

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report Form

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council

Date: 10/2/18

Observer Reporting: Anne Lewis

Length of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.-??? (I stayed til 8:40 p.m.)

Members Present/Absent: All present

**Others Present** (i.e., media, public): Many private citizens (majority in support for Indigenous Peoples Day or family of Police Recognition recipient).

### **Content (What is being discussed):**

*Announcements* included Palouse Basin Water Summit, Oct 18

*Confirmation of Appointment* of Arts Commission board member Meg Conley.

*Chief Jenkins presented a citizens award.*

### **Reports**

**Pullman Market** (business, not farmers) by Pete Dickinson. Key points/most significant activities:

- Since 2010, Pullman's growth rate is 13%. Population increase is greater than increase in WSU students.
- Lumberyard Food Hall (former Pullman Building Supply) in progress
- Bishop Professional- Dr. Fisher & others
- SEL continued building
- Evolve on main- 82 apartments, retail, parking; 20 mil.
- Ongoing: Airport, Kamiak Elementary
- Walmart Retaining Wall- 4.5 mil.

### **Neill Library Report 2017** by Joanna Bailey

Friends of Library provide \$67k (I believe this is the figure) supplemental funding

20% increase in use of library computers- job search, homework, city materials.

Upcoming: Virtual Reality opportunity (at no expense to city/library)

### **Interfund Loans**- Leanne Hubbard

Largest revenue sources: 1) Property taxes; 2) Sales Taxes; 3) User fees, 4) Utility taxes. Biggest increase past year- property taxes.

### **Public Hearings**

Resolution adopting *proposed route changes to public transportation system*. Wayne & Brad acknowledge route change did not work (with Blue line). Briefly summarized prior process, "problems," solution/changes. Two people spoke- a Blue line rider and a Blue line driver- reiterating frustration (w/ need for hearing—delaying actual change- rather than with transit personnel) and encouraging quick adoption of route changes to improve service/ability to keep buses on time. Resolution approved.

**2019-2020 Revenue Sources**. Leanne Hubbard. Estimating Sales tax of 5 million will stay consistent. Projecting 60k increase in marijuana revenue (state redid calculation?).

**Resolutions**. Judging from newspaper article the next day—and people in the audience-- Indigenous Peoples' Day was a big "draw." It was approved.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

*October 16 joint meeting with ASWSU in Council Chambers*

*October 30 regular meeting: Mayor's 2019-2020 Budget message; Public Hearings on: Preliminary 2019-2020 Budget, Metro Park Preliminary Budget, Six-Year Transit Development Plan.*

### **Public Meetings of interest to League**

Palouse Water Basin Summit