

CITY OF WARD
SPECIAL PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES
May 10th, 2023
7:00 P. M.

Call to Order

Chairman Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Peters asked Erin Mixon to call the roll.

Roll Call

Jerry Peters - present
Helen Huitt - present
Shane Phillips - present
Michael Kindall present
Erin Mixon - present

Minutes

Mr. Peters opened with motion to grant request to rezone property off of Old Highway 38 from R-1 to C-2.

- 1- Kellene Storey presented the board with a map of the Dollar General's in the area.
- 2- Josh Huitt, owner of property wishes to see the request granted. He stated that people out in the county do not want to drive so far to go to the store.
- 3- Haley Rogers, lives in Huntington, stated she is worried about the condition of the roads and kids learning to drive navigating the area and wouldn't want a Dollar General in her back yard.
- 4- Michael Krenn, questioned if a store would benefit his house value; change or zoning district would be unfair to homeowners who bought before the change.
- 5- Heather Johnston, agrees that accidents in the area are happening. Understands revenue would be beneficial to the city, but that will be wasted with increased police presence being needed there. Also concerned about pedestrian safety issues.
- 6- Question about why zoning districts are R-1? Mayor answers that progress creates opportunity; then will come back to city council for approval.

Kindall motioned, Phillips seconded

On voice vote **approved 3 – yes, 1 – no**

Kindall – yes

Huitt – yes

Phillips – yes

Mixon - no

Motion passed to be recommended to council.

Adjournment

Helen Huitt motioned, Shane Phillips seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes taken by Erin Mixon but typed by Brittany Gibson