

The Regular Meeting for April 5, 2022 of the New Buffalo City Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Billingslea at 7:01 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call:** Member Schmidt, Rau, McCollum, Joseph, Chair Billingslea

**Staff Present:** City Manager; Darwin Watson, Deputy Clerk; Nancy Griffin

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Rau, seconded by Joseph to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: February 1, 2022:**

Motion by Joseph, seconded by Rau to approve February 1, 2022 meeting minutes.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Public Comment:**

Roger Barbour

Dan Petersen – The Pokagon Fund

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussion regarding zoning for marijuana

Discussion took place regarding the city opting in or opting out and scheduling the open meetings to create a document as a recommendation to the City Council. Clarification also has to be made as to whether recreational and medical can be separated in the city ordinances.

Motion by Rau, seconded by McCollum to table the discussion regarding marijuana in the city.

Roll Call Vote: Rau, Joseph, McCollum, Schmidt, Chair Billingslea

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**New Business:**

- a. 2 S. Franklin Street – Site Plan Review

Motion by McCollum seconded by Joseph to approve the site plan for construction of a new parking lot located on the property known as 2 S. Franklin Street with the addition of six (6) parking bumpers.

Roll Call Vote: McCollum, Rau, Schmidt, Joseph, Chair Billingslea

Motion Carried, 5-0.

b. Planning Commission meeting time

Motion by Rau, seconded by Schmidt to approve setting the Planning Commission meeting time to 5:30 p.m. going forward.

Roll Call Vote: Joseph, Rau, Schmidt, McCollum, Chair Billingslea  
Motion Carried, 5-0.

c. Year-End report review and discussion

Motion by Rau, seconded by McCollum to approve the 2021 Planning Commission Year-End Report.

Roll Call Vote: Rau, McCollum, Joseph, Schmidt, Chair Billingslea

Motion Carried, 5-0.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Member Schmidt mentioned the Commission should look at the following four areas: General Commercial District, zoning, review of the Master Plan and sewer.

The City Manager announced there will be a zoning review of the Houseal Lavigne recommendation with the City Council on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and a review of the sewer rates on April 28, 2022.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Joseph, seconded by McCollum to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried.

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Paul Billingslea, Chair

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Nancy Griffin, Deputy Clerk