

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council

Date: NOV. 15, 2022

Observer Reporting: Kelly McGee

Length of meeting: 2 hours 53 minutes

Members Present: Mayor Glenn Johnson, Council Members: Guido, Dueben, Macoll, Parks, Weller, Wright

Others Present: Dee Stiles-Elliot, City Clerk; Mike Urban, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Jon Hatlan, City Attorney; District 9 Legislators: Representatives: Schmick, Dye; Senator Schoesler

Meeting was held in person but also could be streamed on youtube channel .
https://www.pullman-wa.gov/government/mayor_city_council/city_council

Meeting was called to start at 7 p.m. and a roll was called. All council members were present

Announcements: Food drive 11/23, senior center, Leaf pick up schedule

>>Presentation: 9TH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS

Senator Mark Schoesler

- State Revenue looks good/ Olympia cut-no local cuts
- Happy with the Bi-partisan approach
- Transportation package-Focus on Eastern Washington
- Finishing up the passing lane on Highway 26.

Representative Mary Dye

- Climate Commitment Act- her #1 priority
- Energy - Environment
- 2 track environment - water quality= waste systems
- Tree and salmon health

She stated if we work on the issues the whole state will benefit.

Representative Joe Schmick

- #1 Health Care
- Bill 988- Hotline/suicide
- Rural Strategies: Extra training for Dispatch & 1st responders.
- Short on Mental Health Providers-:accept other state health licensing

Councilors' Concerns:

Nathan Weller

- mental health training
- Veteran affordable housing

Megan Guido

- longterm housing authorities/ middle class housing

Joe Schmick

- Low income housing - " What are the barriers locally?/ look into using State funding

Mark Schoesler

Capital budget is to fund Habitat for Humanity- seek out more opportunity to build more in the Pullman area.

- funding Skill centers in the area, to create bigger Labor force (electricians, plumbers, carpenters)

Ann Park

- Repurpose rails create more recreational spaces.

Elaine Macoll

- Redirect truck track out of the main street core to Kirk Donell road.

Rebecca Deuben

- Mental health for WSU Students
- Encouraging more passing lanes on Highway 26.

Pat Wright

- Agreed with all the issues discussed

>>Mayor Johnson

Invited Police Chief and Fire Chief to talk about the increase in Mental Health calls:

- Blake decision is making it hard for the officers. {State v. Blake is a 2021 Washington State Supreme Court decision that ruled the felony drug possession law unconstitutional.}

>>Mike Urban- Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Final Budget approved

New constructions \$40,600.00

1% levy on Property tax

>>Fire Chief Mike Heston-Professional Designation presentation -3 EMT

employees were acknowledged for further certification . **Public Comments: none**

Consent Agenda Passed

Accounts Payable, **Public Hearing:** none

Regular agenda:

Ordinance #22-24 EMS levy 1%

Resolution R-65-22 Increase fees for City Preschool

Resolution R-66-22 Purchase property on Fairmount for Veterans Memorial Park. Motion approved. Mayor to renew contract for city wide data storage. Motion approved; Economic Director to initiate Small business loans for Covid -19 relief for local owners- expires in February 2023

Discussion items:

Project Downtown Pullman Follow-up

Welch Corner Design Discussion

- - emotional talks regarding the trees, they offered several plans on how many trees;
 - ADA parking
- Changing parking layout to diagonal on one side of the street Kamiaken - Pine
 - Construction will start Spring 2023

City Council town Hall Meetings- Councilors had a positive response and were pleased with the turn out, They will have them again in the spring

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm

***Business Pertaining to League Positions or Topics of Interest: Bill**

988 Climate Commitment Act (CCA)

