Pullman City Council Meeting: November 27, 2018

Attending: Brandon Chapman, Nathan Weller, Eileen Macoll, Glenn Johnson, Pat Wright, Dan Records, Ann Parks, and Al Sorensen.

Budget for Metropolitan Park District was approved.

An ordinance adopting the biennial budget (2019-2020) for the City of Pullman was approved.

Comprehensive Plan changes: The city attorney explained the appearance of fairness issue. Jason Radke, assistant city planner, attended the meeting instead of Pete Dickinson who recused himself because he lives in the affected area.

The proposal is to change the zoning from R1 to C3 for the parcel intended for the new City Hall. This discussion was very confusing. The City attorney pointed out that the findings of fact do not support the conclusions of the Planning Commission. There has been a conditional C3 designation for over 30 years while the church was there. Planning will bring back a resolution and ordinance with some changes. Dan Records suggests that the C3 designation should stipulate that the property is only for government use. There was broad agreement about this. (Looks like the zoning change will pass eventually.)

Resolution regarding Pullman's waste water treatment plant. Approved.

Grant application for solar project at the new City Hall site. Cost of \$478,000 which will include two grant applications and some City funds. The final siting is not completed. Will the panels interfere with Parks and Rec ideas for a playground? Maybe. Resolution passed with one nay vote.

Public records fees: A new fee schedule is being proposed in compliance with state law. Passed unanimously.

Review of legislative priorities set by the Council: Adam Lincoln quickly reviewed a list of priorities. A new airport terminal and Southside bypass are big ticket items for which the Council should consider asking the Legislature for assistance. Al Sorensen supports both of these ideas, but he doesn't want warming shelters listed in the priorities. Nathan Weller suggests that more attention should be paid to eldercare and research on effects of marijuana on driving safety. Mayor Johnson suggests asking WADOT to work on Highway 26. Dan Records wants more attention to mental health issues.

New business: Nathan Weller on Family Promise and temporary warming center. He has not heard from FP. There are other agencies also interested in helping with this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Libby Walker, Observer Corps.