

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JANUARY 19, 2010

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on January 19, 2010, 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 Wright moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to excuse Councilmember Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

Mayor Johnson made three announcements. He advised that City Supervisor Sherman, who is always at the meetings, is not present as his daughter had a baby girl today.

**Employee
Introduction**

Mayor Johnson introduced Temporary Library Services Director Joanna Bailey who introduced Cheryl Brinkley, the new Adult Services Librarian. She talked about her experience and how glad she was to be living in Pullman and doing the type of work she had been doing.

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 Bloom 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 Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motion

- Minutes - January 12, 2010
1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2010, and approved them as submitted.

Resolution

- Resolution No. R-4-10 - Well No. 6
2. Resolution No. R-4-10
- A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF SCHNEIDER EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR WELL NO. 6 PUMP REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROPERTY.
- Resolution No. R-4-10 was adopted unanimously.

Ordinances

- Ordinance No. 10-1 - Donation
3. Ordinance No. 10-1
- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTED MONETARY DONATION FROM INLAND NORTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FROM THE SHIRROD FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND TO THE NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SUPPORT THE SHIRROD HERITAGE ADDITION.
- Ordinance No. 10-1 was adopted unanimously.

- Ordinance No. 10-2 - Floodplain Management
4. Ordinance No. 10-2
- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT, AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE SECTIONS 17.100.020, 17.100.030, 17.100.040, 17.100.050, 17.100.060, AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCE NOS. 87-9 §1, (1987), 89-1 §§1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (1989); 89-10 §§1, 2, 3, 4 (1989); 01-5 §§11, 12 (2001); AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.
- Ordinance No. 10-2 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolutions

- Resolution No. R-5-10 - Water Reuse Grant, Resolution No. R-6-10 - Waste-water, and Resolution No. R-7-10 - Restoration Project
5. Mayor Johnson announced that three resolutions had been prepared relating to water reuse and the Palouse River Riparian Restoration Project. Assistant Public Works Director Gardes went through the substance of the resolutions. The first was the authorization and acceptance of a water reuse grant from Washington State Department of Ecology. The second was a resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering services agreement between the City of Pullman and J-U-B Engineering for the purpose of completing the wastewater reuse system design update project. The third was a resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering service agreement with Taylor Engineering for providing professional engineering services for the South Fork of the Palouse River Riparian Restoration Project.
- Councilmember Benjamin asked if the project was inside or outside the City limits and whether the County would be permitting it or is it a conservation district and the County does not do the permitting on it. Assistant Public Works Director Gardes responded that it is outside the City limits. Councilmember Bloom asked if SEPA

or an environmental impact study would be required.
Assistant Public Works Director Gardes responded it would have to be done.

Resolution No. R-5-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A WATER REUSE GRANT FROM WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-5-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-6-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND J-U-B ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE WASTEWATER REUSE SYSTEM DESIGN UPDATE PROJECT.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-6-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-7-10 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND TAYLOR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH FORK OF THE PALOUSE RIVER RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-7-10. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

Presentation by 6.
Pullman School
Superintendent Paul
Sturm

Mayor Johnson announced that a presentation is scheduled by Paul Sturm, Pullman School District Superintendent. Pullman School District Superintendent Sturm introduced Assistant Superintendent Reyes. Superintendent Sturm stated that the levy held in 2008 has really given them some breathing room in light of the cuts in financial aid from the State to the School District. Their full-time equivalent students have been relatively flat in the 98-99 to the 07-08 school years. In the last two years it has increased several hundred to around 2200 students. He also said the free lunch program has gone from 20 percent utilization to 30 percent due to the changes in economics. He stated that with the 2.6 additional deficit the School District could possibly lose one million dollars which would equate to either 15 teachers or 30 classified positions. The fund balance is offset by the levies and will mitigate part of that situation for at least this year and possibly next year before any cuts would have to be made. In the facilities, the elementary schools are crowded and near capacity but he noted that Franklin Elementary was designed for extra classrooms which could be added to help alleviate the situation. The high school has infrastructure problems. He noted the boilers as an example. The problem the schools now have

is they are near the limit on their bond capacity and they would not be able to take on a major remodel of the high school. So they are looking at about an eight-or ten-year period to reduce the bond indebtedness down to a point where they could borrow for a remodel which he figured would be somewhere in the vicinity of ten million dollars.

