

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman City Council

Date: March 15, 2022

Observer Reporting: Karyn Hardy

Length of meeting: 2 hours 20 minutes

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

Others Present: Dee Stiles-Elliot, City Clerk; Mike Urban, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Laura McAloon, City Attorney

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest:

Meeting was held in person but also could be streamed on youtube channel

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Meeting was called to start at 7 p.m. and roll was called. All council members were present. Announcements made about police patrols and street cleaning.

Police Chief Gary Jenkins explained **house bills passed** through the legislature regarding police reform, the bills discussed were revisions from the previous legislation session. Some of these include changes to definition of military style weapons (caliber) and use of force and restraint changes.

Mayor Johnson announced **commission committee appointments** and received unanimous consent to confirm these appointments. Some were new appointments and some were continuing appointments.

Long workshop by the **group commissioned to work on downtown improvement project**. Objective was to provide a review of the master plan, public engagement, traffic analysis and modeling and city branding. Effort will be made to contact out of town property owners to engage them in efforts to vitalize downtown. There are over 250 business licenses and 150 property ownership entities in downtown Pullman.

Consent agenda 1 through 6 presented by Laura McAloon. Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes approved as submitted with disbursements totals approved unanimously by Council.

Regular Agenda. Tony Bean, Executive Director of **Moscow Pullman Airport** gave an update on the progress of the airport terminal and requirements of the infrastructure law, and requested a resolution preauthorizing acceptance of Washington State and Federal grant monies, and explained local airport is qualified to compete for bipartisan infrastructure bill monies. Bids for work and materials costs have risen significantly (33 *ish* percent higher)

Resolution to approve **Terre View roundabout project** at N. Fairway. Bid was over 300,000 dollars more than engineers had estimated, prices of materials are very volatile. Motley and Motley was low bid and council was asked to approve awarding this bid to this company for many reasons. Should be started in May and be done in August. Motion to adopt resolution was accepted and approved.

Resolution to accept bid to upgrade building panel replacement at city wastewater plant approved unanimously.

Discussion about which funds to use to contribute to airport terminal financing. Council had pledged two million as local match, Mike Urban is examining which funds to use, hesitates to use General fund. Suggests using stormwater fund, American Rescue plan monies and more places to obtain funding from different budgets. Pullman dollars shouldn't be needed till 2023 so Mr. Urban is looking for funding direction. There is over \$700,000 in a Lawson Garden fund since something is not getting built so if Council chooses they can reallocate those dollars. Mr. Weller says that he'd be uncomfortable using American Rescue dollars.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm