

VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 05, 2019 6:30 P.M.

Columbiaville Community Center 4620 Water St. Columbiaville MI 48421

Village President Tom Wood called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to decide if the Village of Columbiaville should adopt the Recreational Marijuana Opt- Out Ordinance #609.

Roll Call-Council Present: Tom Wood, Todd Deweese, Barb Harris and Jamie Medellin.

Council Absent: Kim Goldorf, Paul Milka and Joanne St. Pierre

Also Present: Village Clerk Denise Baker

Public Present that Signed In: Dona Buxentstein, Ron Winslow, Tom & Debbie Smith, Dale Hollin, Donna Hollin, Susan Carpenter, John Carpenter, Kendrea Saunders, David Traver, Mark Leichliter, Dawn Johnson, Ana Lerma, Village Attorney Brian Garner, Lakeville Schools Superintendent Mike Lytle, Michael Taylor, Lisa Hamlin, Chad Hamlin, Lynnae Millard and DPW Superintendent Greg Baker.

Village President Tom Wood opened the meeting to public comment.

Michael Taylor: Legalizing recreational marijuana was the vote of the people and he felt that the Village Council out the respect of the voters should allow this to happen.

Pastor Hollin: When he came to this town he seen a change since the first time he was here and he decided to stay here, however if we were to allow marijuana establishments the town would change back to how it was, everyone should opt-out.

John Carpenter: Liked this area when they moved here, if we allow it to be sold it will change our small town atmosphere.

Mark Leichliter: Attorney stated that he doesn't know how the State licensing process is going to work out and we need to decide on a full opt-out or opt-in.

Thomas Smith: Is against it and on behave of Iva Barber she is against it too.

Michael Taylor: Smoking marijuana helps with pain and other issues, Vassar has two stores and they are doing just fine and making money for the city. Mike also referenced the facts that you can't open a business without being a citizen of Michigan and the licensing should reflect the Medical Marijuana Licensing.

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Matt Dorner: Doesn't want people smoking pot on the benches in the parks or on the trailway, it's not fair for people to have to see that.

Pastor Hollin and his wife: Reflected back about their oldest son and his encounter with marijuana and the concerns with others smoking it.

Lynnae: If the Village were to opt in we would be opening Pandora's Box, we would go backwards as a community. This is a family friendly town, we are all neighbors and she encourages us to opt-out.

Susan Carpenter: Agreed with Lynnae and is concerned with younger kids getting it and smoking it.

Throughout public comment Village Attorney Brian Garner, Village President Tom Wood, Council Member Todd Deweese and Village Clerk comment as needed.

Public comment closed at 7:23 p.m., once the public present were all asked if anyone else wanted to state their opinion.

Council discussed the matter at hand with the Village Attorney and the public. At this time President Tom Wood called to end the discussion and make a motion.

S19-03-01 *Motion by T. Wood seconded by B. Harris to adopt the Marijuana Establishments "Opt-Out" Ordinance No. 609. Roll call vote, unanimous, all in favor motion adopted.

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**MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS "OPT OUT"
ORDINANCE**

Ordinance No. 609

An ordinance, adopted pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, to completely prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Village of Columbiaville.

THE VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE ORDAINS:

**ARTICLE I
Purpose**

In order to allow the Village Council adequate time to consider whether allowing marihuana establishments within the Village boundaries would, in fact, be beneficial to the community, the Village Council has determined that it is currently in the Village's best interest to "opt out" of allowing marihuana establishments within the Village boundaries. However, the Village Council

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has not totally rejected the idea of allowing these establishments, and after further consideration, it may be convinced to repeal this "Opt Out" Ordinance.

ARTICLE II
Marihuana Establishments Prohibited

Marihuana establishments, as defined by Section 3 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, are hereby prohibited within the boundaries of Columbiaville Village.

ARTICLE III
Enactment and Effective Date

This Ordinance was adopted by the Columbiaville Village Council at a meeting duly held on the 5th day of March 2019, and it was published in the County Press on the 10th day of March 2019. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Tom Wood, President

Denise Baker, Clerk

Adjournment: Motion by Tom Wood seconded by Todd Deweese to adjourn, adjournment 7:33 p.m.

Respectively,

Denise C. Baker, CMC
Columbiaville Village Clerk