

City of Dixon
Plan Commission
Council Chambers – City Hall
November 21, 2019 – 6:00 pm

The Dixon Plan Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Whaley on November 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 121 W Second Street.

Roll call – Commission Members present: Aurand, Bishop, Ferguson, Gates, Whitcombe, Wiggins and Chairperson Whaley. Commission Members absent: Lawton, Seagren, Yount.
City of Dixon Staff present: Tim Shipman, Joe Bay, Danny Langloss. City of Dixon Legal Counsel present: Robert LeSage.

Chairperson Whaley introduced and welcomed Thomas Whitcombe to the Plan Commission.

Chairperson Whaley asked for changes or corrections to the minutes that were presented from the July 25, 2019 meeting. After hearing none, Member Gates motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. Member Aurand seconded the motion. All voted Yea, motion carried.

Consideration and Testimony of Proposed Text Amendment to the City of Dixon Zoning Ordinance with respect to Cannabis Business Establishments.

The text amendments (1) establish a municipal licensing regime for Cannabis Business Establishments, (2) require that Cannabis Business Establishments comply with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act of the State of Illinois and the regulations promulgated thereunder, (3) set forth general rules regarding the location of Cannabis Business Establishments, (4) establish signage requirements for Cannabis Business Establishments, and (5) establish the zoning districts in which Cannabis Business Establishments may be located as either a permitted or special use.

Chair Whaley turned the meeting over to City Attorney, Robert Lesage. He gave an overview of the State of Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. In addition, he gave an overview of the zoning ordinance that is in front of the Commission and shared information related to additional ordinances already approved and being considered for adoption by the City Council.

Chair Whaley opened the meeting for public comment at 6:45 p.m. City Manager Danny Langloss introduced himself, April Glosser of Thrive and Jeremy Englund of Dixon Chamber and Main Street. They each spoke individually sharing the benefits that they believe the approval of the zoning ordinance would have for the city. Next to speak was Margaret Brechon. Her statement reflected her belief that cannabis should not be brought into the Sauk Valley Area. Chair Whaley closed public comment at 7:15 p.m.

Chair Whaley opened the floor to the commission for comments or questions. After some discussion, a motion was made by Member Bishop and seconded by Member Aurand to approve the petition as presented. Voting Yea: Aurand, Bishop, Ferguson, Gates, Wiggins, Whitcombe and Chair Whaley. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chairperson Whaley called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Member Wiggins and seconded by Member Ferguson to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Whaley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Recorded by: Stephanie Terranova, Secretary