He applauded the voters for supporting the levy for the use of technology and education. Technology as a teaching tool has been very useful for them. He also praised the Educational Service District (ESD) for the aid they have given and shared resources not only to his school district but other school districts in the area. He also said that *U.S. News and World Report* had Pullman High School listed as one of the top ten percent schools in the nation. He felt pretty good about this as Washington was rated number eight in the nation in education and was just one of two schools on the east side of the Cascades that had received that designation.

He presented a PowerPoint presentation. Councilmember Waldrop asked about interaction with small communities. Superintendent Sturm stated that they meet monthly and stated that the ESD allows cooperation with other districts to share resources. He noted that over the years the diversity in the school district has increased.

Councilmember Waldrop remarked that this is good news. Superintendent Sturm asked his assistant, Ms. Reyes, how many languages are spoken. Ms. Reyes responded there are between 10 and 15 languages that are spoken with Chinese and Russian the most prevalent.

Councilmember Weller mentioned that Pullman schools had helped prepare him for WSU and it was good to see that the programs were continuing.

WSU Capital
Planning

7. Mayor Johnson introduced Gerald Schlatter who went through the WSU Capital Planning presentation. He gave a PowerPoint presentation and went through several improved structures at WSU such as the CUB remodel, Martin Stadium, Olympia Housing, the Golf Course, and other projects. He also discussed several projects that are in the planning stages. He stated they are also looking at a conference center and hotel and are close to putting the project out for bid.

Bobbie Ryder presented a presentation on the WSU Arboretum and Wildlife Conservation Center and talked about plans for redoing the site.

Councilmember Bloom asked if there are plans for moving the bighorn sheep. Ms. Ryder stated there is a problem with diseases if they are moved so they will probably be left in their current location.

Councilmember Benjamin asked what the effect of the flight path would be on the animals. Ms. Ryder stated that the flight path would be out of the area. Councilmember Benjamin discussed the need for a commuter lot to extend the bus lines to help with parking.

Joint Meeting
with ASWSU

8. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the joint meeting with ASWSU to see if there are any additions to the agenda. Councilmember Waldrop asked that City parking and

permits on College Hill be included in the agenda.

Current Economic Conditions 9. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion on current economic conditions is scheduled. Finance Director Mulholland presented the staff report going over local economic conditions, housing market, and housing permits that have been issued by the building department.

City Financial Update 10. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the City's financial update. Finance Director Mulholland gave the staff report on the City's financial situation. He said that it was still very early in the 2009 closing process, but indicated that we could come under original cost estimates. He advised that Accounting Manager Jeff Babbitt had been replaced by Terri Hudson and stated it was going to be a good fit for the accounting department. He also went over the request from Verizon in the amount of \$187,250, and the fact that 19 other cities had received a similar type letter. He mentioned utility tax issues and fire protection water system expense issues and if there were questions City Attorney McAloon would answer them.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Johnson asked if there was any new business from either the Council or audience. Kathy Wilson talked about an incident that occurred that involved Councilmember Ann Heath and Allison Munch-Rotolo from the College Hill Association.

Ms. Wilson stated that there were some improprieties conducted when they addressed some of her tenants and this had been investigated by Commander Tennant of the Pullman Police Department. Chief Weatherly stated there were no findings of any misconduct, the individuals were proper in what they were doing, and there were no trespassing issues which had been alleged. City Attorney McAloon also pointed out to Ms. Wilson that if she had checked with her earlier this whole conversation would not have been necessary.

Eileen Macoll, Tenant Association, discussed protecting citizens rights.

Xavier Thompson who is a Boy Scout expressed concern about the lack of crosswalks on Bishop Blvd. He stated there are several areas where he thought crosswalks would be beneficial. Public Works Director Workman went through statistics that showed that putting crosswalks where they were not expected created more accidents than not having crosswalks. He advised that Wal-Mart will be putting up two stoplights which will help with the flow and give access to people that need to cross Bishop. Mayor Johnson warmly thanked Xavier Thompson for his suggestion and commended him on his excellent presentation. Janice Brown stated that the Boy Scout reminded her of the crosswalk problem and she feels there needs to be more crosswalks in Pullman. She also wanted to know when the stoplights would be going in on Bishop Blvd. Public Works Director Workman gave her the timeline that the one at Harvest and Fairmount would be 2010 and the other one would be around 2011 or 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Weller 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 9:18 p.m.