

Council Chamber  
Henry L. Brown Municipal Bldg.  
One Grand Street  
Coldwater, Michigan



April 20, 2020  
5:30 p.m.  
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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
ELECTRONIC REGULAR MEETING**

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**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Budd, Jessika Cole, Aaron Garn, Dave Rumsey, Mayor Kramer, Michael Beckwith, Chris Stevens and Zack Stempien.

**Others present:** Dean Walrack, Megan Angell, Susan Heath, Keith Baker, and seven others.

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 2, 2020.

**Commission Action:** Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Cole, to approve and place on file the minutes of the Electronic Special Meeting of April 2, 2020, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Beckwith, Stevens, Stempien, Budd, Cole, Garn, Rumsey, Mayor Kramer and Chairman Miller

Nays: Commissioners: None

Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (unrelated to items on the agenda)

- None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- Brian Denton of Green Tree Relief introduced himself.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. **Recreational Marihuana Establishment Ordinance** A discussion to finalize a Draft Ordinance to be presented at a Public Hearing to be held at the next available meeting.

Commissioner Discussion Points:

- Retail in the C4 District rather than the Industrial District.
- No Micro Businesses in the City.
- Hours of Operation Rules and Enforcement.
- Stacking of Licenses.
- Filtration.
- Tentative Planning Commission public hearing date June 1, 2020; ordinance introduction to City Council June, 8, 2020; with final adoption proposed for June 22, 2020.
- Buffers relative to schools and residential locations.

**Commission Action:** Motion by Mayor Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stempien, to establish hours of operation in the ordinance, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Stevens, Stempien, Budd, Cole, Garn, Rumsey, Mayor Kramer and Chairman Miller

Nays: Commissioners: Beckwith

Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Brian Denton, of Green Tree Relief, spoke about hours of operation.
- Cody Osborn spoke of plans to open a grow operation.
- Brad Smith spoke of regulations relative to allowing various types of operations.
- John Petzko (via email) addressed a desire to see retail in the downtown.
- Tom Duff, a Coldwater Township resident, spoke of regulations that could allow and/or disqualify local citizens from starting an operation.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Next Meeting Monday, May 4, 2020.

Noting no other business to come before this Commission, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Susan E. Heath, CMC  
City Clerk