

A Special Meeting of the Meeker Town Board was held Monday, December 6, 2010 at Town Hall.

Members Present	Mayor Trustees	Etheridge Conrado Halandras Thomson Cook
Absent	Trustees	Gerloff Strate
Town Staff Present	Attorney Administrator	Viscardi Day

Call To Order

Mayor Etheridge called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

All Board members were present with the exception of Trustees State and Gerloff.

Consideration of Ordinance 6, Series 2010, an emergency ordinance extending a temporary moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of any application for a Town of Meeker permit or license related to the operation of a business that sells medical marijuana, pursuant to the authority granted by Article 18, section 14 of the Colorado Constitution; directing the investigation of the Town's regulatory authority over such businesses

Attorney Viscardi opened the discussion by explaining the Town adopted Ordinance 8, Series 2009 on December 8, 2009 enacting a moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of any application for a Town of Meeker permit or license related to the operation of a business that sells medical marijuana. He explained that since that time, the State of Colorado passed legislation which includes allowing local governments to opt out and prohibiting such businesses and sales. He said that prior to July 1, 2011, the Town will need to make further decisions locally or be controlled by the State's rules and regulations which are effective July 1, 2011 and staff will be providing more information concerning the issue early next year. He reported that the Town of Meeker staff has received no inquiries or comments concerning either opening such a business or commenting on the Ordinances concerning the moratorium. He said the ordinance was prepared with the emergency language in order for the moratorium to be continuous.

Trustee Halandras asked if this type business could be assessed higher sales tax rates with Attorney Viscardi stating yes, by election, or another method would be by charging high licensing fees which could be adopted by the Board if the Town decided to allow such businesses. He explained that some of the fees for licensure are several thousand dollars annually in other communities.

After a short discussion, Mayor Etheridge commended the attorney for the language in the ordinance and with no further comments from the Board, closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Halandras, seconded by Trustee Thomson to adopt Ordinance 6, Series 2010, an emergency ordinance extending the imposition of a temporary moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of any application for a Town of Meeker permit or license related to the operation of a business that sells medical marijuana; directing the investigation of the town's regulatory authority over such businesses; declaring the intention of the Town Board to consider the adoption of appropriate town regulations with respect to such businesses if permitted by

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law; and providing an effective date. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Mandi Etheridge

ATTEST:

Town Clerk, Lisa Cook