

Public Hearing on Annexation Proposal Called By Council

The Medford city council Thursday night called a public hearing July 7 on a proposed annexation to the city.

The area which has petitioned to be annexed is bounded by Prune and Alberts sts., Dakota and Columbus aves. The planning commission has recommended to the council that the area be annexed because it would solve a "rather serious" sanitation problem.

Two other public hearings were called by the council. One of these, set June 2, involves a request to name a previously unnamed street in the Medford Heights addition. The name proposed for this street is Medford Heights lane.

The other public hearing was called July 7, and involves a request for the city to vacate an alley between Hawthorne and Genessee sts., north of Main st.

City Manager Robert A. Duff told the council there is no particular hurry on this project and the city administration is preparing some information on it for the council's consideration.

Approve Liquor Licenses

The council approved liquor license applications for Jay William and Colleen Eatherton, 3522 North Pacific highway, and for Taywin Investment company, 236 North Front st.

A representative for the Taywin Investment company said the company is planning to convert the Food Market,

236 North Front st., into a "high-class" lounge and restaurant. The remodeling cost of this building will be approximately \$75,000, he said.

The Taywin Investment company had previously taken over the liquor license of the Owl club, 32 North Front st. The spokesman pointed out that the Owl club and adjacent business establishments would have to move by next September in order to make way for a U. S. National Bank parking lot.

He said the new lounge and restaurant should be open in September.

Two Appear in Circuit Court

Two persons appeared in circuit court Wednesday afternoon before Judge Edward C. Kelly.

Sentenced to three years in the Oregon Correctional Institute was Truman Thurman, 39, of Klamath Falls. He was previously on probation for uttering and publishing a false check.

Arraigned on district attorney's information after he pleaded guilty to a charge of uttering and publishing a false check was Paul T. Thompson, 23, of Riverside, Calif.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack #

Cub Scout Pack # held its May meeting in the Washington school gym recently.

The cubs that received advancement awards were: wolf, Danny Sutton, Wayne Carlon, Billie Osbourne, Bruce Nelson, Danny Nickody, Michael Crossley, Jeff Werner, and Bobby Reicke.

Gold Arrow on wolf, David Mann, David Aeschliman, Terry Gillespie, and Stephen Note.

Silver arrow on wolf, Edward Chris, Myron Gaston, Hugh Ferguson, DeWayne Butler, and John Stratford.

Bear, Jimmy Keeton, Terry Howard, and Hugh Ferguson.

Silver arrow on bear, Phillip Morton.

Lion, Kevin Hayes, Douglas Howard, and Dennis Kurosky. Dennis also received the Lion gold and silver arrows.

Webelos and graduation, James Gunther, Ronny Duce, David Landis, George Penland, and Howard Douglas.

After the regular meeting a colored film about rescue breathing was shown.

Lumbermen's Group To Meet in City

A four-point program on issues affecting lumbermen of this area will be discussed at a district meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at the Rogue Valley Country club Thursday, May 26. H. V. Simpson, West Coast Lumbermen's association, executive vice president, has announced. The no-host dinner will start at 6 p.m.

Points to be discussed are competition from substitute materials and how to lick it, possible future changes in West Coast grading rules, effect of FHA grade stamping requirement, first showing in this region of the new colored film on WCLA projects for the new year which covers

promotion, advertising, research and all other association activities.

All area lumber manufacturers are invited to attend the WCLA district meeting, Simpson said.

Medford Council Postpones Action on Proposed Center

The Medford city council Thursday night postponed for one month any action on the proposed Medford civic center, apparently so it can first determine the effect of the center on property in the area.

The proposed civic center site is an 11-square block area bounded by Mistletoe, Main, 10th, and Holly sts. The planning commission last week unanimously recommended to the city council that the site be given preliminary approval.

As proposed, the center would include the existing county courthouse, west side park, the library, the proposed federal building and future state and city buildings.

A request for a change of zone appeared to have some bearing on the council's action. The request is for a change of zone to permit a service station to be erected on a lot directly across from the west side park, and in the eastern portion of the proposed civic center site on Eighth st. between Holly and Ivy sts.

In Multiple-Family

This lot is located in the center of a multiple-family zone and the request is to change it, and an adjacent lot, to commercial zone. The planning commission also considered the request at its last meeting, and unanimously recommended to the council that it be denied.

However, owners of the lots appealed the commission's action to the council and requested a public hearing. The council granted the request, and set the hearing date for June 2.

Several city and county officials have financial interests in the lots, including Robert A. Boyer, a member of the county planning commission.

District Judge Roy Bashaw, Municipal Judge Alan B. Holmes and City Attorney Joel Reeder.

Also Have Interest

Also listed as having interests in the property are Attorney Stanley Jones and C. W. and Joe Brooks. Boyer was spokesman for the group at the planning commission meeting.

Councilman R. L. Van Sickle brought the matter up Thursday night when he said that the civic center site is quite a large area to be set aside for future development and to do so might have an adverse effect on property owners in the area.

City Manager Robert A. Duff told Van Sickle that the plan would have no effect on property at all. It is only part of a preliminary land-use plan for the city, he said.

Van Sickle replied that it does affect property — "the planning commission used the proposal as one of the reasons for denial of the zone change."

Duff said this was not so, that the request was refused because, if granted, it would be strip zoning.

Reasons For Denial

At the planning commission meeting the commission said its main reasons for denial were that it would be the beginning of a strip commercial development which would lead to traffic congestion and it would be an inter-mixing of commercial and residential uses.

The commission, also pointed out in its recommendation to the council that it has been its policy to discourage strip commercial development along arterial streets, and the granting of this request would make it difficult to deny a similar request on any other arterial street in the city.

The civic center idea had

been mentioned in conjunction with the request for change of zone, but was not given as one of the commission's main reasons for denial.

Bull's Around Plan

Councilman Donald Hanson pointed out that the civic center site is built around a plan originally presented in 1931. "The idea of a civic center would be a wonderful thing for the city," he said, and added that it has been "delayed long enough."

Hanson suggested that the request for a change of zone was prompted by the knowledge that the federal building might locate in this area, but Van Sickle promptly said this was wrong.

When it became apparent that a number of the councilmen wanted additional time to study the civic center plan, Hanson moved that action be postponed until the second council meeting in June.

Van Sickle suggested that the matter be delayed even longer, but Councilman Al Bradford said that a month should be long enough time to get the facts.

Development Explained

The council requested Planning Consultant Ned Langford to explain the center development.

Langford said the plan was brought to a head by the government's proposed federal building and when the city began receiving questions like "where will they put it?" and "where would the city like to have it?"

"The area had already been delineated," he said, on a rough land-use plan as a civic center development. "It was selected, he added, because it is easily accessible from all parts of the city, it is convenient to the business area and it already has a nucleus in the courthouse and city park.

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