

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report Form

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council Date: November 14, 2017

Observer Reporting: Anne Lewis *Length of Meeting: 7:00-7:37 p.m.

Members Present/Absent: All present; Brandon Chapman (newly elected councilman) in the audience
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Approx. 4? community members. Several department heads, including Joanna Bailey (Library) and Mike Heston (Fire). Scott of Moscow-Pullman Daily News and Josh Babcock of Lewiston paper.

Content (What is being discussed): i.e., *Did they approve some **action**? Does anything **relate to League priorities or positions**? If so, **do you recommend local league action**? Was **access** to materials for certain agenda items limited or excluded from you? Was background material available to the public?*

Announcements:

- BIG announcement that the Bond measures officially passed. Enough votes to reach the 40% (of last presidential election voters) requirement. Measure 1 (Encounter Ministries Building +) at 63.22%; Bond #2 (Continuation of parks bond) at 73.44%.

Regarding the passage of Bond 1, Sorenson noted we now need to discuss “what to do with city hall.” Mayor Johnson agreed that would happen. Mayor noted (paraphrase) “perhaps it will be made/sold public and a portion of bond can be returned to the public.”

- December 2nd is Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (at Lincoln, with school performances) and Tree Lighting.

Regular Agenda

Approved motions. At this point, “paused” (“suspended”? I can’t think of the appropriate term) the Regular Agenda for the Parks Public Hearing. 5 minutes and then back to Regular Agenda.

Public Hearing- Final 2018 Budget Hearing on All Funds. No comments.

Ordinances

Ordinance “Fixing the amount of the tax levy for the year 2017 for collection in 2018 to raise revenue to meet estimated expenditures” passed.

Ordinance “Fixing the amount of the EMS tax levy for the year 2017 for collection in 2018 to raise revenue to meet estimated EMS expenditures” passed.

Note: Part I of the Agenda (available on the City of Pullman website) includes the 2018 Budget as well as ordinance details.

Resolutions:

-Bid accepted for ultraviolet disinfection system

-Services agreement executed for purpose of “designing the WWTP Headworks perforated plate screen project”

- Property located at 110 N.E. Whitman street declared “surplus to the needs of the city” and sale authorized to Clint Cole for “redevelopment purposes.” Mayor recognizes audience member Clint Cole and refers to his prior contributions and improvements to the city.

Review Draft Legislative Agenda

City Supervisor Lincoln leads discussion. Reviews 2017 Legislative Priorities. Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport can be removed as 2017 goals achieved. Council members seem to want all others to stay. Particular mention made of mental health & homelessness and transportation safety project categories.

No New Business

Upcoming Meetings

- November 21, 2017- Adopt legislative agenda
- November 28, 2017- Adopt 2018 Budget; Meet with Senator Mark Schoesler
- December 5, 2017

***Public Meetings of interest to League** – i.e., *Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with the issue?*

Process & Protocol (Observations about participants, conduct, and procedures of the meeting):

i.e., Did the members appear to have done their “homework”? Were members courteous to each other and the public? How does the group respond to your presence?

Meeting was significantly shorter than I expected (no budget discussion).

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