

CITY OF GILLETT
HEALTH, PROTECTION, & LICENSING COMMITTEE
Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 AT 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Committee may deviate as needed

Meeting Called to Order by Alderperson VanStraten at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

Open Meeting Law has been complied with

This public meeting is in compliance with all Open Meeting Laws

Present: Alderpersons Ashley VanStraten and Irene Drake
Alderpersons Jerry Luther (7:45) and David Bunker, Mayor Jon Blaskowski, Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson, Gillett Police Department Officer Ashley Hull, Oconto County Sherriff Todd Skarban, Gillett School District Superintendent Dr. Nathan Hanson, Gillett School Board President Jamie Young, Gillett School District Principal Shawn Limberg, Suring School Resource Officer Jess Keplinger, School Board Members Robin Banasynski, Kimberly Schaal, Tracy Ondik, Scott Buhrandt, and Special Education Services Wendy Simonis.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

1. Discussion and Possible action on minutes from October 9, 2024

MOTION: Drake/VanStraten

Motion to approve October 9, 2024 minutes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and Possible action on School Rescore Officer (SRO)–

Committee talked about the needs for a School Resource Officer. Suring and Oconto Falls School have an SRO. County voted no this budget year for the Sherriff’s Office to fill the position. School is asking the City to come to an agreement to partner with the City Police Department and have an SRO in the Gillett School. Dr. Hanson asked what we need to do to accomplish this. Trial period would be until the end of the school year. The position is to be proactive in the School and with the children and it would benefit all. Drake asked about the City relationship with school and how it was precieved that it was not good, Sherriff Skarban said he was told we were not on the same page and with past elections and previous Mayors, our City did not have persistent leadership and relationships fell through. With the current Mayor willing to mend those relationships, we now have the ability to bridge any gaps and become a unified front. Some concerns: We only have two officers and it is not in our City Budget for 2025. School and City agree that we are looking for a long-term contract and relationship. County will take all open shift calls. Officer Keplinger spoke about his position at Suring and the huge difference it has made on students, staff, and parents. School wants to be involved in hiring the SRO. A contract will be made and given to the School Board and City Council for review, and then a meeting will be made to discuss.

3. Set Next Meeting Date- To Be Determined

4. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

MOTION: Drake/VanStraten

Motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted by
Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson