

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
JULY 19, 2011

**Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on July 19, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
William F. Mulholland	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Keith Bloom	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Bill Paul	Councilmember
Barney Waldrop	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

**Call to Order**

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

There were four announcements.

**Reports**

Fireworks  
Enforcement Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report is scheduled on fireworks enforcement. Fire Operations Officer Heston gave Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo's report on fireworks this past season. He indicated they had one incident. Fireworks were cleaned up and placed inside a garbage bag and placed next to an outside wall of a garage. The fire was discovered very early and extinguished prior to the fire getting into the garage. It caused an estimated \$500 in damage.

Fire Operations Officer Heston said that the reserves conducted a fireworks safety patrol July 3 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., on the 4<sup>th</sup> the reserves conducted public education at Sunnyside Park until the fireworks display was over, and then conducted a fireworks safety patrol until midnight. Four approved fireworks stands were inspected by Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo and at one stand, one illegal firework was removed from the shelf and sent back to the wholesaler. One legal bag of fuses was requested by Fire Prevention Officer Dragoo to be removed which the stand operator did.

Police Chief Gary Jenkins next went through his report indicating that fireworks related, officer initiated activity and calls to the police department during the July 4 holiday period continue to decline with a 33 percent reduction from last year. This also represents a 66 percent reduction of fire related calls since the fireworks ordinance was first adopted in 2006.

Councilmember Paul wanted to note the good job that both the fire department and police department have done and praised the Council for passing the fireworks ordinance in 2006. Councilmember Weller inquired if the rash of lighting garbage cans on fire in Moscow has spread over to Pullman. Police Chief Jenkins indicated it has not.

Sales Tax/CIP  
Funding Update

Finance Director Mulholland gave a report on the funding of the CIP from excess sales tax revenue. Councilmember Weller asked if the debt ceiling problem in Washington was going to affect Pullman. Finance Director Mulholland indicated it would not.

Major Issues

City Supervisor Sherman went through his report on major issues. Councilmember Benjamin indicated that under legal issues he had mentioned adult bookstores, but only in the context of a problem that had been in the past when the Council had been proactive about taking care of before it did become a problem. He said that we did not have at this present time-an adult book store problem.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Recommendations of Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda with the Council and audience. He stated that items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion of the Council without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by Council request. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only.

Motion Carried.

City Attorney McAloon read the items on the Consent Agenda by title only. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any requests for removal of items from the Consent Agenda from the Council. There were none. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

- Minutes - June 28, 2011
1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of June 28, 2011, and approved them as submitted.
- Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - July, 2011
2. The Council approved disbursements represented by accounts payable checks numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive, payroll checks numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive, and electronic transfers totaling \_\_\_\_\_ and directed that they be paid upon approval of the Auditing Officer and Audit Committee.

**Resolutions**

- Resolution No. R-45-11 - School District Interlocal
3. Resolution No. R-45-11
- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND PULLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 267 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS ON THE PULLMAN TRANSIT SYSTEM.
- Resolution No. R-45-11 was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 4. Resolution No. R-46-11  
R-46-11 - NPDES  
Eastern Washington  
Phase II Permit  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR CITY OF PULLMAN RENEWAL OF COVERAGE  
UNDER THE NPDES EASTERN WASHINGTON PHASE II  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL PERMIT.

Resolution No. R-46-11 was adopted unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Public Hearings**

Resolution No. 5. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is  
R-47-11 - Capital scheduled on the Six-Year Capital Improvement  
Improvement Program Program. Planning Director Dickinson presented  
the staff report and requested to conduct a public  
hearing to review and act upon the proposed Capital  
Improvement Program. Councilmember Waldrop asked  
about the purchasing of lease return vehicles that  
had been done in the past, but due to bidding  
requirements they are not able to continue doing  
that program.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There  
were no questions. He closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-47-11 by title only reads as  
follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR  
CALENDAR YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2017.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember  
Waldrop seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-47-11.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 6. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is  
R-48-11 - Trans- scheduled on the Six-Year Transportation  
portation Improve- Improvement Program. Public Works Director  
ment Program Workman presented the staff report and requested  
that they hold a public hearing and approve the  
plan.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. There  
was no public input. Mayor Johnson closed the  
public hearing.

