

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
4:30 PM  
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis Powell opened the Public Hearing 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call – Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements (4:44 p.m.), Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – None.

Also Present – City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski, Attorney Dennis Tousignant, Chief Curtis Bristol and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Warren Stevens, Patti Leonoff, Vicky Powell, Jere Fritsche, Shawn Phenow and Bret Berge.

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public comment on the proposed Licensing of Recreational Marijuana Facilities Ordinance No. 2021-01. Warren Stevens of 815 Stambaugh Avenue, asked many questions as to the number of licenses allowed; why only industrial zones for growing; how would the scoring system work for the matrix; depending on the reason of denial, would an applicant be able to reapply; are armed guards able to be on site; did the City consider processing, safety compliance, secure transport and special event licenses.

Phenow who owns 723 Riverside Plaza, said he was impressed at how fast Council had worked to move this ordinance in a timely fashion. He congratulated all for their work. He suggested creating an onsite consumption license that monitors use from a guarded segregated room and said it would ensure safe consumption practices as well as a legal place to do so.

Dood thanked both gentlemen for their excellent questions. He explained the City was in the beginning stages of creating this ordinance and it had been pieced together from other communities that have already been through the process. He said this ordinance is what the City feels is suitable at this time and can be amended in the future if need be.

Garcia agreed with Dood's comments and invited all to the next committee meeting where they would be discussing the matrix.

Chief Bristol said this has been a process because not too long ago, marihuana was illegal. He said it is difficult for him to discuss the matter, but people need to look at it like the alcohol prohibition days. Learning to accept it in small doses and becoming comfortable with the idea will help.

There being no more questions or comments, Mayor Powell closed the Public Hearing at 5 p.m.

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Mayor Dennis Powell opened the Public Hearing 5 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call – Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – None.

Also Present – City Manager Rachel Andreski, Attorney Dennis Tousignant, Chief Curtis Bristol and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Warren Stevens, Patti Leonoff, Vicky Powell, Jere Fritsche, Shawn Phenow and Bret Berge.

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public comment on the proposed Repeal of Ordinance No. 2019-02, Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments.

There being no comment, Mayor Powell closed the Public Hearing at 5 p.m.

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
4:30 PM  
Minutes**

Mayor Dennis Powell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call – Rodney Dood, Anthony Clements, Benjamin Garcia, Ronjo Leonoff and Powell.

Absent – None.

Also Present – City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski, Attorney Dennis Tousignant, Chief Curtis Bristol and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in Attendance – Warren Stevens, Patti Leonoff, Vicky Powell, Jere Fritsche, Shawn Phenow and Bret Berge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Ordinance 2021-01 Licensing of Recreational Marijuana Facilities:**

Dood moved, with support from Leonoff to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 Licensing of Recreational Marijuana Facilities.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements, Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Ordinance 2021-02 Repeal Ordinance No. 2019-02:**

Dood moved, with support from Leonoff to repeal Ordinance 2019-02 Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments.

Roll call: Ayes – 4: Clements Leonoff, Dood and Powell. Nays – 1: Garcia. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

A Committee meeting was set for March 17, 2021 at 3 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

  
Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer