

December 23, 1952

A special meeting of the town council was called on the above date with all members of council being duly notified in writing twelve hours prior to the time of the call.

The following members of council were present and answered to roll call: Ball, King, Cury, Umstead.

The mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was to hear comments concerning the possible violations of our zoning ordinance that might be taking place in the vicinity of North Craig Street.

Mr. Ball then ask who was the spokesman for the sixteen residents in the immediate vicinity who were present. Mr. Roy Moor spoke on the question of what such a coal development would have on the property valuations, safety and general appearance and character of the neighborhood. He pointed out such a development would reduce the property values, be a hazard to the children playing in that area and in general would be detrimental to the community interests.

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Dr. E.W. Baker also spoke on the possible coal development and his remarks were very similar to those of Mr. Moore. Dr. T.J. Phillips, Mr. Woodrown Bryant, Mr. C.T. Braswell, Mr. R.D. Smith, Mrs. V.J. Strength and Dr. P.J. Urban also were heard concerning this matter.

Mr. Fred Greear, the town attorney, was then consulted on the matter and he expressed his opinion that a temporary injunction could be issued to halt the work, which it was reported to council had been started, until the matter could properly be disposed of.

A motion was then made and duly approved instructing the town attorney to take such actions necessary to halt the violation of our zoning ordinance by Mr. George Jackson and other interested parties.

There being no further business before the council same adjourned.



Mayor



Clerk