



**City of Allegan
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, January 20, 2020
Allegan City Hall Council Chambers
231 Trowbridge Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

Julie Emmons called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Attendance

Present: Julie Emmons, Jason Watts, Roger Bird, Traci Perrigo, Tanya Westover and Alex Wilkening

Absent: Brad Burke, Thomas Morton and one vacancy.

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Alex Wilkening, to excuse the absences of Brad Burke and Thomas Morton. Motion Carried 6-0.

3) Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Traci Perrigo, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0.

4) Public Comment

None

5) Discussion

5A.1 – Review and Discussion of Ordinances to Regulate Marijuana Establishments

Dye reviewed proposed amendments to an ordinance that was rejected by City Council in the fall of 2019 to regulate marijuana establishments. During the review, Dye reminded the Planning Commission that they directed staff to review the discussion of the City Council meeting where the original ordinance was defeated and to propose a new ordinance that would satisfy concerns that were listed by individual councilmembers. Specifically Dye pointed out the new ordinance

includes the following changes:

- Increasing the separation from schools from 500 feet to 1,000 feet.
- Adding a 1,000 foot separation between provision centers, retailers and micro businesses.
- Outright banning On Site Consumptions Establishments.
- Making the signage allowances stricter.

The Commission spent much time discussing the 1,000 foot separation between provision centers, retailers and micro businesses. During this discussion, it was pointed out that this would possibly only allow one or maybe two stores in the downtown. The Commission also discussed the idea of prohibiting stores on Locust Street and Hubbard Street between Chestnut Street and Locust/Brady Street, however in the end it was the consensus that the market will determine where these stores can locate.

Motion by Jason Watts, supported by Julie Emmons to schedule a public hearing on the new ordinance for the February 17, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0.

6) Staff/Commission Comments

None

7) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Julie Emmons at 6:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by
Joel Dye, City Manager**