

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JANUARY 18, 2011

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on January 18, 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
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. Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to excuse Councilmember Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made four announcements and one was made by Councilmember Weller.

Confirmation of Appointment

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Brilliana Hou to a term on the Parks and Recreation Commission expiring on December 31, 2013.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to confirm this appointment.

Motion Carried.

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 Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin 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 also indicated that item No. 11, which is a resolution authorizing the intergovernmental transfer of property to Washington National Guard, had been removed by request of Police Chief Jenkins. Mayor Johnson asked if there were any other requests for removal of items from the Consent Agenda from the Council. There were none. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to adopt items 1 through 10 and item 12 on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motions

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| Minutes - December 7, 2010 | 1. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2010, and approved them as submitted. |
| Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - January, 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. |
| Bid for Fuel | 3. | The Council accepted the bid of Grange Supply Company, Inc., for 2011 fuel. |
| Claim for Damages - Clements | 4. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Justin Clements for the sum of \$2,996.55 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). |
| Claim for Damages - Whispering Hills Home Owners Assoc. | 5. | The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Whispering Hills Home Owners Association for an undetermined amount to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA). |
| Wellhouse No. 8/ Booster Station No. 10 | 6. | The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 09-05, Wellhouse No. 8/Booster Station No. 10. |
| Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2010 Complete | 7. | The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 10-07, Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2010. |
| Humane Society Contract | 8. | The Council approved a Contract with Whitman County Humane Society. |

Resolutions

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| Resolution No. R-1-11 - Stormwater Undeveloped Property Analysis | 9. | Resolution No. R-1-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND URS CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING THE STORMWATER-UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY ANALYSIS PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-1-11 was adopted unanimously. |
| Resolution No. R-2-11 - M & O Quonset Building Electrical | 10. | Resolution No. R-2-11

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF M & M HARRISON ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE M & O QUONSET BUILDING ELECTRICAL REMODEL AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT.

Resolution No. R-2-11 was adopted unanimously. |
| Resolution No. R-4-11 - Public Hearing Date | 12. | Resolution No. R-4-11

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON TERMINATING THE PULLMAN TRANSIT SHOPPER SHUTTLE SERVICE.

Resolution No. R-4-11 was adopted unanimously. |

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentations

- South East Washington Economic Development Assoc. 13. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is scheduled on the South East Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA) business development efforts. City Supervisor Sherman gave a brief discussion on SEWEDA and introduced Dick Watters, the Whitman County Managing Director of SEWEDA. Mr. Watters distributed a brochure to the Councilmembers and then had a video that explained why it was beneficial for people to move to Pullman. The video titled Palouse Business-Palouse Life will be distributed to businesses that are thinking of locating to this area. It will also be available on their website in six to eight weeks.
- Arts Commission 14. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is scheduled from the Arts Commission. Mike Yates, Pullman Arts Commission, presented the Arts' Commission plan for the Davis Way Welcome Park and Beautification project. He requested it be adopted so they can proceed. The Arts Commission had adopted concepts for three stages for establishing the park. The first stage is cleanup of the lot, the second is defining the fence and shrubs along the property line with Community Action Center, and the third stage will be parking and planning of the lot and the possibility of a gazebo. There was discussion on the proposal.
- Councilmember Weller wanted to know if the landscaping involved would be natural Palouse varieties. Mr. Yates indicated it would. Councilmember Benjamin asked about rights-of-way moving in and out of the property. Since there would be no permanent structure there would be no problem with it, but he did indicate they did have to get a defined entrance and exit into the parking area.
- Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to proceed with the plan.
- Lawson Gardens Master Plan Development 15. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation was scheduled on the Lawson Gardens Master Plan Development. Parks Superintendent Alan Davis presented the plan and went through a memo from the Lawson Gardens Committee as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Master Plan's next phase at Lawson Gardens is the design plans for construction of the Garden House to be used in pursuit of fund raising efforts to continue Gerald Lawson's vision of the garden. They had three open houses during December to get public input on the Garden House concept and the park in general. Noted items were passed on to the architect including many elements of the WSU students' work. The structure will have indoor-outdoor space, facilities for the bride and groom, kitchen facilities, restrooms, that can be accessed from the exterior when the building is locked, and utilization of upscale materials in development of the ponds east of the reflective pool. The Lawson Gardens Committee is considering using Lodging Tax monies to design a plan for the Lawson Gardens wedding and meeting facility and requested the Council approve funding a Garden House design in 2011. City Attorney McAloon informed them that

