

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON APRIL 11, 2022
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Kolar called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kolar, Pro-Tem Kerkes, Council Members Baldwin, Kofflin, Nie, Thompson, and Wayne.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: Interim City Administrator/Police Chief Tillery, Lt. Nieman, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, Building/Zoning Official Craig Strong, IT Director Koehler, and Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Ritchie, Josh Wieringa, Amy Taylor, Rod Beaton, Martie Ritchie, Cathleen Graham, Brandon Boggs, Martha Churchill, Ian Ferguson, Bill Cousins, Martin Sema, Nancy Gilbert

AGENDA:

- A. A Brief Discussion with the Marijuana Subcommittee.**
- B. Any matters that may legally come before council.**

Milan Marijuana Subcommittee members presented a slide presentation (*ATTACHED*) and provided various facts and statistics they gathered from neighboring areas. They learned that a large percentage of the consumers that shop at neighboring Marijuana establishments were senior citizens. Committee presented photos of neighboring growing establishments and dispensaries. They also shared that grower establishments did not omit any noticeable odors.

Lastly, the committee shared licensing types and annual fee amounts and provided recommendations to council. It was suggested to start out small and expand as council sees fit or appropriate. The benefits of being close to Ohio, being able to provide an amenity that can't be purchased on Amazon or online was discussed as council members shared their concerns and goals. Mayor Kolar advised this topic will be on next city council agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Residents: Dave Snyder spoke.

Non-Residents: Martin Selma with Hayat spoke.
Melanie Spencley spoke.
Bill Cousins spoke.
Catherine Graham spoke.
Ian Ferguson spoke.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Kofflin, seconded by Councilmember Kerkes to adjourn work session at 7:40: pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Kolar, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk