The Grants Pass City Council closed out a year of budget trimming and property disposition Wednesday night, voting to previously open and vacate a property on Sixth Street.

The City Council unanimously voted to approve Office Park Plaza, a property on Central Avenue, against allowing dispossession in buyout status. The property had been deemed surplus by the staff, but the council did not have a legal reason to take possession of it.

The City Council also approved the sale of a property on Sixth Street. The sale is subject to approval by the County Planning Commission, a state board, and a public hearing.

The City Council voted unanimously to accept a $50,000 grant to support the Glenwood gazebo and Gazebo Plaza. The grant is a match for a 2014 Program for the Enhancement of Communities grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

After a public hearing, the city council approved the final reading of an ordinance to place a moratorium up to a year on dispensaries. The ordinance will be reviewed in April. If the ordinance passes, which is not expected, the city council can prohibit dispensaries at least until April 2015.

Grants Pass, the county’s only city, does not allow adult use zones or medical use zones. The ordinance would add a one-year moratorium while rules could be written.

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Grants Pass was also the only city in the county to oppose a moratorium on the county level in 2013 and 2014.

Theordinance would have to go to the state legislature to be approved, but it could be vetoed by the governor.

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