they first would have to present their plan to the Lodging Tax Committee which then would be passed on to the Council.

They are seeking direction whether to continue to pursue the obtaining of Lodging Tax funds to get the initial program going for the building of the structure at Lawson Gardens.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to continue.

Status of Smart
Grid Project

16. Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation was scheduled on the Smart Grid project. Paul Kimmel, of Avista, presented an update and went through some of the history of the Smart Grid project from their roll out to us last spring. He went through a PowerPoint with Dan Johnson of Avista. Mr. Johnson indicated that they would be installing 13,000 electric and 5,100 gas meters starting around March 2011, replacing the existing ones. Information from these meters would provide information to the Smart Grid.

Councilmember Bloom wanted to know if it was just for residential. Mr. Kimmel indicated it was for both, but the in-house displays which would be for selected individuals were just for residential.

Councilmember Waldrop asked what EMP hardening had been incorporated into the Smart Grid System. Tim Olsen, of Avista, indicated that this was something that would have to be researched and he would get the information to the Council prior to the next meeting.

Councilmember Weller asked what other cities were involved in this program. Mr. Kimmel indicated it was just Pullman and Albion.

Councilmember Benjamin asked what the timeframe was for the Smart Grid. Mr. Kimmel indicated the installation of the products would be in March and it would be 2012 before they would get the internal pieces for the program and in-house displays for the homeowners. Councilmember Benjamin also requested if the system would have the ability to handle electric cars. Mr. Kimmel indicated it did.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 17.
11-1 - Stormwater
Control Regulations

Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been prepared relating to stormwater. Stormwater Services Program Manager Rob Buchert presented the staff report. His recommendation was to pass the ordinance adopting regulations for construction and post-construction stormwater runoff control and to add a new chapter to the City Code. Councilmember Waldrop thanked Mr. Buchert for his hard work.

Ordinance No. 11-1 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WASHINGTON RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10.32 CONSTRUCTION AND POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER CONTROL REGULATIONS TO TITLE 10 OF THE PULLMAN CITY CODE.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Wright to adopt Ordinance No. 11-1. The motion

carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 18. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance had been
11-2 - West Street prepared vacating a portion of West Street.
Vacation Deputy Public Works Director Gardes presented the
staff report. The petitioners had obtained an
appraisal on the land in question and the appraisal
came in at \$.63 cents a square foot. The City
appraised at \$1.9403 a square foot. Deputy Public
Works Director Gardes mentioned that a third of
the comparison had a value of zero on the property.
There was much discussion on this vacation from
Councilmembers Waldrop and Benjamin. One of the
petitioners, Walter Butcher, spoke about some of
the inconsistencies. He said there is a
difference of 3,000 square feet between what the
engineering estimate was and what the appraisal
showed that indicated this was from a typo, and
the appraisal was correct. Councilmember
Benjamin disagreed with the zero valuation for one
of the three pieces. Councilmember Weller did not
want to set a precedent of setting a lower
evaluation.

Councilmember Bloom indicated that we are really
at an impasse and obviously neither side was going
to budge. It might make sense to split the
difference and move on.

Public Works Director Workman indicated that the
valuation in splitting the difference would amount
to \$1.20815 per square foot.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Waldrop
seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2 with the
\$1.28015 figure per square foot. The motion
carried unanimously.

