

Village of Laura Council

Special Council

7:00 PM

June 21,

2019

Attendees: Mayor-Harry McKenna, Council Members- Chris Foster, Ken James, Mark May, Paula Jones Thad Kauffman, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer. Absent- Angi Deere. Others Present-Bob Gage of GBT Realty, Robert Pressley, Gale Honeyman, Linda McKenna, Carol Coate, Jan Whitacre, Linda Smith, Jackie Rike, Phil Sowers.

Mr. McKenna stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on rezoning six parcels- L36-000300, L36-000290, L36-000280, L36-000270, L36-001880, L36-001900, on North Main Street, from residential to commercial business for the building of a Dollar General Store.

Mr. McKenna noted the site map for the Dollar General building was available.

Mr. Gage of GBT Realty was present to answer any questions about the property and building. The store would be a 9000 sq. ft. building, with a fifteen-year lease (3 five-year options). The store will start with 10 employees, but could increase to around 15 employees, likely hiring locally. If the parcels are approved for rezoning, construction could start within a month, with a lot of the construction being bid locally.

Mr. May asked what the outside material would be for the building, brick or metal siding. Mr. Gage noted it would be like the West Milton store, brick front with metal sides.

Carol Coate asked about drainage collection. Mr. Gage stated a hard surface drainage system would be in place, allowing run off water to drain back into the soil at a certain rate. Mrs. Coate noted her property often stays wet and was concerned about additional water on her property.

Phil Sowers asked if the driveway could be moved 30 feet to the south, headlights would shine right into his house as the driveway plans are shown. Mr. McKenna noted with the way St. Rt. 571 runs right there, the best place for the driveway is where the site plan shows it. They try to take into consideration the line-of sight for vehicles on the road and those pulling out of the store.

Mr. Foster asked how long it would take to build the store. Mr. Gage stated around 120 days.

Mr. McKenna asked if there were any other questions or discussion concerning the building or rezoning of the parcels. Mr. McKenna asked Council if they had a recommendation for the rezoning.

Mr. Foster made a motion to approve rezoning parcels L36-000300, L36-000290, L36-000280, L36-000270, L36-001880, L36-001900 from residential (R1) to commercial business (CB). Mr. Kauffman seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. Mr. Foster-Yes, Mr. James-Yes, Mr. May-No, Mrs. Jones-Yes, Mr. Kauffman-Yes, The motion passed.

Mr. Gage noted his thanks to Council for meeting on a Friday and giving their attention to this matter.

Mr. James made a motion to close the meeting, Mr. May seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.

Harry McKenna, Mayor

Gretchen Slagle, Clerk