

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Combined Special Meeting with the Planning Commission

A combined special meeting with the Ironwood City Commission and Planning Commission took place on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938 to consider approval of the recommended ranking of the marihuana establishment scoring rubrics.

- A. Mayor Burchell called the special combined meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. along with Chairman Sam Davey for the Planning Commission.

Recording of the Roll:

CITY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Commissioners Corcoran, Cayer, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.
ABSENT: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Scott Bissell, Stephanie Holloway, Sam Davey, David Andresen, Nancy Korpela, Mark Silver. (Stephanie Holloway & Nancy Korpela attending the Special Meeting via Zoom and confirmed they were in the City of Ironwood Gogebic County, State of Michigan)
ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Erickson, City Clerk Karen Gullan, Community Development Director Tom Bergman, Assistant Community Development Director Tim Erickson, Public Safety Director DiGiorgio, City Attorney Tim Dean, and others in the audience.

- B. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda (Three Minutes Limits)

Jeff Barker, from Free World Farms, 151 W. Cloverland Dr. and Mill Street thanked the City Commission and Planning Commission for the time they spent on the process.

Jean Saari, of 123 Luxmore Street addressed the City Commission about the road work on Ayer Street. Ms. Saari was instructed to attend the meeting on Monday, June 28 to address her matter. The City Manager informed Ms. Saari he would follow up with her at a later time to answer any questions.

- C. Discuss and consider approval of the recommended ranking of the marihuana establishment scoring rubrics.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman addressed the City Commission, Planning Commission, and others present giving them an overview of the process. He stated everyone must still follow up with getting their state licensing once approved.

The Planning Commission recommendations based upon the rubric scoring was as follows, two (2) of each: Retail – Higher Love and Rize UP, Class B – Ottawa Innovations and Free World Farms; Class C – Fire Station and Rize UP; Processor – Free World Farms and Cultivatd; Micro Business - Three Twins and Raush Company.

Mr. Bergman also noted all applicants have been approved for a conditional use and site plan except for Free World Farms (FWF). They are still in the process. There were no applicants for Class A Grow, Secure Transport, or Safety Compliance licenses.

Commissioner Semo thanked Community Development Director Tom Bergman for all his time in rating these applicants.

Mr. Bergman stated these recommendations were preliminary because the applicants still require a state license, development agreement with the City based on the scoring rubric, and final signed site plans. After these items are received the City Clerk will issue the final license based on the requirement of the Marihuana Establishment Ordinance.

CITY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Corcoran to approve the recommendation based upon the rubric scoring for two (2) Retail Businesses (Higher Love & Rize UP), two (2) Class B Growers (Ottawa Innovations & Free World Farms), two (2) Class C Growers (Fire Station and Rize UP), two (2) Processors – (Free World Farms and Cultivatd), and two (2) Micro Businesses (Three Twins and Raush Co.).

ROLL CALL:

Yes (4): Commissioner Corcoran, Mildren, Semo, and Mayor Burchell.

No (1): Commissioner Cayer.

Motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion was made by Silver, seconded by Bisell to approve the recommendation based upon the rubric scoring for two (2) Retail Businesses (Higher Love & Rize UP), two (2) Class B Growers (Ottawa Innovations & Free World Farms), two (2) Class C Growers (Fire Station and Rize UP), two (2) Processors – (Free World Farms and Cultivatd), and two (2) Micro Businesses (Three Twins and Raush Co.). Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Community Development Director Tom Bergman mentioned he will get back to the City Commission regarding the final site plans of each business.

D. Adjournment.

CITY COMMISSION

Motion was made by Mildren, seconded by Semo and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion was made by Silver, seconded by Korpela and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk