

City of Red Lake Falls
Public Hearing – Cannabis Moratorium
July 15, 2024
Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a public hearing meeting of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota, was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 15th day of July, 2024.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Cheryl Matzke, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack

Members Absent: Briana Ingraham

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Jane Thibert, Matt Swendra, Cavin Berube, Mitch Bernstein, John Thibert, Rusty Remick

Mayor Bertilrud called the public hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attorney Sparby explained that the purpose of the meeting was a moratorium to prohibit the sale, testing, manufacturing, cultivating, growing, transporting, delivery and distribution of cannabis products in the City of Red Lake Falls. Effective until January 1, 2025, unless the City adopts a prior zoning ordinance allowing the same. This does not apply to any existing CBD sales.

The moratorium does not have to run until January 1, 2025, as the City can adopt a zoning ordinance. This allows the City to impose a moratorium, and then authorize a study of the zoning operations & issues.

Council Member Knaack asked Attorney Sparby for clarification regarding the control of the percent of cannabis in relation to the other cannabis ordinance we have. The City or Sheriff's Office would have to do a compliance check each year, just like the cigarette license check.

Attorney Sparby explained as he understands it, if one license was issued in the county, the city would not be required to issue a license due to the population. He also understands that they are able to operate in seven different locations under one location, therefore the need to study the zoning of where they could be located.

Attorney Sparby will email the proposed ordinance from the League of Minnesota to Administrator Schmitz to share with the council.

Mayor Bertilrud asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none. Public Hearing for the Cannabis Moratorium was closed at 6:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator