

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – STUDY SESSION**  
**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF STREATOR**  
**204 S. BLOOMINGTON STREET**  
**STREATOR, ILLINOIS 61364**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Tara Bedei, Ed Brozak, Brian Crouch, Joe Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**PROCLAMATION: “CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL”**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Jim Lynch** – He is opposed to marijuana being legal in the City of Streator. He stated that marijuana leads to addiction and other drugs. We do not need this in our town.

**John Zupanzik** – He said that cocaine can be bought anywhere in Streator. It will get worse and worse and cause lots of problems. We can’t control cocaine in our city, how are going to control marijuana use?

**Richard D. Sroka, Sr.** – He is opposed. He was a Staff Srgt. In the United States Army in 1965 and he saw what drugs did to Viet Nam vets and how messed up they were when they came home. How will we test for this in their systems.

**Bill Phelan** – He is in support of sales of marijuana in Streator. Marijuana has proved to be a helpful drug in recent years. It would be a shame to lose out on the revenue on the sales.

**Jarod Burke** – He is in the industry and some friends of his from Streator invited him to come to this meeting. He said he would be happy to address any questions regarding the business and manufacturing aspect. His are of business is in the infused product manufacturing.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**1. Cannabis Legislation**

Dave Plyman, City Manager, introduced the City Attorney, Sheryl Churney, to lead the discussion regarding cannabis legislation. The first step for City Council is to decide if they want to opt in, or opt out of allowing recreational cannabis businesses at all in the City of Streator. There is a 3% tax on the growing side or the purchasing side for the city. After discussion on the issue Mayor Lansford asked the Council to make a decision on opting in or out of allowing recreational cannabis businesses in the City of Streator in the future?

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion for the City of Streator to opt in to allow recreational cannabis businesses in the City of Streator; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak and Scarbeary.

Nays: Crouch and Mayor Lansford.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Lansford at 2:30 p.m.



Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk