

Georgetown City Council
Appeals Board Meeting Minutes
For November 6, 2023

Roll Call:

Present:	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2/Chairman
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
	Terry Winslow	Appeals Board
	Jim Waterman	Appeals Board
Also Present:	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer

Chairman Gordon declared a quorum was present.

Alder Gordon asked Mr. West to explain what he was wanting. He is wanting to build a shed out of pallets, no floor, and cover it with metal. He would like something to store his tools in to keep them from getting stolen. The ordinance officer denied the building permit due to the location and the shed not meeting the building codes. Mr. West did talk to Mr. Biggerstaff and found another location suitable, but the permit was still denied due to the building codes. Mr. West said he looked online and found that you did not need a permit if the building was less than 120 square feet. The clerk asked which ordinance this was. He did not have an ordinance number, only a screen shot from google. Alder Waterman and Clerk Wilson looked on the ordinances at georgetownil.net and found nothing stating a permit was not needed for a building less than 120 square feet.

Mr. Biggerstaff's concerns – the building was built by stacking pallets upright and screwing them together. It did not have any type of floor system. He did not see the walls having adequate strength to properly support a proper roof structure in the long term. In the current location on the West at the end of the drive, does not meet side set back to the property line and on the East of the building it is overly close to the house, which could obstruct/endanger emergency personnel.

Mr. West asked about a shed that was already here in town if he could put that on his property. He was told he would need a new building permit for that.

Recommendations to full Council: The committee chose to deny the request due to the building not meeting building codes. The ordinance officer had many concerns about the building.

Adjourn Meeting

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Committee Member Winslow / Committee Member J. Waterman

Adjourn at 6:31 pm.