

CITY OF GILLETT
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
150 N McKenzie Ave., Gillett, WI
Minutes
Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Alderson Blaser called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Present were committee members: Tom Wolfgram, Darlene Fleischman and Alderson Blaser. Also present were Mayor Josh McCarthy, Alderson Nanette Mohr, Matt Stroik and Assistant Clerk Leone Christensen. Public present were Mary & Glen Schuettpelz, Jon Gildereister, Phil & Marlene Wozniak, Kris Piaskowski, Katie Daul, Luke Reimer, Jerry Luther, Linda & Gary Hougas, Kathy Wynkoop, Tiffany McKenny, Mary Ann Liefke, Caroline and John Lange, Wendy Vorpahl, Chris Byars, and Dennis Paulson. Several people did not sign in. From Dollar General Jim Lundberg and Todd Platt.

The committee was informed that the open meeting law had been complied with.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the request of Dollar General to rezone the properties located at 112W Pine, 217 N McKenzie and 209 B, McKenzie, all in the City of Gillett, WI from residential to commercial.

Public input: Most of the people who spoke thought that the Dollar General Store was OK but the location was the problem. Suggestions were to build it on the old Parkside Building, Nursing Home Property, Warvel Parking Lot, Industrial Park or Old restaurant on Highway (not in City). Most residents were afraid their property value would go down if they wanted to sell. More truck traffic. Where would they get employees?

Motion by Tom Wolfgram, second by Darlene Fleischman to close the public hearing, motion carried.

Todd Platt from Dollar General explained that they have built more than 100 stores in the past 10 years in Wisconsin and Michigan. More than 5000 cars daily go on McKenzie Ave. These property owners were approached before for commercial use. Owners of property do not live there. Needs 1 and half acres. Could not find another suitable site. They would have a budget of 1 million dollars.

Discussion was had that the members needed more time to make their decision with more information and familiarize themselves with the parcels.

Set next meeting date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Motion by Fleischman, second by Wolfgram to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Leone Christensen, Assistant Clerk