



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019
Allegan City Hall Council Chambers
231 Trowbridge Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Chair Brad Burke, Rachel McKenzie, Charles Tripp, Peter Hanse, Julie Emmons, Jason Watts, Nancy Ingalsbee, and Thomas Morton

Absent: Tanya Westover

Others Present: Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator, Lori Castello of PCI, Joe Dye, City Manager, Nick Curcio, Attorney for the City of Allegan

3) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Charles Tripp, supported by Thomas Morton, made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

4) Public Comment

Willard Case of 391 125th Avenue in Wayland Township spoke of possible contamination in farm fields around Allegan County. He stated that he would be attending public meetings throughout the County to make more people aware of the issue.

5) Discussion

5A.1 – Marihuana Ordinance Discussion

At their last meeting on July 15, 2019, the Allegan Planning Commission opened a public hearing to discuss a proposed marihuana ordinance that the Commission had been working to develop over the past seven months. This ordinance would allow both medical and recreational marihuana facilities to become established within the City limit. Since this meeting, staff had worked to further develop the ordinance to now include language that would permit and regulate

three licensing types that were just released by the State of Michigan in July, which include excess grower, designated consumption facility, and temporary marihuana event licenses. A second regulatory ordinance that is simultaneously being developed by staff has also been updated to include this language.

Staff provided a presentation that gave an overview of the ordinance, which also detailed the new language that was added to regulate the three newly introduced licensing types.

Jason Watts, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to re-open the public hearing from July 15, 2019 regarding the proposed marihuana ordinance.

During the public hearing, the Planning Commission received public comments from Willard Case, Grant Johnson, Joanie Townsend, Joan Simmons, Josh Reed, Jennifer Hunt, Chris Gordon, Chris Jordan, Margaret Brown, Alex Wilkening, Arian Bailey, Mike Bender, Joe Carrion, Brad Burkett, Jeff Brown, and Jennifer Nicholson regarding the proposed marihuana ordinance.

After receiving comments from the public, the Commission discussed the ordinance, specifically the hours of operation for potential designated consumption facilities.

Jason Watts made a motion regarding proposed zoning ordinance section 1707.33 sec. B(12) to state that designated consumption establishments may not operate to customers between the hours of 2:00am and 10:00am. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Brad Burke made a motion to amend the previous motion made by Commissioner Watts to state that designated consumption establishments may not be open to customers between the hours of 2:00am and 9:00am. Motion was supported by Jason Watts. Motion carried 5-3, with Commission members Ingalsbee, Tripp, and Hanse dissenting.

Jason Watts, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to approve zoning ordinance sec. 1707.33 as proposed. Motion carried 8-0.

Brad Burke, supported by Charles Tripp, made a motion to recommend the proposed Chapter 31 of the City of Allegan Municipal Ordinance regarding the regulation of marihuana businesses for Council review. Motion carried 8-0.

Both ordinances will be reviewed by City Council for a first reading, in which a vote will take to schedule a public hearing at their next regularly scheduled meeting on August 26, 2019 at 7:00pm at Allegan City Hall. If scheduled, public hearings for both ordinances will be held at the following council meeting on September 30, 2019 at 7:00pm at Allegan City Hall.

6) Staff/Commission Comments

No staff or commission comments were heard.

7) Adjournment

Rachel McKenzie, supported by Thomas Morton, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

**Respectfully submitted by
Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator**