

**CITY OF MT. MORRIS
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**February 17, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Marc Gauze.
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of January 15th, 2020 special meeting minutes, and January 20th, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a. None.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Master Plan.
 - b. RESOLUTION 20-01A: Approval of 2020 Planning Commission meeting dates.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
10. **UPDATES:**
11. **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:**
12. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS
SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES & OTHER DEVICES PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

**CITY OF MT MORRIS
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION
January 15, 2020**

At **6:30 p.m.**, Chairperson Marc Gauze called the Planning Commission Meeting to Order.

PRESENT: Marc Gauze, Lillian Bigelow, Jeff Roth, Kenneth Andrews, City Manager/Treasure Vicki Fishell, and Mayor Duane K. Dunckel

ABSENT: None.

ROLL CALL:

All members present.

OTHERS: City Clerk Kristina Somers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Jeff Roth, seconded by Kenneth Andrews to approve the agenda.

All Ayes

Motion: Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Recreational Marihuana Ordinance review.

Doug Piggott, from Rowe went over the proposed additions, and definitions of the City of Mt. Morris Zoning Ordinance Article 2.

Planning commission members agreed to make the following changes to the proposed Zoning Ordinance;

1. Article 9 Design Standards, Section 9.01 Marihuana Microbusiness, (C) The parcel is at least 1,000 feet from a school as measured property line to property line.
2. Article 9 Design Standards, Section 9.01 Marihuana Microbusiness, (D) The parcel is at least 800 feet from another marihuana micro business as measured property line to property line.

Discussion was had on changing standards from a use by right, to use by special permit, so that notices are being sent out to the public, and all uses must be approved by the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1326 W. Mt. Morris – Richard Young commented on request from Downtown Development Authority to change downtown speed limit, and parking. Asked how much in funds would the city receive if Marihuana Ordinance is approved, and asked about vacant/dilapidated property language found in Ordinance being reviewed.

UPDATES:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Duane K. Dunckel commented on the proposed application fees if Marihuana Ordinance is approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

City Clerk, Kristina K. Somers

**CITY OF MT MORRIS
PLANNING COMMISSION
January 20, 2020**

At **6:30 p.m.**, Chairperson Marc Gauze called the Planning Commission Meeting to Order.

PRESENT: Marc Gauze, Lillian Bigelow, Jeff Roth, City Manager/Treasure Vicki Fishell, and Mayor Duane K. Dunckel

ABSENT: Kenneth Andrews.

ROLL CALL:

A motion was made by Lillian Bigelow, seconded by Mayor Duane Dunckel to approve the absence of Kenneth Andrews.

All Ayes.
Motion carried.

OTHERS: DPW Superintendent Paul Zumbach, and City Clerk Kristina Somers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mayor Duane Dunckel, seconded by Lillian Bigelow to approve the agenda.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mayor Duane Dunckel seconded by Lillian Bigelow to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held on November 18. 2019.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

11342 Church Street - Travis Brewer commented on reasons he is against the rezoning of property on tonight's agenda.

906 Maple Street – Trina Downer commented on reasons she is against the rezoning of property on tonight's agenda.

906 Maple Street – Robert Downer commented on reasons he is against the rezoning of property on tonight's agenda.

916 Maple Street – Jason commented on buying property to rehab due to being a quiet street, and disapproves of rezoning of property on tonight's agenda.

DPW Superintendent/Zoning Administrator Paul Zumbach stated that parking surface would have to be paved, gravel is not allowed, and any buildings would have to go for site plan approval. Commented on the parcel being empty for over ten years, and the use of the property by the DPW.

Jeff Roth stated that the proposed rezoning of this property is consistent with the Master Plan, and discussed the property being zoned industrial in the past.

Mayor Duane Dunckel discussed property being empty, and asked if it made sense to rezone.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

906 Maple Street – Trina Downer commented on making a land acknowledgement form, and the city being on stolen land.

UPDATES:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Jeff Roth explained all the different businesses what can go on the parcel without going to public hearing.

Marc Gauze stated that someday something will happen with the proposed property, but for right now it will stay vacant.

Mayor Dunckel explained this was not how he wanted this to go tonight, but is glad the public came out to voice their options. Stated he does think this was a missed opportunity for the city to gain a new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

City Clerk, Kristina Somers

**CITY OF MT. MORRIS
PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 20-01A**

WHEREAS: Public Act No. 267 of 1976, Michigan's Open Meeting Act, requires that within ten (10) days of the first meeting of a public body in each calendar year the body must publicly post a list stating the dates, times and places of all its regular meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Planning Commission of the City of Mt.Morris will meet for regularly scheduled Planning meetings on the third (3rd) Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 11649 N. Saginaw Street, Mt. Morris, unless that day conflicts with a holiday.

Specifically the meeting dates in 2020 shall be:

Monday	January 20
Monday	February 17
Monday	March 16
Monday	April 20
Monday	May 18
Monday	June 15
Monday	July 20*
Monday	August 17*
Monday	September 21
Monday	October 19
Monday	November 16

*Planning Commission will meet only if needed

Moved by Planning Commission member _____, seconded by Planning Commission member _____ and thereafter adopted at a regular meeting held Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

_____ Yeas

_____ Nays

_____ Absent

Marc Gauze, Chairman

Kristina Somers, City Clerk