that the new hearing had not altered the opinions of the surrounding neighbors. The basic premises remain the same; first, the location has not changed; and secondly, it is the same person who is applying for the license. Two previous petitions had been circulated within the last seven months which had indicated opposition by the surrounding community to such an establishment.

Mrs. Vincent was present and spoke to the Council. She stated that she had personally carried the petition and had talked to all of the residents in the immediate vicinity. She had found 40 people who were against the granting of the license, 51 who were neutral, 6 who signed were within a half-mile and 184 who signed were within one-fourth of a mile. Signatures on the petition represented renters, leasees and owners. She said she had operated this business for eight years and she was proud of her record as there had only been two violations and two fights in that time. She stated she has four children of her own, one a girl in college and a boy of nineteen, so she has tried to run a good clean place and will continue to do so. She felt there is a need in Grand Junction for a place like this for the younger people to go. She stated that Mr. Vincent was not now and would not be in the future connected in any way with the operation of the business. With reference to the dance that was held there, she said they had not been told they couldn't hold a dance, but that they couldn't charge admission so they had paid the cabaret tax themselves. The doors were closed because the place was crowded to capacity and they didn't want any more people coming in. She said they had a policy of not allowing beer to be carried around even before the Council passed the new beer and liquor regulations.

Councilman Meacham stated that the Council does not want to put anybody out of business or erroneously put a hardship on them, but in view of the report from the Chief of Police and in order to check the signatures on the petition, he felt it would be well to hold this matter over for consideration at the next Council meeting. President McCormick also felt that due to the fact that there was not a full Council present and a report from the Health Department was not available, more time should be taken to check into the matter. President McCormick closed the hearing.

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that decision be held over until next Council meeting. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

Mrs. Vincent asked if it would help her application to carry her petition into a wider area of perhaps a half-mile radius. She was advised that it would be well to do anything she could although a definite boundary had never been established by the Council as it tends to consider the desires of the residents of the immediate neighborhood.

D&RGW RR

Plans to cut down shop operations

Councilman Meacham stated that Mr. Joe Loffreda had talked to him before Council meeting and told him that his group wished to withdraw their request to talk to the Council concerning the D&RGW Railroad plans to cut down shop operations in Grand Junction. This had been scheduled on the agenda, but Mr. Loffreda was not present.

BLDG PMT FEE

Waived for Riverside Baptist Church, 520 W. Colo.

A letter was read from Jas. E. McClain requesting waiver of building permit fee of approximately \$78 for the Riverside Baptist Church (formerly Baptist Spanish Mission) 520 W. Colorado. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Love that inasmuch as this has been past practice of the Council, the request be approved and building permit fee for the Baptist Church, 520 W. Colo., be waived. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

RENEW 3.2 BEER

Carroll N. & Vera J. Gilbert dba Gilbert's Mkt, 1625 N 15th

An application for renewal of 3.2 beer license was presented by Carroll N. and Vera J. Gilbert dba Gilbert's Market, 1625 No. 15th Street. A report was read written by Chief of Police Karl Johnson in which he stated there had been no violations or complaints and he knew of no reason why this application should not be approved. It was moved by Councilman Love and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the application be approved and license issued when State license has been received. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

LIBRARY

Resol-Library Bd recommends new Library facility

At the meeting of the Library Board held July 23, 1964, the following Resolution was passed and adopted with the request that it be presented to the City Council, as the Library Board is advisory to the City Council on library matters:

RESOLUTION

Due to the fact that the present library facility is becoming inadequate to continue service at the present level in the Grand Junction area, the Library Board wishes to recommend to City Council that negotiations and planning start for the planning of a new library facility to handle the regional service of the Grand Junction area.

Councilman Colescott asked if the idea was to make this a community-wide or county-wide project. Pres. McCormick said the thought is to try to implement the recommendations of the Survey Committee which made a survey last year, and that it would truly be a county library. Pres. McCormick stated that he has done considerable work trying to secure capable people to serve on the committee to look into the matter of consolidation and it is difficult to secure such people as both residents of the City and County should be appointed. He would appreciate any suggestions anyone has to offer regarding these appointments to this committee.

LICENSE BONDS

The following license bonds, being on the approved forms, were presented for approval:

Gen. Contr.	Allen A. Miller dba Miller Constr. Co., 2390 Leland Rd.	Transamerica Ins.	
Cement	Raymond G. Phipps dba Phipps Contr. Box 442	USF&G	
Photographer	John C. & Isla B. Lucas dba Austin Studios, Fox Tiffany Studios & Camera Arts Studios, 822 So. Western Ave. Los Angeles 54, Calif.	Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Md.	#7801591
Plumbing Contr.	Everson Plumb Serv Inc. 5425 So. Elmwood St. Littleton	Western Casualty & Surety Co.	#308386

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Love that the bonds be accepted ad filed. Motion

carried.

PROP. ORD.

Adopting by reference 1964 Uniform Bldg. Code

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 1964 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, PROMULGATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, WHICH CODE REGULATES THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, DEMOLITION, OCCUPANCY, EQUIPMENT, USE, HEIGHT, AREA, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION; PROVIDES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; DECLARES AND ESTABLISHES FIRE DISTRICTS; PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALS ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Love that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. (4 AYES)

Blanche G. Stringer\Deputy City Clerk