Resolution No. R-48-11 by title only reads as  
follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR  
CALENDAR YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2017.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright  
seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-48-11. The  
motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 7. Mayor Johnson announced that a public hearing is  
R-49-11 - Transit scheduled on termination of a portion of Transit's  
Service "A" Route from 3:50 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. and relocating  
its operating hours to supplement the "J" Route  
service. Transit Manager Thornton presented the  
staff report and gave the reasons for requesting  
the termination of the afternoon "A" Route as well  
as supplementing the J-Route. He indicated that  
on the "A" Route in the afternoon dropped from 75  
to 27 participants.

The “J” Route had been running 15 to 20 minutes late every day and he wants to supplement that run to try to close that gap and serve the ridership better. Councilmember Bloom asked about Walmart’s effect on the route. Transit Manger Thornton indicated that prior to the Walmart opening this route would run 100 riders on Monday and 250 to 300 on Friday. It is now running 350 Monday through Thursday.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Lisa Carlisle stated that the route was also late in the afternoon. Transit Manager Thornton stated that he is aware of that and that they are looking at methods to close the gap and get the buses on time, utilizing the supplemental buses to help pick up the loads during the peak hours.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. R-49-11 by title only read as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF THE PULLMAN TRANSIT A-ROUTE SERVICE FROM 3:50 P.M. TO 5:50 P.M. AND REALLOCATION OF ITS OPERATING HOURS TO SUPPLEMENT J-ROUTE SERVICE.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-49-11. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 8. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared amending the 2011 budget. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report and requested that Council approve amendments to the Library, Police, and Protective Inspection budgets.

11-10 - Budget Amendment

Mayor Johnson opened the public meeting. There was no one wishing to speak. Mayor Johnson closed the public meeting.

Ordinance No. 11-10 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-28 ADOPTED DECEMBER 7, 2010, AND ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011”.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 11-10. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution**

Resolution No. 9. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared authorizing an agreement with Washington State University for Transit services. Transit Manager Thornton presented the staff report. He stated there was no change for the price from this year to last year due to the fact that he was able to procure larger grants than he had in the past from the State. He is also looking at supplementing several routes to improve service and decrease wait time. He stated that the supplemental buses would cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000, but that also would be covered by the additional grant money that he had received, and

R-50-11 - Transit Agreement with WSU

would provide better service and help to keep the buses on time.

Councilmember Bloom requested information on additional buses that they were thinking of getting. Transit Manager Thornton stated that they had put in grants for three more buses and would know in September or October whether the grant was successful.

Mayor Johnson asked about ridership. Transit Manager Thornton indicated that ridership in 2010 was 1,420,000 riders and stated that at the rate they are going, it will be over 1,500,000 this year.

Resolution No. R-50-11 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO STAFF, STUDENTS, FACULTY AND RETIREES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-50-11. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion**

Expenditure of 10.  
Remaining 2007 Bond  
Funds

Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on expenditure of the remaining 2007 bond funds. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and indicated what the 2007 bond fund had been approved for and what had been completed so far. He indicated that there is approximately \$680,000 left that can be dispersed on projects that would fit the criteria for the bond funds. He went through the list of projects that had been suggested from other entities, primarily the Pullman Civic Trust, for taking care of additional paths.

Councilmember Waldrop stated that over the past years the wading pool with spray features has always been put on the back burner, so he thought it should be the No. 1 priority followed by the pool liner at Reaney Pool.

Councilmember Paul echoed the same sentiments since he has been the largest proponent of the pool for years. He said that several years ago mothers came with their kids pleading for a wading pool and he is happy that it looks like it may come to pass.

Councilmember Wright also stated that the pool should be the top priority followed by the path connecting Copper Basin to Jefferson Elementary.

Councilmember Weller concurred. Councilmember Bloom said that the pool was important as well as the playfields, but he thought emphasis should be given on the pathway as the pool and playfields are only used a couple months a year where the paths are used all year.

Councilmember Benjamin thought the pools, dugouts, and also completing the trail system are priority items. He said it is important to link the hills to the trails so that the individuals on the hills

could take advantage of the trails around the City. It was decided that allocation of the monies would be decided further on down the road once they could get cost estimates on some of the projects as well as public input.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council.

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:30 a.m.