

CITY OF MITCHELL  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

11/7/2022 - Minutes

**1. Call To Order:**

*Chairperson Larson called the November 7, 2022 City Planning Commission Special Meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. noon in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 612 N Main Street.*

**2. Roll Call:**

*Quorum is met, simple majority vote required for all items.  
Present: Genzlinger, Jirsa, Larson, Osterloo, Penney, Sonne, Doescher.  
Absent: Schmitz.  
Staff Present: Ellwein, Mayor Everson, Jenniges, J Johnson, Schroeder.*

**3. Declaration Of Conflicts Of Interests**

*None.*

**4. Approve Agenda:**

*Motion by Genzlinger, seconded by Osterloo to approve the proposed agenda. All present voting aye; motion carried.*

**5. Approval Of Previous Minutes 10-24-22.**

*Motion by Jirsa, seconded by Penney to approve the proposed minutes of the October 24, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. All present voting aye; motion carried.*

**6. Schedule Next Meeting-11-14-22 @ 12:00 P.M.**

*Motion by Osterloo, seconded by Genzlinger to set the date for the next Planning Commission meeting for November 14, 2022. All present voting aye; motion carried.*

**7. Ordinance #O2022-17-Amending Title 10 Zoning Regulations-Indoor Crop Production.**

*Jenniges explained the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. This will be a permitted use in Highway Business and Transportation Commercial and Warehousing and a conditional use in Central Business. It will be a permitted use in Industrial but all are permitted in Industrial unless stated in the ordinance as a conditional Use or a prohibited use. This follows along the same zoning areas as medical cannabis cultivation.*

*City Attorney Johnson mentioned that this ordinance amendment is not specifically to DGI but for future businesses as well. He believes there will be more of these type businesses down the road and amending the ordinance is proper way.*

*Jill Weber questions what amending the ordinance to allow this will open the future to for these areas. She believes that agriculture should stay outside of city limits. She lives by the old Shopko building and has concerns what could go in there. She was inform medical cannabis cultivation is a separate ordinance from this proposed amendment.*

*Jirsa stated he wrote a thesis on this some years ago. Hydroponic farms saves the environment and*

energy. Most tomatoes and lettuce are already grown at a hydroponic farm.

Motion by Genzlinger, seconded by Sonne to recommend approval of the amendment. Roll call vote: Genzlinger – aye, Jirsa – aye, Larson – aye, Osterloo – aye, Penney – aye, Schmitz – absent, Sonne – aye. 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent; motion carried.

**8. Other Business:**

None.

**9. Public Input: If You Need To Address The City Planning Commission On An Item That Was Not On The Agenda, Excluding Personnel Items, Please Come Forward To The Podium And State Your Name And Your Concern. Presentations Are Limited To Three Minutes. Items Will Be Considered But No Action Will Be Taken At This Time.**

None.

**10. Adjournment:**

Chairperson Larson adjourned the meeting at 12:18 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay A. Larson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay A. Larson-Chairperson