

**City of White Cloud Planning Commission
12 N. Charles St., White Cloud, Michigan 49349
Special Meeting
November 13, 2019**

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Jamie Denslow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present:

Jamie Denslow, Lori Shears, Becci Kolenda, Charles Twing, Keith Payne

Absent:

None

Others Present:

Lora Kalkofen, Cheryl Hult, Marva Shears, Charles Chandler, Herm Becker, Joe Lucas, Rick Kader

2. Set/Amend Agenda:

Mayor Denslow requested to set/amend agenda as presented.

Motion by Shears, **second** by Twing to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Denslow led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment:

City Manager, Kalkofen stated there had been question regarding wording in the City Code of Ordinances regarding Civil & Misdemeanor, they can be both according to our attorney.

Terminology to 2019-05 Licensing board, page 3, 117.05 #6 to read, "There shall be no limit to the number of terms a Board Member may serve." The wording suggested provides more clarity.

5. New Business:

a. Open Public Hearing for Ordinances 2019-03, 2019-04 ,2019-05, 2019-06, and 2019-07.

Motion by Twing, **second** by Kolenda to open Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kolenda, Twing, Payne, Shears, Denslow **Motion Carried**

i. Amend Code of Ordinances 2019-03: An ordinance to repeal Title XV, Chapter 155 Entitled "Medical Marijuana Licenses for Medical Marijuana Facilities" and to Amend Title XI by enacting Chapter 115 Entitled "Medical Marijuana Facilities" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of White Cloud.

ii. Amend Code of Ordinances 2019-04: An ordinance to amend Title XI of the Code of Ordinances for the City of White Cloud by enacting Chapter 116 entitled "Recreational Marijuana Establishments."

iii. Amend Code of Ordinances 2019-05: An ordinance to amend Title XI of the Code of Ordinances for the City of White Cloud by enacting Chapter 117 Entitled "Marijuana Licensing Board."

iv. Repeal/Enact Zoning Ordinance 2019-06: An ordinance to repeal Chapter 3, Section 3.47 entitled "Compliance with State Law;" to enact a new Chapter 3 Section 3.47 entitled "Recreational Marijuana Establishments;" to enact Chapter 3, Section 3.48 entitled "Compliance with State Law;" and to amend Chapter 16, Section 16.07 by enacting paragraph HH entitled "Recreational Marijuana Establishments" of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of White Cloud.

v. Amend & Repeal, Zoning Ordinance 2019-07: An ordinance to amend Chapter 3, Section 3.46 entitled "Regulations concerning the use of Medical Marijuana;" to amend Chapter 16, Section 16.07 by

enacting Paragraph GG entitled "Medical Marijuana Facilities;" and to repeal Chapter 4, Sections 4.08 to 4.10 entitled "Medical Marijuana Facilities" of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of White Cloud.

b. Public Comment:

Cheryl Hult, 1614 E Pinehill – Thought this would be posted in newspaper, City is compromising the residents of this town, looking for an easy way out without thinking it through and getting more positive action in this town rather than a bunch of pot houses. Our chief of police is not on board with the marijuana policies.

People will be running to White Cloud to get their dope, to get high. This will drive good taxpayers away.

Charles Chandler, 95 S Webster – Respectfully disagree with neighbor. State of Michigan and County of Newaygo have approved medical and recreational marijuana, City of White Cloud has approved medical and recreational marijuana. Strongly advise the Zoning board to proceed and approve the amendments and forward to City Council for approval as soon as possible. Stated there are no known THC overdoses. This is a business opportunity and a way for new business and new growth in the City of White Cloud, strongly encourage City to pass. There is a moral side to this and a business side to this, we need to focus on the business side. White Cloud needs to take chances and every opportunity to move White Cloud forward.

Herm Becker, 976 E Newell – Marijuana is the gateway to drugs.

Marva Shears, 256 S Webster – Not against medical marijuana, personally do not approve of the recreational marijuana but the state passed it, as a City we are between a rock and hard place. We must regulate somehow, leaving it up to you people to protect us and the children coming up.

Joe Lucas (Lawyer) and Rick Kader (Entrepreneur & Marijuana Caregiver), Belmont, MI – We bought lot 2 in the Industrial park, we bought locations in the City for dispensary sites when that is ready to go. We are building a 7000 sq. ft grow house, hopefully a processing plant in the future at lot 2. This is great opportunity for us, the City is on a leading edge of interesting and important things, bringing jobs and economic development to town. Very excited to be here and applaud the City for doing a great job, looking forward and allowing us to do this. This City will lead the way and show other communities how to do it.

Rick Kader – This is a beautiful town, and everyone hired will be screened, we are not running a dope shop. Amount of people coming into town is going to be immense, this is not consumed publicly, we are trying to revive this town as well.

Lora Kalkofen, 5205 S Centerline– For clarity, State of Michigan has made marijuana legal, we did not, this is not legalizing marijuana this is allowing sales within our City. This is to regulate the business portion of marijuana; this is guidelines within the parameters of the State of Michigan.

c. Close Public Hearing

Close Public Hearing for Ordinances 2019-03, 2019-04, 2019-05, 2019-06, 2019-07.

Motion by Payne, **second** by Twing to close Public Hearing at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Twing, Payne, Shears, Denslow, Kolenda

Motion Carried

d. Planning Commission decision

i. Move Code of Ordinances 2019-03 to City Council.

Motion by Twing, **second** by Shears to move ordinance 2019-03 to City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Twing, Payne, Shears, Denslow, Kolenda

Motion Carried

ii. Move Code of Ordinances 2019-04 to City Council.

Motion by Payne, **second** by Kolenda to move ordinance 2019-04 to City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Shears, Twing, Denslow, Payne, Kolenda **Motion Carried**
iii. Move Code of Ordinances 2019-05 to City Council with approved changes to 117.05 Board Composition and Eligibility, # 6, to read "There shall be no limit to the number of terms a Board Member may serve."

Motion by Payne, **second** by Twing to move ordinance 2019-05 to City Council with approved changes.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Twing, Payne, Shears, Denslow, Kolenda **Motion Carried**

iv. Move Zoning Ordinances 2019-06 to City Council.

Motion by Shears, **second** by Kolenda to move Zoning ordinance 2019-06 to City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Twing, Payne, Shears, Denslow, Kolenda **Motion Carried**

v. Move Zoning Ordinances 2019-07 to City Council.

Motion by Twing, **second** by Kolenda to move Zoning ordinance 2019-07 to City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Twing, Payne, Shears, Kolenda, Denslow **Motion Carried**

6. Public Comment:

Herm Becker, 976 E Newell – Do not see a distinction between medical & recreational marijuana.

Charles Chandler, 95 S Webster – Congratulations Planning Commission for the work on these documents, also appreciate the effort to move to Council for approval and making it easier for businesses to come to White Cloud.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, **Motion** made by Payne to adjourn at 6:44, **second** by Twing.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

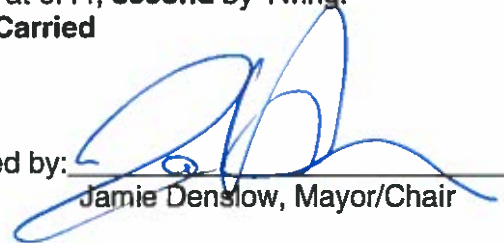
Motion Carried

Submitted by:



Lori Shears, Secretary

Approved by:



Jamie Denslow, Mayor/Chair