

Dassel, MN

Special City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order Special Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting

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Meeting called to order by Mayor Lalone at 6:02 pm.

a. Roll Call

Council members Gaertner, Landrus, Suchy, Thurn & Mayor Lalone. Planning Commission Sexton, Corbin, Nelson

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Council members present: Landrus, Suchy, Thurn & Mayor Lalone. Commission members present: Nelson and Chair Sexton. Members absent: Council member Gaertner and Commission member Corbin.

2. Business Items

a. Discuss draft Ordinance and Zoning for Cannabis Businesses

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City Attorney Greenley summarized the draft ordinance for the Council and Planning Commission members. Greenley requested input from the members on the content on pages 7-10. A question that was asked included will the County inform the City if a property owner just outside city limits intends to open a facility. Members of both the Commission and Council would like to see the verbiage in regard to the cameras covering the entire exterior of the building. They would also like to keep the compliance checks the responsibility of the State with the City being responsible for annual audit to ensure the security and zoning requirements are being met. Greenley will look further into who will be doing the compliance checks to ensure underage individuals are not being sold to. Signage was also discussed. The City's sign ordinance and State guidelines will be followed. Greenley and Swedberg will rework the verbiage in the sign portion of the ordinance to follow both city and state guidelines. The establishment hours will also follow the same model as the liquor store.

City Planner Swedburg explained the map to the members focusing on the difference in distance from schools, parks and daycares. Swedburg explained what would be allowed or not allowed in each zone or what would be required of them in order to open an establishment. She also clarified the process for Cannabis special events. Members of both the Council and the Planning Commission would like to see Bandstand Park removed from the map as a park, due to the absence of playground equipment. This would give businesses in the downtown area the opportunity to open a Cannabis business. The security was also discussed and will be researched further. Swedburg stated that the next steps would be getting the ordinances scheduled Public Hearings.

3. Adjourn

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Motion by Landrus, seconded by Thurn to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion carried.

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