

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017, 5:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL.**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike DeVore and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Marty Chambers, Jeff Phillips, Jim Salzwedel, and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, Police Chief Steve Bukala, DPW Director Rich LaBombard and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by SALZWEDEL to approve the agenda as written.

YES: Councilmember Canfield, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Salzwedel, and Mayor DeVore.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

There were no comments.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIHUANA.**

City Manager Mike Burns explained the Council and concerned citizens have had several opportunities to discuss a possible Medical Marihuana Ordinance. Before continuing further discussion, Burns requested Chief Bukala of the Lowell Police Department provide a presentation as to law enforcement issues regarding a Medical Marihuana dispensary.

Bukala provided a presentation as to his experiences as a DARE officer for the Lowell Area Schools, dealing with drugs in law enforcement and oppositions against having a Medical Marihuana dispensary in the City of Lowell.

Mayor DeVore advised those who wish to speak must provide their name to the City Clerk. Everyone will have five minutes to speak. The public hearing was then opened for discussion.

The following citizens spoke during the public hearing regarding Medical Marihuana: John Kroneck, Connor Baker, Charlie Bernard, Denise Demmick, Tamon G., Jim Doyle, David Overholt, Barbara Brundis, Dr. Jim Reagan, Dan O'Brian, Cliff Yankovich, Maralene LaPonsie, Kevin Rhodes, Jim Pfaller, Bob Hendricks, and Keith Johnson.

City Clerk Sue Ullery read letters from Heather Gietzen from Grand River Orthodontics, Karen Noreen of North Monroe, and Christa Wetzel of Lowell.

5. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Canfield stated the Council will continue to receive public comments and consider the issue. He raised concerns as to what this might do to the community.

Councilmember Chambers thanked everyone for their input. He believed the Council was heading in the right direction by seeking input from the public.

Councilmember Phillips also thanked everyone for coming. It is important to hear both sides. Phillips stated the Council is doing a lot of researching and educating themselves.

Councilmember Salzwedel believed public comments were equally divided as far as for or against a dispensary. He will continue to research.

Mayor DeVore stated the Council will continue to educate themselves and thanked everyone for coming.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CANFIELD to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

YES: 5. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk