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NO MARIJUANA TAX FOR BOARDMAN

During their November 4, 2014 council meeting, the Boardman City Council heard from the public regarding a proposed marijuana sales tax ordinance. Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack spoke against the tax, as did Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea and Morrow County Planner Carla McClane, citing concerns about sending the wrong message that Boardman welcomes marijuana businesses.

Councilor Kegler said the city needed to have a tax in place in the event State Measure 91 passed, which would allow the use of marijuana in Oregon. He said marijuana businesses would be less likely to locate in Boardman if there were another community that did not have the tax. Councilors Marc Rogelstad and David Jones both said they would vote no on the tax, citing concerns about the timing of the ordinance, the legal ramifications, and the inability to deposit any revenues in the banks. The ordinance did not come to a vote after failing to get a second on the motion made by Councilor Art Kegler for the first reading of the ordinance.

The next meeting of the Boardman City Council will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7pm at Boardman City Hall.

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