

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

### Pullman City Council meeting: June 4, 2019

Attending: Mayor Johnson, Ann Parks, Brandon Chapman, Nathan Weller, Pat Wright, Al Sorensen, Dan Records

Absent: Eileen Macoll

Presentation - Water Main Break analysis. Megan Ford, intern, gave the presentation on breaks from 2004-2018. Are there predictors of water main breaks? Southwest corner of city had the largest number of breaks. Twenty locations had repetitive breaks. There is an average of 8 breaks a year. Summer and fall have the largest number, especially August. Six inch cast iron pipes break the most often; they are also the oldest. Money is budgeted every year to replace water mains, according to Kevin Gardes.

Public hearing on Critical Areas Ordinance: Pete Dickinson presented. Update required by June 30, 2019. The most significant change: wetland buffer increased by 50 feet. Riparian setbacks expanded from 75 feet to 200 feet. Existing buildings are grandfathered in unless there are significant changes to the building. Palouse Prairie Foundation suggested changes, some of which were incorporated.

David Hall from the Palouse Prairie Foundation read a statement. There are remnants of the Palouse Prairie within Pullman city limits. He suggested that protection of the remnants be included in the ordinance. Another speaker asked about penalties for non-compliance. A representative from SEL spoke about the relationship between the City and SEL regarding development but cautioned about “overreaching by the City.” Another speaker mentioned that soil was eroded from her property from building of Kamiak School because of a slope issue.

Resolution authorizing a service agreement to study the cost of replacing two HVAC units at the Pullman Aquatic Center. Enginuity Systems was selected for the work. \$127,000 total cost. Approved by the Council.

Resolution accepting the bid of Motley-Motley to replace a water line at Jefferson Elementary School. \$94,000 Approved by the Council.

Resolution accepting the bid of Arrow Concrete for tennis court refurbishment at Sunnyside and Kruegel Parks including Pickle ball courts. Approved by Council.

Resolution authorizing professional services agreement with BDS Planning and Urban Design for preparation of a central business district Master Plan. Plan will take 8 months to prepare at cost of \$122,000. Approved by Council.

Resolution Authorized purchase of portable radios and radio tower for Emergency Responders with CIP funding. Approved by Council.

Adjournment at 8:20pm

Submitted by Libby Walker