

BROWN CITY PROCEEDINGS
PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 6, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY TODD VANDEWALKER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Todd VanDewarker, City Manager Charles Bennett, City Clerk Pam Willer, Chris Page, Rob Jacobson, Doug Mitten, Jay Berry, Angel Kreiner.

ABSENT: Jeff Liebler, Marley McPherson.

QUEST: Dave Engle, Sharon Tebo, Dan Jones, Denise Jones, Roger & Linda Swank, Nichole Curtis, Pat Jacobson, Lynn Czap, Sara Muxlow, William Muxlow, Ron Krick, Kevin Miller, Patrick Nason, Howard Thomosa, Louis Meeks, Eileen Meeks, Robert Meeks, Erin McCumen, Kayleen Schulz.

CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 6, 2025.

Motion by Jay Berry to accept the minutes as presented, second by Doug Mitten. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Master Plan. Master Plan needs to be gone over every 5 years, and it has been several years since the last review.

Ethan Workman applied for a grant and has been successful, which will provide payment for Review of Master Plan.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: NONE.

PUBLIC HEARING: THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS OPENED AT 7:05 PM.

Public Hearing is to look at having a Marijuana Dispensary in Brown City.

Nicole Curtis: Will the dispensary take down property values? What about smell? Will more than 1 dispensary come to town?

Sharon Tebo: Dispensary doesn't align with the values of our small town. Increased traffic, potential crime, and enforcement challenges. Greater accessibility and normalization of marijuana could negatively impact our youth. The potential effects of property values, business reputation, and overall quality of life. Sharon also informed the committee that she will be having an informal petition against the dispensary.

William Muxlow: Question number of feet the dispensary needs to be from the School, and Library. 500 feet from the school, but state law doesn't have anything stated for a Library.

Pat Nason: Doesn't feel like a smart choice to have a dispensary.

Paster Dave Engle: Question number of feet from a church? 200 Feet.

City Lawyer: Alan Francis

Alan stated that the City Council needs to get a team together for the zoning of the Marijuana Dispensary. Alan stated there is nothing set for the dispensary this is a proposal.

City Council makes the final decision for zoning.

General questions were regarding parking. No special amount of parking designated.

Public Hearing closed at 7:47 PM.

ORDINANCES: Address the zoning of Marijuana Business by amending chapter.

Motion by: Jay Berry to table the Ordinance for zoning of Marijuana Business until next meeting. Second by: Robert Jacobson. Motion Carried.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY DOUG MITTEN TO ADJOURN AT 7:54 PM, SECOND BY CHRIS PAGE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Willer
City Clerk