

## **League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report**

Pullman City Council Meeting: October 30, 2018

Present: Mayor Johnson, Brandon Chapman, Dan Records, Eileen Macoll, Ann Parks, Pat Wright, and Al Sorensen.

Absent: Nathan Weller

Special meeting of Metropolitan Park Board. \$547,800 proposed budget for 2019; \$580,000 for 2020.

**Presentations:** Mayor's 2019-2020 Budget Message. A biennial budget presented. \$22,300,000 expected revenue for 2019; \$23,000,000 for 2020. Expected expenditures are higher than the revenues for both years but cash reserves will fill in the gap. Expenditures for infrastructure, Art Walk, 4th of July and some investments in downtown Pullman. Adds economic development position for the city. Four new firefighters to be added; 1 new position in Parks and Rec. New senior center completed by spring. New city website to be developed.

**2019 Budget:** Fire and Police budgets both increased due to additional staff. Also, a new position of economic development manager was added.

Individual departments gave detailed reports of their expenditures for 2019 and 2020.

**Pullman Transit Development Plan:** Slow conscientious growth - addition of a vehicle each year. Better public service, especially on campus.

Renaming Finance Department to "Finance and Administrative Services Department" and change duties of director. Increase of \$4,000 in yearly salary.

Temporary warming facility in new City Hall: There are some liability issues. Budget implication: \$4700 to install lights, locks, etc. Laura McAloon spoke to the issues of liability such as recruitment of volunteers and training. Nathan Weller, who was not at the meeting, has suggested reaching out to the religious community to assume the risk. The lobby of the police station was used last year and is still an option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. .

Submitted by Libby Walker