

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

PULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2020

OBSERVER: Libby Walker Length of meeting: 50 minutes

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

Absent: Brandon Chapman

Others Attending: Gary Jenkins, Pullman Chief of Police; Mike Henson, Fire Department Chief; Kevin Gardes, Director of City Planning; Dee Stiles Elliott, City Clerk, and Laura McAloon, City Attorney.

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

Mayor Johnson announced the **Beans and Jeans Event to benefit Habitat of Humanity** and a **virtual town hall meeting on Wednesday at 3:00 pm for a COVID update.**

Proclamations involve **disposal of prescription at the Pullman Police Department** and **Pediatric Cancer Month** in September.

Pullman **Police** Chief Gary Jenkins gave a **fireworks enforcement** report for 2020. There were 15 calls about fireworks between June 26 and July 6. This is the 2nd lowest number since 2006. Council member Nathan Weller asked a question about fireworks after July 4th. Chief Jenkins responded that it is difficult to know exactly what causes noises after the 4th.

Fire Department Chief Mike Heston also gave a **fireworks report** for 2020. There were three calls which involved 2 small fires and 1 larger one. Flyers were placed in packages of fireworks purchased explaining the rules for setting them off. Social media was also used to educate the public. There were constant patrols on July 3-4.

The **Fire Department 2019 Annual Report** was given by Chief Mike Heston who declared it an outstanding year. Staffing increased and certifications also increased. Hydraulic lifts were installed to reduce back injuries. EMS concerns involved 72% of calls to the Fire Department; fires involved 27% of the calls. Calls from WSU represented 45% of the calls. Cooking fires are the #1 cause of fires. Total losses from fires - \$476,000. Total money saved was \$2,500,000. EMS calls involved 50% for the elderly and 50% for college students. There were two new hires.

Regular agenda: Gary Jenkins presented a resolution designating Axon Enterprises as sole source provider for contract for **body video cameras and car cameras**. The resolution passed unanimously. A second resolution was presented authorizing the agreement between the City of Pullman and Axon Enterprises. The resolution also passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.