

**City of Red Bud  
Planning Commission Meeting  
November 19 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

The November 19, 2019, meeting of the Red Bud Planning Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Andrea Letcher-Martin at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Andrea Letcher-Martin, John Holzum, Glenn Gielow, J.R. Hudson, Jeff Hicks, Janet Braun, Larry Mehring, Dave Wittenhauer, Rob Aubuchon

**PC Members Absent:** No One

**Others City Officials Present:** Susan Harbaugh, City Council Member  
Mike Rheinecker, City Council Member  
Dave Friese, City Council Member  
Jeremy Demond, City Council Member  
Tim Lowery, Mayor  
Paul Ray, City Attorney  
John Brittingham, Police Chief  
Jeff Mueller, City Code Administrator

**In the Audience:** Travis Lott, Richard Roehrkasse

**Meeting Minutes:**

Chairwoman Andrea Letcher-Martin opened the meeting indicating that there was a hearing scheduled to discuss a proposed zoning change requested by the city to prohibit any cannabis related businesses.

Andrea requested anyone intending to comment, be sworn in for the hearing discussion.

Mayor Tim Lowery lead the discussion with what the city was wanting to do. Indicating that this is the first step and the city is following IML guidance. This is something that is a safe start and can at any time in the future be revised.

Police Chief Brittingham indicated he agreed and indicated that law enforcement did not have any methods of testing users in place. JR Hudson questioned expected effect on usage / traffic. This does not address usage. Attorney Paul Ray will amend the proposal to disallow smoking in any public space. This zoning change will prohibit the 6 categories of businesses related to Cannabis: growing, distribution, transportation and consumption.

Paul will change the wording related to zoning code 40-4-21 to reflect this and will be part of this recommendation.

JR questioned if there will be a review date to revisit this code change. Paul indicated no set review date. Anyone can propose change.

Paul indicated that if we didn't take this approach, and we initially allowed these businesses, after one year it would take a vote by ballot of the people to then change to disallow. So this is the safer approach.

There was discussion about where you could consume cannabis. Basically in your own home. Someone questioned rental property. Paul indicated that would be considered your home unless your lease would specifically prohibit. The laws regarding smoking would be the same as they are for smoking cigarettes which are generally prohibited in public spaces.

Paul indicated that the district we fall into is 18 counties of southern Illinois and that district will be allocated 2 licenses.

Jeff Hicks questioned if this had any effect on medical dispensaries. Paul indicated that this does not address medical. The medical aspect is addressed and regulated like a Pharmacy.

Motion made by Dave Wittenauer to accept as written with the Paul Ray modifications. Seconded by Rob Aubuchon and all approved.

This ended the public hearing portion of the meeting.

**Other Business:**

Jeff Hicks made a motion to approve the previous 3 months of minutes. JR Hudson seconded and all approved.

Jeff Mueller questioned if we would want to change the start time of our meeting to 6 pm as most all other city meetings have changed to a start time of 6 pm.

After discussion, we decided we wanted to stay with the 7 pm start time.

Andrea ask for motion to adjourn. JR Hudson made that motion with second by Jeff Hicks. All voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted.

Glenn Gielow  
Secretary