

City of White Cloud

12 N. Charles Street
White Cloud, Michigan 49349

Regular Meeting Minutes for
November 6, 2017

A. Meeting Called to Order

The Regular Meeting of the White Cloud City Council was held on the above date at the White Cloud City Offices. Mayor Charles Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Charles Chandler, Mayor Pro-Tem Herm Becker

Councilmembers: Richard Dault, Cassie Rickert, Kay Scott and Matt Priest

Members Absent: Jeffrey Murchison

Staff Present: City Manager/Clerk Lora Kalkofen, Police Chief Dan Evans, Zoning Administrator Robert Hall, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kelli Arnold

Public in Attendance: Jerry LeBlanc, Pat Ebenstein, Candice Dault, Judy Maike, Mark Guzniyak, Laura Priest, Cathleen Graham, James Barr, Patty Steffes, Jamie Steffes

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the October 16, 2017 minutes as presented.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Dault gave the invocation and Mayor Chandler led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Scott asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Texas Shootings.

B. Public Comment:

Mayor Chandler introduced James Barr, President of Strata Holding Company. Mr. Barr is part of an organization pursuing Medical Marijuana Licensing and finalizing the purchase of property in the White Cloud Industrial Park.

Judy Maike has an interested party to rent a building located in the C-1 district for auto repair. The property is no longer zoned for Auto repair/Service. Judy asked if Council could advise her if she has to go through the Planning Commission and Zoning review first or if this property would be grandfathered. Mayor Chandler suggested meeting with the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission, as this issue could not be resolved at Council this meeting. Manager Kalkofen explained that the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator Hall would need to address the issue before coming to Council.

C. Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana Ordinances:

Open Public Hearing

Motion by Priest, **Seconded** by Dault to open the Public Hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

- a. Receive Comments on Amendment of City of White Cloud Zoning Ordinance allowing Medical Marijuana Facilities
- b. Receive Comments on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Related Uses

Manager Kalkofen discussed additional wording changes in the Ordinance, as approved by the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission Chairperson Candace Dault stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the ordinance five to six times along with Planning Consultant Chris Grobbal, Attorney Cliff Bloom and they voted unanimously to advise Council to move forward with the approval of both ordinances.

Zoning Administrator Robert Hall felt Council and Planning took advantage of information available for an informed decision, from a Zoning perspective, and the ordinances were ready for Council to enact.

Cathleen Graham RN highly encourages Council to opt-in and enact both ordinances providing seed to sale regulation.

James Barr offered to answer any additional questions about the project or the laws.

Judy Maike asked if there would be a dispensary on top of the hill.

Chief Evans mentioned there would be unknowns faced by law enforcement, they will work to make sure all policies and procedures are in check. WCPD is promoting business and would like to keep moving forward.

Priest mentioned if enacted, should the burden arise for extra law enforcement, he supports additional staff.

Councilmember Becker is strongly opposed and is of the opinion that White Cloud should opt out of this.

Mayor Chandler believes this is an economic opportunity for the community. He hopes this will encourage new business to our community.

Councilmember Dault is in support of medical marihuana and feels is far less dangerous than legal opiates.

Councilmember Rickert mentioned her hopes that this will help drive opiates away from the children. She is in favor of people using medical marihuana vs. the opiates.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to close the public hearing at 7:36 P.M.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Priest **Seconded** by Dault to approve Consent Agenda for the White Cloud City Council meeting

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Becker, Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
Nays: None
Absent: Murchison
Abstained None

E. Unfinished Business

1. City Projects

a. City Owned Property, Solid Waste, Recycling, and Road Repairs – **No Action**

2. Project Funding

a. City Income Tax, Millage Proposal, and Special Assessment- **No Action**

F. New Business

1. Scope Technologies/ New Phone System

A proposal for a new phone system from Scope Technologies for the City Office and DPW was presented for consideration. This would allow the upgrade of the current phone system to include Caller ID and Voicemail.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the purchase of a new phone system from Scope Technologies and repairs to the data cables not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Becker, Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
Nays: None
Absent: Murchison
Abstained None

2. Resolution 2017-19 Amending the FY 2016/17 Budget

An amendment to the FY 2016/17 Budget was presented to Council for approval. This amendment is a result of a payroll posting per the auditor.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve Resolution 2017-19 an amendment to the FY 2016/17 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Becker, Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
 Nays: None
 Absent: Murchison
 Abstained None

3. Resolution 2017-20 Delinquent Water to 2017 Winter Taxes

A resolution to place delinquent water accounts on 2017 winter tax billing.

Motion by Becker, **Seconded** by Dault to approve Resolution 2017-20 placing delinquent water accounts on the 2017 winter taxes.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Becker, Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
 Nays: None
 Absent: Murchison
 Abstained None

4. Resolution 2017-21 Revising Fixed Assets for City of White Cloud

Council was presented with an updated list of additions/removals of fixed assets.

Motion by Priest, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the revised fixed assets for City of White Cloud.

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

5. Resolution 2017-22 Application to Michigan Township Participating Plan for a Grant

Council was presented with a resolution to approve the submission of a grant to MTPP for the Police Department to purchase two tasers as requested by Chief Evans.

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to approve Chief Evans to submit a grant to MTPP for 2 new Police Tasers

Vote: **Ayes-** All **Nays-** None **Motion Carried**

6. Ordinance No. 2017-26 a Zoning Ordinance Regarding The Regulation of The Medical Use of Marihuana

Motion by Priest, **Seconded** by Dault to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2017-26 an ordinance regarding the Regulation of the Medical use of Marihuana in the City of White Cloud.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
 Nays: Becker
 Absent: Murchison
 Abstained None

7. Ordinance No. 2017-27 an Ordinance Regarding The Regulation of Medical Marihuana, Medical Marihuana Dispensaries, and Related Uses and Activities

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2017-27 an ordinance for the Regulation of Medical Marihuana, Medical Marihuana Dispensaries and related uses and activities n the City of White Cloud.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, and Dault
 Nays: Becker
 Absent: Murchison
 Abstained None

8. Employee Wage Scale Recommendations/Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee met and submitted their recommendation for Premium pay of \$3 per hour for S-3 water license; wage increases for both Full time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Position and Part-Time Treasurer Position

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Priest to approve Employee Wage Scale Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Priest, Chandler, Rickert, Scott, Becker and Dault
 Nays: None
 Absent: Murchison
 Abstained None

G. Public Comment: - Received

II. Council Member Comments – Received

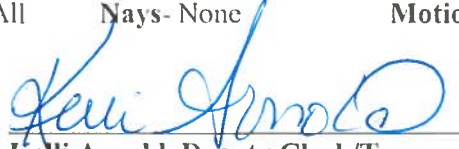
I. Adjournment

Motion by Dault, **Seconded** by Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Vote: **Ayes- All** **Nays- None** **Motion Carried**



Charles Chandler, Mayor



Keli Arnold, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Approved on November 20, 2017