

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
CITY/COUNTY AUDITORIUM, 520 ROOD AVENUE**

M I N U T E S

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1997, 8:00 A.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting convened at 8:06 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Phil Coebergh, Assistant City Attorney John Shaver and Acting City Clerk Christine English

II. **APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES**

1. WTB Enterprises Incorporation dba Blue Moon Bar & Grille, 120 North 7th Street, Hotel-Restaurant

Theodora Brehmer was present representing WTB Enterprises Inc. The Fire Department reported five (5) violations upon first inspection. These have been corrected with the exception of the overhead sprinkler system which has been scheduled for repairs. The application was in order and approved.

2. Wayne and Lisa Smith dba Grits Restaurant, 2704 U.S. Highway 50, Hotel-Restaurant

The application was in order and approved

3. Martinez Family Corporation dba Chupiro's Place, 122 South 5th Street, Tavern

Cindy Enos-Martinez was present representing the Martinez Family Corporation. Hearing Officer Coebergh stated with Ms. Martinez now being a City Councilmember, her representation of the Martinez Family Corporation on the liquor license presented a conflict of interest. Ms. Martinez stated she would no longer be representing the corporation. Her brother-in-law would be handling this matter. Assistant City Attorney Shaver told Ms. Martinez of the dismissal of the stipulation which took place at the last hearing. The application was in order and approved.

4. Happy Valley Spirits Incorporated dba Earl's House of Spirits, 1560 North Avenue, Retail Liquor

Larry Evenson representing Happy Valley Spirits Inc., was present. The application was in order and approved.

5. The Denville Corporation dba Cottonwood Liquors, 2513 Highway 6 & 50, Retail Liquor

The application was in order and approved.

6. Feather Petroleum Company dba Stop N Save No. 4, 2700 Highway 50, 3.2% Beer

The application was in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

1. Application by Mesa County Humane Society for a Malt and Vinous Liquor Special Events permit for "Pick up Your Paws and Boogie" on May 24, 1997 from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight to be licensed at 701 Main Street

Applicant: Mesa County Humane Society
President: Becky Dorssey, 690 29 1/2 Road, Grand Junction
Event Mrg: Jodi L. Baker, 1821 Grand Avenue, Grand Junction

Jodi Baker, Events Coordinator for the Mesa County Humane Society, and Barb Stephens, Director, were present. Acting City Clerk English read into the record the letter requesting the Special Events Permit (attached).

Assistant City Attorney Shaver stated the attachment to the letter meets the State Statutory requirements. Mr. Shaver stated The Station has applied for a hotel-restaurant license which is scheduled for the hearing on May 21, 1997. The event being heard today is scheduled for May 24, 1997. One of the criteria for the issuance of a Special Events Permit is that no licensed facility is available. While the approval by the Local Licensing Authority does not a license make, it does give the appearance of approval. To avoid any appearance of a problem, it is his recommendation that at the hearing for the licensure of The Station on May 21, the matter be taken under advisement and a decision be rendered after May 24th. The State Statute allows thirty (30) days for rendering a decision after the conclusion of a licensing hearing. Hearing Officer Coebergh was concerned that no one representing The Station was present and questioned the applicants if they had been in contact with them? Ms. Stephens stated she had tried to called The Station and had not been able to reach Ms. Campbell. Hearing Officer Coebergh concurred with Mr. Shaver's recommendation. The application was in order and approved. Mr. Coebergh urged the applicant to contact The Station and discuss this situation. He recommended The Station contact Mr. Shaver if they have any questions concerning this matter. The application was in order and approved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - May 21, 1997

May 17, 1997

To Whom It May Concern,

The Mesa County Humane Society will be holding a singles event, "Pick Up Your Paws And Boogie". This dance/mixer will be held on May 24, 1997 and will run from 7pm to midnight. We are asking that you grant us a special events permit so that we may serve beer and wine along with the non alcoholic drinks that we will offer.

We decided to hold this event at The Station, located at 701 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO. We decided on this location because it is already equipped with a stage, amplifiers and sound system for the bands that will be playing for the event (the bands are regulars to The Station so they know that everything will be there for them). There is a dance floor at this location. This location is set up for evening entertaining and will not need additional decorations, which will save us money over renting a hotel facility. This is a familiar location to many people that are attending and will be easy to find for those that are coming from surrounding areas. The Singles Network is helping us with this event and has worked with the owner of The Station. They suggested that The Station would work with us on cost, which they have, we are getting a very good rental rate.

Please look at the attached sheet for a list of other facilities that we contacted and why we thought our choice was the best for our event.

We will have several employees, board members and volunteers at this event that will be conscientious and not let things get out of control. This is to be a pleasant, fun, social event. Please grant us permission for a special events permit.

Sincerely,

Parb Stephens
Executive Director

Jodi Baker
Events Coordinator

Facilities contacted by The Mesa County Humane Society

Events Hotels/Motels

Hilton - already reserved
Best Value already reserved
Holiday Inn - already reserved
Best Western Horizon - no facility for events
Best Western Sandman - no facility for events
Budget Host - no facility for events
Days Inn - no dance floor

Peachtree Inn - no dance floor

Westgate Inn - max capacity 120 people and no band set up

Comfort Inn - no facilities

Banquet Facilities, Convention Centers and Halls

Two Rivers Convention Center - They could not guarantee that the space next to us would not be rented as to not interfere with our function. I have helped at the Mesa County Library's "Big Kids Spelling Bee" which was held here. There was another function going on next to us and the noise and activities were very disturbing and disruptive to our event, so much so that this function was changed to an afternoon this year.

Redlands Community Center - reserved and not equipped for band

Clifton Community Hall - reserved and no dance floor

White Hall - reserved and no band set up

Avalon Theater - no dance floor

Elks Lodge - reserved

Eagles Lodge - reserved

Moose Lodge - said we would have to be a member

Chameleon Club - had rented to a band that night, they said we could also hold our event there but that it would cost \$1300 plus food

Battlement Mesa Activities Center - too far away since some of our employees will be working our event after finishing their shift at the shelter

Beach at Tiara Rado - no dance floor

Good pastures - max capacity 40-50 people, no dance floor

Pufferbelly Station - no dance floor