

City Council Grants Zone Change for Construction of Store

The Medford city council Thursday granted a zone change and a variance to the city's parking requirements to permit construction of a Safeway store on West Main st.

O. R. Blair, property manager for Safeway stores, explained to the council that most of the property which Safeway owns in Block 4 on West Main st. is already zoned commercial.

The store's property is 200 feet in depth, but the zoning only runs 150 feet in depth, Blair pointed out.

Reduce Building Size

He stated further that Safeway's planners had reduced the size of their proposed building in order to increase parking space. The firm's variance request asked for a 3½ to 1 parking ratio, compared to the city's 4 to 1 stipulation.

Blair indicated after the requests were unanimously approved that Safeway would probably commence construction early next year.

In another public hearing, the council authorized construction of a sanitary sewer to serve a 19-acre tract called Rogue Valley Estates, but voted to assess separately a proposed subdivision of the tract on Murphy rd. south of Rogue Valley golf course.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer and a resident of the area, told the council there were "sewage problems in the properties," which he described as inadequate for sub-soil sewage disposal systems.

Ashland Council Holds Hearings, Adopts Ordinance

Ashland - The Ashland city council last week adopted an ordinance changing the setback on corner lots from 16½ feet to 10½ feet. There were no objections voiced during the hearing.

Another hearing on changes in the subdivision requirements was held and the ordinance passed providing for all new minor property partitioning to be submitted to the planning commission and stipulating that street improvements be made within two years.

City Attorney Harry Skerry presented a new option on the General Hospital property adjacent to Southern Oregon college campus. The 90-day option provides for the sale of the two-acre site for \$45,000. A previous option was about to expire before title had been cleared, Skerry said.

The city has had use of the property for the past 35 years. Heirs to the late Jesse Winburn have been contacted and none has made objection to the sale.

Leased To College

Since its abandonment last fall as a hospital facility, the building has been leased to Southern Oregon college for dormitory and office use. A new classroom building may be erected on the site, although there has been considerable sentiment expressed for a college - community auditorium.

In other business the council voted to extend the option on 17 acres in the city golf course area to Northwest Pacific Development corporation for an agreed price of \$17,000. The \$6 million development is expected to get under way within a few months. The agreement requires that at least 20 houses be constructed within two years.

City Superintendent Elmer Biegel reported that the city had kept within the total budget of \$2¼ million.

A two - year lease was granted to Earl Johnson for a lumber cut stock mill to be operated at least 10 months each year in the industrial area near the Southern Pacific tracks. A request for a taxi space at 389 East Main st. was granted Shelby Wilcox of the Ashland Cab company.

The city's water supply was discussed briefly and following a comment by Councilman Don Lewis that "we must tie up either TID or Nell creek pretty soon," it was agreed that a special meeting be called at an early date.

Oregon Crime Council Seeks Drastic Changes

Portland - The Oregon Council on Crime and Delinquency called for drastic changes in public welfare administration today in a report summing up a seven-month study of the Oregon Welfare Department.

It said there must be sharp cuts in the number of cases per case worker, better training for case workers and better supervision of the welfare workers.

In other action, the council voted to:

- Quitclaim a ditch easement in favor of Arvel L. and Loren R. Nash.

- Approve a resolution authorizing a new application on proposed Bear Creek park for Federal Open-Space grant.

- Authorize plans and specifications for paving an alley between Fir and Grape st., which extends from Eighth to Ninth st. A paving project on Whittle ave. from Crater Lake ave. to Patrick st. also was approved.

- Call for bids on paving

projects on East Main st., Valley View dr. and Newtown st.

- Call for bids on the Rogue Valley Estates sanitary sewer project.

Contract Awarded

- Award a contract to Page Paving company, Salem, for resurfacing Stewart ave. from Dixie Lane to the South Pacific railroad tracks. The city and Jackson county will share costs in the project.

- Accept a completed paving project on Market st.

- Call for a public hearing Aug. 2 on a request for a change of zone from single-family to limited commercial

on a piece of property located on Biddle rd. and Crater Lake hwy. freeway interchange.

The council also approved variances to allow the construction of a home and servants quarters on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Country Club Manor, and the operation of a kindergarten in a single-family zone at 121 Valley View dr.

Vehicle Bid Awarded

A bid on a station wagon to be used by the city park and recreation department was awarded to Dick Knight company. A bid on a ladder truck to be used by the city

electrician was awarded to Crater Lake Motors. Both firms were low bidders on their contracts.

A bid by Courtesy Chevrolet on the ladder truck, which actually was under the Crater Lake Motors bid, was withdrawn prior to the council meeting. The firm told the administration they had misunderstood the specifications when they submitted the bid.

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Page Paving company and Rogue River Paving company were prequalified to bid on city projects.

An extra width driveway was granted to Rogue Valley Canning company.

Mayor John W. Snider told the council he expects to announce sometime this week his appointments to a committee to study teen-age recreation problems in the city.

The mayor also announced the appointment of Dwight Houghton, Stan Stark and Mrs. O. A. Eden to a committee to study a proposal by William Doernbach that the mayor and city councilmen be paid for attendance at council meetings.

Stark suggested to the mayor that a committee be appointed to consider possible names for the recently acquired park site along Bear creek. Snider said he would

act on the suggestion soon. Councilman James Dunlevy at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers was absent. The next council meeting will be held Aug. 2.

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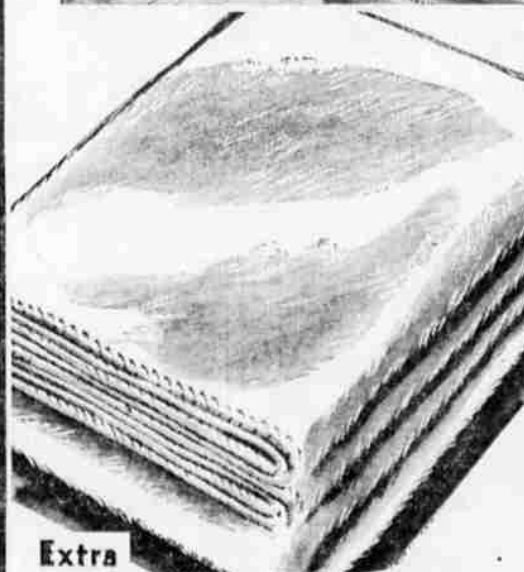
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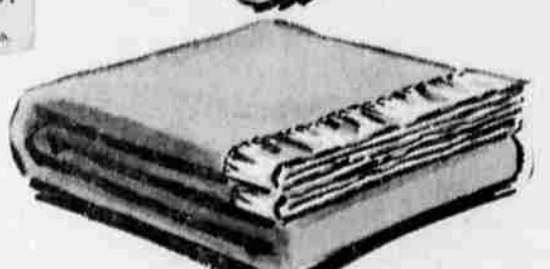
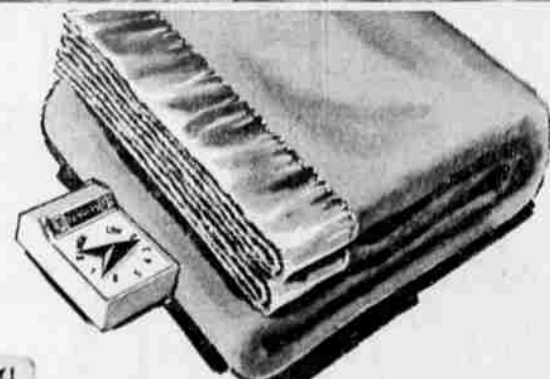
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