

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colleen Brown called the special Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Montrose Community Schools Auditorium located at Kuehn-Haven Middle School 302 Ray Street in Montrose.

ROLL CALL: Present Council Members were Mayor Colleen Brown, Robert Arnold, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard, Tom Bigelow, Ryan Heslop, Aaron Burch and Andrea Martin. Also present were City Manager Neil Rankin, City Clerk Tina Rush, Attorney Otis Stout, and 42 citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mayor Colleen Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING (Public Comments Only):

1. *PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 448 MONTROSE CITY MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES:* Mayor Brown announced that there will be a time limit of 3 minutes per person to speak during the public hearing so that everyone has an opportunity to speak at least once and there is a sign sheet if they would like to speak. After everyone has spoken once, there will be an opportunity for others to speak or re-speak as well. Mayor Brown opened the public hearing @ 7:03 p.m. There were 41 citizens that attended who either lived inside the city limits, Montrose Township, or outside of the Montrose Community. 18 citizens spoke against adoption of the marijuana ordinance and three (3) citizens spoke in support of adopting the marijuana ordinance. There were no further comments and/or questions. Mayor Brown closed the public hearing @ 7:53 p.m. and brought the regular meeting back to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no further questions and/or comments.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. *DISCUSSION/DIRECTION PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 448 MONTROSE CITY MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND FACILITIES ORDINANCE:*

- **MOTION** by Richard **SECOND** by Arnold to place the proposed Ordinance No. 448, marijuana ordinance, to adopt on the next scheduled regular election. Roll Call Vote: Bigelow – Aye, Martin – No, Arnold – Aye, Burch – No, Richard – Aye, Heslop – No, and Mayor Brown – No. Three (3) Ayes. Four (4) Nay's. Motion did not pass.

Prior to the roll call vote Council members began discussing the pros and con's regarding placing the proposed ordinance on the next regular election and/or adopting the ordinance tonight. There was commotion in the audience. Mayor Brown asked the public to please be quiet so that council may deliberate but commotion continued.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting @ 8:00 p.m. so that she could contact the police department requesting their assistance at tonight's meeting.

Mayor Brown brought the regular meeting back to order @ 8:18 p.m. along with 2 police officers in attendance. Mayor Brown clarified that public comments has already happened, it is time for council members to discuss the business at hand, if anyone speaks out of order again, they will be asked to leave. Deliberation continued with council members discussing the pros and cons of the proposed ordinance.

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- **MOTION** by Heslop **SECOND** by Burch that we adopt Ordinance No. 448. Roll Call Vote: Richard – No, Martin – Aye, Heslop – Aye, Arnold – No, Bigelow – No, Burch – Aye, and Mayor Brown – Aye. Four (4) Ayes. Three (3) Nays. Motion Carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Richard thanked Rankin for being instrumental for the Safe Routes to School grant.

ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION** by Arnold **SECOND** by Burch to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8: 41 p.m.

Prepared by City Clerk, Tina Rush