

# League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

## PULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 11, 2020

OBSERVER: LIBBY WALKER      LENGTH OF MEETING: 1 Hour

Members present: Mayor Glenn Johnson, Council members Brandon Chapman, Eileen Macoll, Pat Wright, Dan Records, Ann Parks, Nathan Weller, Al Sorensen.

Others attending: Gary Jenkins, Pullman Chief of Police; Mike Urban, Finance and Admin. Services Director; Mike Henson, Fire Department Chief; Kevin Gardes, Director of City Planning; Dee Stiles Elliott, City Clerk; Jennifer Hackman, Interim Planning Department Director; Laura McAloon, City Attorney, Wayne Thompson, Transportation Director.

This was a **zoom meeting** on the City of Pullman You Tube Channel.

### Announcements:

Mayor Johnson announced that the **solar power system** is now working at the Parks and Senior Center Buildings which covers 70% of the roof.

Mayor Johnson asked Laura McAloon to report on the meeting of the Pullman Arts Commission and the local Black Lives Matter meeting earlier today. The **BLM group** requested a **mural or display** to be created in downtown Pullman. The Arts Commission passed unanimously a recommendation to the City Council that a wall mural be created and that WSU Professor Joe Hedges be involved in the first steps. The Commission will need to find a funding source. The City will not pay the cost. A theme but no specific language was adopted.

### Regular Agenda:

Laura McAloon presented the agreement with the **Whitman County District Court** to cover the cost of another year of service: \$450,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Urban made a recommendation for the expenditure of \$656,000 from the \$1,300,000 **CARES Act grant** to Pullman for payroll expenses, facilities upgrade, and future technology which will lead to paperless systems. 67% of the grant will be spent by end of August. The remainder will be spent by Dec. 31, 2020. Councilman Brandon Chapman asked about reroofing of the **Pioneer Center**. Urban explained that the Pioneer gym will be officially designated as an **emergency shelter** and thus the expense is allowable under the CARES Act.

Jennifer Hackman described the **Kamiak Cottages Planned Residential Development** which is a pocket neighborhood very close to the new Kamiak School. Steve Mader is the developer. This 1.8 acres will include 13 lots and 12 homes plus a community building. They will be limited in size to 1,000-1,300 square feet. Sidewalks will be installed before occupancy. There will be a shared parking area with a garage for each home. The City Council agreed unanimously to both the plan and the plat.

Kevin Gardes explained Duane Brelsford request for a **ground lease at Corporate Point** which involves a sign at Brelsford and Harvest Drive. This passed unanimously.

Wayne Thompson addressed the 2019/2020 agreement between **Pullman and WSU regarding transportation**. Only 10 riders will be allowed on a bus that held 60-70 riders before COVID. The Council passed the agreement unanimously.

No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting will be August 18, 2020.