

**MINUTES**  
**MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023 – 5:15 p.m.**  
**Academy Room, Monticello Community Center**

Present: Charlotte Gabler, Lloyd Hilgart, Tracy Hinz, Lee Martie, Sam Murdoff  
Absent: None  
Staff: Rachel Leonard, Jennifer Schreiber, Angela Schumann, Ron Hackenmueller,  
Hayden Stensgard, Haley Foster  
Others: Steve Grittman, Jeff Hage (Monticello Times)

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Lloyd Hilgart called the special meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**2. Cannabis Legislation Workshop**

Angela Schumann, Community Development Director, presented information on the legalization of adult use cannabis and the formation of the Office of Cannabis Management that will begin licensing January 2025.

Staff noted that Wright County is establishing a public use ordinance regulating the use of cannabis in public spaces. City Council had no concern about the proposed public purpose ordinance. Staff also noted a Joint Powers Agreement Wright County presented to the City regarding the registration of cannabis businesses, including conducting compliance and monitoring enforcement. There was consensus by Council to look further into the JPA after discussion with the City Attorney.

Staff also noted that there is an item on the regular meeting agenda to set a public hearing on an interim ordinance prohibiting cannabis businesses until the Office of Cannabis Management is in place. This will allow for further study by staff, primarily regarding numbers of businesses to allow, buffers, and zoning.

**3. Adjournment**

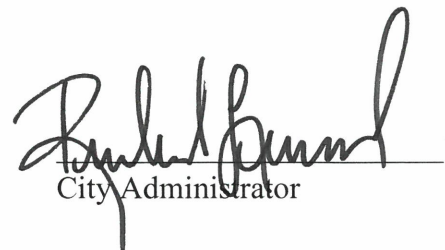
By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorder: Jennifer Schreiber



Approved:

Attest:



City Administrator