Resolution

Resolution No. 19. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been
R-1-11 - Solid prepared authorizing an interlocal agreement for
Waste Management a solid waste management plan with Whitman County.
Plan Whitman County Public Works Director Mark Storey
presented the report and stated that State law
requires that a coordinated and comprehensive
solid waste management plan be prepared for each
county and for each city within the county. Cities
had three options to accomplish this. They can
prepare their own plan for integration into the
county plan, they can participate with the county
in the preparation of the joint city/county plan,
or they can have the county prepare the plan for
them. Historically Pullman has selected the
second option, to work with the county on the joint
plan. It is now time to update the Whitman County
Solid Waste Management Plan and we are being asked
to select a participation option for the City
consistent with previous practices. The
participation of the joint city/county plan is
being recommended and an interlocal with the county
has been prepared for that purpose.

Resolution No. R-5-11 by title only reads as
follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN
AND WHITMAN COUNTY REGARDING THE SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN (2010/2011) UPDATE.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Bloom seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-5-11. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Shirrod Family Memorial Fund 20. Mayor Johnson announced that a motion is requested recommending the expenditure of \$47,078 from the Shirrod Family Memorial Fund for Neill Public Library Heritage Addition for 2011. Temporary Library Services Manager Joanna Bailey and Adult Services Librarian Cheryl Brinkley talked briefly about the grant request from the Shirrod Family Memorial and the utilization of the money. They recommended expenditure of the \$47,078 in the Shirrod Family Memorial Fund. Part of the proceeds will be used for archiving materials.

Councilmember Benjamin wanted to know if they would be coordinating with Whitman County on this. Adult Services Librarian Cheryl Brinkley indicated they were. Councilmember Weller knew of an individual who has a tremendous amount of material on Pullman and would the Library be interested in pursuing contacting him and seeing if he would be up to allowing archiving of some of his documents. They indicated they would.

Councilmember Waldrop moved, Councilmember Bloom to authorize the recommendation of an expenditure of \$47,078 from the Shirrod Family Memorial Fund for maintenance, programming, and staffing for the Neill Public Library Heritage Addition for 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Draft Parking Ordinance 21. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on an ordinance amending the Downtown Parking regulations on holidays. Police Chief Jenkins presented the staff report. The action he requested was to review, discuss, and provide feedback on the proposed ordinance amending Pullman City Code to eliminate timed parking limitations in the Downtown Free Parking Zone on holidays. After a Council discussion they indicated that they would follow the RCWs on what holidays would be included for the free parking. Police Chief Jenkins indicated he would make the changes and bring an ordinance for approval at a later date.

Goal-Setting Process 22. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the goal-setting process. City Supervisor Sherman stated he was trying to set dates that were agreeable for the Councilmembers to meet for goal setting. He also asked for direction on what location they would prefer. He gave them several possible dates and they will set a date at the next meeting. They left the location up to staff to decide.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience.

Tammy Lewis, SEL, brought up the amount of work involved in the stormwater treatment permits for any new project. She showed 500 pages that had to be sent to the State for project approval as well as the fact that in March the stormwater rate at SEL will go from \$19,500 to \$27,300. She also indicated that Ed Schweitzer can't believe the City

of Pullman is considering another permit at a time that across the country we should be looking for ways to start and protect businesses. Anytime you require a new permit you are going in the wrong direction. Encourage Council to look at how they will implement this program.

Gerald Brooks asked for relief from a parking ticket as he was instructed that the Council was the one who could discharge the ticket. He had been ticketed in front of his place of work during the period of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. when vehicles are supposed to be off the street. Mayor Johnson informed him to talk to the City Attorney after the Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn for five minutes and reconvene in Executive Session which would last about 15 minutes.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of:

To discuss the strategy or position to be taken by the City during the course of collective bargaining or grievance proceedings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. At 9:37 p.m. they convened the Executive Session. Mayor Johnson reconvened the regular meeting at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 9:52 p.m.