PUBLIC HEARING – CANNABIS RETAIL BUSINESSES – AUGUST 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tim Eiler, Council Randy Ebert, Terrill Anderson, Carolyn Brooks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Schufman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Eiler, Chris Dana, Kailan Johnson, Jessica-Lynn Vorderbruggen, Zach Mohlis

Public Hearing was held to consider ordinances for allowing cannabis retail business.

Council reviewed the following information as included in the meeting packet.

a. Proposed buffer zone
b. Parks/Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission 07/29/2025 Minutes recommending approval with conditions of lawyer approval and public hearing.
c. 8/6/2025 Council Minutes – highlighting Schufman comments
d. MN Office is Cannabis Management - Guide for Local Governments

Open to Public Comment

Chris Dana – owner of the building located at 4110 Main Street.
He would like to open a small retail cannabis store. Requests that there be an exemption to buffers from Kennedy Memorial Drive to State Highway 7, approve two licenses in town and approve the licenses by lottery in lieu of first come first serve.

Elizabeth Eiler – 8909 Aspen Road
Agreed with Chris Dana comments. She has a concern about public use smoking and would like to see an ordinance restricting smoking in public areas.

Zach Mohlis – 3933 Oakland Road
Would like to see St. Boni move slowly in allowing cannabis in St. Boni and see what other cities are doing first. Does not want to see two licenses and would like to see large buffer boundaries.

Close Public Comment Portion of Hearing:

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Brooks to close public comments. Aye 4/0.

Council consideration of ordinance amendments:

a. Ordinance Amendment – 2025-03; an ordinance amending City Code Title XI by adopting a new Chapter 114 relating to cannabis retail businesses, and amending Chapter 95 relating to grounds for suspension of a tobacco license:

   Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Brooks to adopt Ordinance Amendment – 2025-03; an ordinance amending City Code Title XI by adopting a new Chapter 114 relating to cannabis retail businesses and amending Chapter 95 relating to grounds for suspension of a tobacco license.

   Discussion:
   Anderson stated that state law says we must allow a license, and he would like to see two licenses be approved.

   Brooks is not opposed to changing the buffer zones and would like to see two licenses.

   Council discussed the issue of smoking in public areas and would like to see Minnetrista ordinances.

   Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Ebert to table until the September 3rd meeting. Aye 4/0

b. Ordinance Amendment – 2025-04 amending Chapter 157 relating to cannabis:

   Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Ebert to table Ordinance Amendment – 2025-04 amending Chapter 157 relating to cannabis until September 3rd. Aye 4/0

Resolution 2024-39 2025 Fee Schedule Amendment #3 adding Cannabis Retail Registration fees:

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Brooks to table Resolution 2024-to the September 3rd meeting. Aye 4/0

Close Public Hearing:
Motion made by Brooks and seconded by Anderson to close the public hearing. Aye 4/0
7:00 pm

ATTEST:

Brenda Fisk, Adm/Clerk/Treasurer