

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council

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Business pertaining to League program or topic of interest:

Announcements

Pullman Fire Department gave an update on their recent activity. They are currently providing support for three Washington fires without any shortage in local coverage thanks to the extra efforts of their team.

Pullman Police Department has received numerous recent complaints about coyotes around Lawson Gardens and is working with wildlife experts to solve the issue.

The 27th annual National Lentil Festival was announced along with various other local events.

Presentation

Sandra Woodrow presented about the Pullman United Way. Last year they invested \$178,156 into the community. This year's campaign kicks off October 1, and the radio-thon will be October 15 and 16 on Bull Country 99.5. United Way of Pullman is also now a member of Guide Star to increase their transparency, this online program allows the public to view their income, spending, and distribution of funds.

Agenda

The consent agenda was passed. One of the items approved a Lodging Tax Grant to the Pullman Chamber for \$1200 for an information kiosk at the Bishop Boulevard trailhead of the Bill Chipman Trail.

The transportation department gave an update that stated their year's plan will stay mostly the same this year with a few minor route changes. Service times and staffing will remain the same. They have put some extra money towards providing extra transportation for football games. Mayor Johnson encouraged everyone to look into Pullman Transit as an alternative transportation method, especially for WSU football games.

A consulting company gave a presentation on the Shoreline Master Program. They have been working on updating our 40 year old policy and expect the project to be completed by June 2016. There were four handouts given to the audience that address various aspects of the project.

Observations about the participants, conduct, procedures, subjects of discussion, etc. of the meeting:

The meeting progressed efficiently and professionally. Council members asked for clarification when needed, and expressed gratitude for the city's employees. There was quite a handful of community members present in the audience, but no public comment was made.

Reminders😊

The purpose of the LWV Observer Corp is:

1. To inform local League members about community issues and to promote public interest in local government.
- 2: To alert the League Board to upcoming agenda items on which we have program positions on which we can speak.
3. To identify areas for future LWV study and action.

A LWV Observer is impartial, silent, and respectful. Only ask questions for clarification if appropriate (preferably after the meeting).

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