

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

**April 18, 2016
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 March 21, 2016 meeting minutes.
- 5. COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a. None.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Medical Marijuana Facilities: Zoning (Please bring Zoning Map to meeting)**
 - a. **Strategic Planning.**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. None.
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- 10. UPDATES:**
- 11. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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March 21, 2016**

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

PRESENT: Mayor Boyce A. Judkins, Marc Middleton, Marc Gauze, Dan Davis, and City Manager Elena Danishevskaya.

ABSENT: Mark Middleton (with prior notification), Jeff Jenson, and Cheryl Coleman.

OTHERS: Deputy City Clerk Vicki Fishell.

ROLL CALL:

A motion was made by Mayor Boyce A. Judkins seconded by Dan Davis to approve the absence of Mark Middleton.

All ayes.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Boyce A. Judkins seconded by Dan Davis to approve the absence of Cheryl Coleman and Jeff Jenson.

All ayes.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Dan Davis seconded by Marc Middleton to approve the agenda.

All ayes.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Dan Davis seconded by Lillian Bigelow to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 15, 2016.

All ayes.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Strategic Planning.

City Manager Elena Danishevskaya discussed the purpose and importance of strategic planning.

Chairman Marc Gauze suggested having all of the different committees and groups meet at the same time to discuss this.

Mayor Boyce A. Judkins stated that right now the city is just looking for ideas.

City Manager Elena Danishevskaya stated that when this was discussed at the DDA meeting they decided to just take it home and work on it and bring it back to the next meeting.

Lillian Bigelow mentioned that to answer some of the questions on the form the city is in a mess, the city needs to be cleaned up, and we need to act.

Dan Davis mentioned that the city needs to come up with a mission statement that is short and simple. He suggested something like "Make the City of Mt. Morris a pleasant place to live, work, and play." He mentioned then the city can come up with some objectives. For example:

- Develop and maintain an open line of communication with business.
- Provide a safe environment for the residents.
- Develop and maintain recreational facilities.
- Develop and maintain the downtown business district.
- Attract and encourage new business development.
- Take care of special needs and senior citizens.
- Strengthen community interactions.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the planning commission and DDA can come up with some of these ideas and then present it to council.

Chairman Marc Gauze mentioned that everyone can take the questionnaires home to fill out and bring back at the next meeting.

b. Update of Master Plan: Goal, Objectives, and Strategies Section.

The planning commission went through the first set of goals and agreed on the following changes:

- Goal 1 – Continue to develop the unique identity of the City of Mt. Morris
- Goal 2 – Stays the same.
- Goal 3 – Develop a balanced community-wide land use pattern to ensure diversity, stability, and serve residents' needs.
- Goal 4 – Develop guidelines to assure a reasonable balance between anticipated growth and development and the ability to provide necessary services.
- Goal 5 – Stays the same.
- Goal 6 – Stays the same.
- Goal 7 – Stays the same.
- Goal 8 – Allow for future development that will maintain the small town character inherent in the City of Mt. Morris.
- Goal 9 – Stays the same.
- Goal 10 – Encourage citizen participation in all community planning programs.
- Goal 11 – Establish various community programs to encourage efforts to beautify and promote the City of Mt. Morris.
- Goal 12 – Deleted and combined with Goal 11.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Medical Marijuana Facilities: Zoning (Please bring Zoning Map to meeting).

A motion was made by Mayor Boyce A. Judkins seconded by Dan Davis to table the discussion of Medical

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Marijuana Facilities until the next meeting on April 18, 2016. This discussion will be the first thing on that agenda.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Dan Davis mentioned that next month the commission should be ready to discuss locations, fees, and number of facilities.

Chairman Marc Gauze asked if marijuana facilities would fall under one of the city's existing uses permitted in the Zoning Ordinance or if the ordinance needs to be changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

UPDATE:

City Manager Elena Danishevskaya mentioned that the micro surfacing project for Mt. Morris Road outside of the city will happen this summer. It will take the current four lanes down to three. The city is still working on the Saginaw Street project.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Boyce A. Judkins – stated that he is glad that the commission made progress. Thanked everyone for their time and effort.

Dan Davis – stated that he is happy with the progress made tonight and glad to see stuff moving forward.

Marc Middleton – stated that he is glad the commission got a step forward and looking forward to what the future holds.

Chairman Mark Gauze – stated that he is happy with the progress that was made.

Lillian Bigelow – stated that she likes the way Mayor Judkins is taking more action. She appreciates that.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **8:16 p.m.**

Lillian Bigelow, Secretary

Vicki Fishell, Deputy City Clerk