

Pullman City Council meeting: October 31, 2017
Libby Walker reporting
Council members present: All were present.

Note: Taylor now has been assigned to a different beat. Scott Jackson is the new reporter for Whitman County. I introduced myself to him, and he gave me his business card. I will make certain that he knows about the Pullman League events. He said he would cover as many as he can.

Announcements: Open houses for Encounter Ministries were announced again.

Presentation by Arts Commission Chair Joanna Bailey regarding a mural at the High Street Mural. It will include interactive art with winged creatures. Anna Maria Shannon attended representing the WSU Museum of Art. There will be no expense to the Arts Commission nor to the City. It was moved and seconded to approve. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor's 2018 Budget Message: Adam Lincoln was instructed by the Mayor to challenge individual budgets. There was a gap of \$4 million between the wish lists and the revenue projections. The budget as presented is balanced. The city will transition to a biennial budget and begin including budget information online. Reserves will maintain above 13%. Final payment of \$300,000 for airport is included as were cost of living adjustments for certain personnel. A permanent economic development employee is not included. The goal for 2018 is to implement a continuous improvement process. Social media will be cornerstone of communications. The proposed general fund budget is \$23 million with projected revenues of \$21 million. The budget will be balanced with the use of reserves.

Police budget increased 6%. Fire and Rescue Budget increased 8%. Library Budget increased 7%.

Fire Services: Increases for salaries. \$4,245,000 for fire budget. \$225,000 for land acquisition.

Police Department: \$7,233,000 is total budget request. Increase from 29 to 30 officers.

Library Budget: \$1,000,000+. A change of \$118,000 for salary increases and building rental.

Planning Department: \$375,000.

Information Systems: \$1,500,000.

Change in Comprehensive Plan from R2 low density residential to R3 high density residential for 58 acres on North Grand Avenue between Albion Road and Terre View Drive. The Planning Commission recommends the change. Ellen Macoll suggests that stronger language should be included related to paths and

trails in this new area. It was moved and seconded to do this which passed unanimously. The resolution to change the zoning also passed unanimously.

Preliminary plat of Sunnyside Heights Addition #11: Three acres of land for residential development. The public has traditionally had concerns about additional traffic on Center St. Traffic calming measures will be required such as a traffic circle or street narrowing. Radar speed signs by themselves did not lower the speed on Center St. Ann Parks spoke in favor of traffic circles. Al Sorenson suggested that sidewalks and paths should be required of the developers - the Itanis. Currently, developers have 3 years to put in the sidewalks. It was moved and seconded to approve the plat of Sunnyside Heights Addition #11.

Professional services agreement with Retail Strategies, a consulting firm, to help recruit businesses to Pullman. \$135,000 over three years. Al Sorenson said the firm should have presented to the Council. It was moved and seconded to approve the agreement. Passed unanimously.

Pullman ballot Proposition #1: \$10,500,000. Nathan Weller moved to accept. Motion passed unanimously.

Pullman ballot Proposition #2: \$2,400,000. Nathan Weller moved to accept. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: November 14, 2017

November 21, 2017: adopt legislative agenda

November 28th agenda: Adopt 2018 budget and meeting with Senator Mark Schloesler.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.