



**City of Lake Elmo Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers – 3880 Laverne Avenue North
Minutes of Regular Meeting of
November 25th, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Commission Vice Chair Steil called to order the meeting of the Lake Elmo Planning Commission at 6:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rehkamp, Bohlig, Steil, Vrieze

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Risner

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Stopa, Senior City Planner Jensen, Bolton and Menk Planning Consultant Nathan Fuerst

Pledge of Allegiance: at 6:30 PM

Approve Agenda: 6:31 PM M/S/P: Bolig /Vrieze made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Vote: 4-0, motion carried unanimously

Approve Minutes: 6:31 PM M/S/P: Vrieze/Rehkamp made a motion to approve the 11/12/2024 meeting minutes with an amendment to the attendance to note Commissioner Rehkamp as absent. Vote: 4-0, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

- a) Zoning Text Amendment – Cannabis Ordinance. The City of Lake Elmo has initiated a text amendment to Lake Elmo City Code Titles 1 through 105 to regulate cannabis businesses in response to recent legislation.

Bolton and Menk Planning Consultant Nathan Fuerst gave a presentation and answered questions. (6:32-7:10)

M/S/P: Vrieze/Bohlig moved to open the public hearing at 7:11 PM. Vote: 4-0, motion carried unanimously.

- i. Bernhard Fleming (8047 22nd St N) attended to learn about the regulations and understands that there are state regulations, but would like regulations to fit into Lake Elmo's character. Thinks the public needs more communication with the topic, but is in favor of the current proposal given how challenging the topic is.

M/S/P: Rehkamp/Vrieze moved to close the public hearing at 7:15 PM. Vote 4-0, motion carried unanimously.

M/S/P: Vrieze/Bohlig moved to recommend City Council approval of the proposed ordinance amendments for registration and regulation of cannabis and hemp businesses as written by staff. Vote: 4-0, motion carried unanimously. (7:29 PM)

New/Unfinished Business:

- a) N/A (7:29PM)

Communications/Updates

a. City Council Updates

- i. N/A

b. Upcoming Meetings

i. December 9th, 2024 – Meeting will be cancelled

ii. January 13th, 2025

February 11th, 2025 – Joint Planning Commission and City Council Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Risner at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Jensen, Senior City Planner