

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

**PULLMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**                    **APRIL 27, 2021**

**OBSERVER:** Libby Walker

**LENGTH OF MEETING:** 1.5 hours

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

**OTHERS:** Mike Urban, City Administrator; Laura McAloon, City Attorney; RJ Lott, Director of Planning; Art Garro, Superintendent of Maintenance and Operations; Justin Cohee, Interim Maintenance Supervisor; Clayton Forsman, Deputy Public Works Director.

**ORDINANCE 21-4 ANNEXING LAND EAST OF JOHNSON ROAD AND SOUTH OF SR 270.** Presented by RJ LOTT, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. This is a continuation of a discussion which took place at the Council meeting of April 13, 2021. Whitman County has zoned the land "agriculture." Only single-family homes could be built on it. Council member Records recommended that the annexation be rejected and that the zoning designation be changed from R3. Two motions were made reflecting these two ideas.

**Discussion:** Council member Chapman recommended that "Smart Growth" be followed and that members listen to their constituents. Council member Parks reminded the Council that the same developer asked to annex land in the same area two years ago to build a high rise apartment building. Council member Records pointed out that conditions have changed since 2013 when the R3 pre-zone designation was applied. Council member Wright also emphasized the changes that have taken place since 2013. Council member Sorensen argued that denying the annexation request is changing the rules in the middle of the stream since the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the R-3 pre zone designation.

**Motion 1: To reject the annexation. Approved 6:1 with 1 nay.**

Motion 2: To ask the Planing Commission to re-assess all pre-zoning designations. Approved unanimously.

Other issues discussed do not apply to the League positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM