MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JANUARY 10, 2012

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on January 10, 2012, 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
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to excuse Councilmember Paul from the meeting.

Motion Carried.

Announcements

There were four announcements.

Confirmation of Appointment

Fire Chief

Mayor Johnson announced that he had selected Scott LaVielle for the position of fire chief. He went through Mr. LaVielle's resume.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to confirm the appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson then invited Fire Chief LaVielle to say a few words. Fire Chief LaVielle spoke briefly. He stated it was an honor to lead the Pullman Fire Department and thanked the Council for the vote of confidence. He introduced his wife, Jennifer.

Confirmation of Reappointments

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Mayor Johnson announced that he had made the following reappointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to be reviewed annually. Charlene Jasper, Kristi Kurle, Allison Levenseller, and Barb Wachter.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to confirm these appointments. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Current Economic Conditions

Mayor Johnson announced that a report was scheduled on current economic conditions. City Supervisor Sherman went through his report. He noted that information was received from Nick Nazeralli and the good news is that the Pullman market is up from last year by a 7 percent increase in units sold and 11 percent in volume sold. The average sale price was up by 4 percent at $203,700. He also mentioned that the biannual budget allocation in the State of Washington for WSU was $530,000,000 four years ago and is now $260,000,000 and the current look at the reductions in the budget would be WSU reduced to $220,000,000. He did say the building permit evaluation for 2011 came in at $33,279,815 which far exceeds the 2010 value of $17,482,418. However, single-family units were down to only 24 building permits compared to 37 in 2010. This is the lowest level that we've had since 1990.

Wellness Program Annual Report

Mayor Johnson announced that a report from Human Resources Manager Sires on the Wellness Program was provided in the Council packet. There were no questions on this report.

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 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 asked if there were any requests for removal of items from the Consent Agenda from the Council. Councilmember Weller asked that item No. 15, Resolution No. R-4-12, be removed for separate discussion. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt items 1 through 14 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Carried.

Motions

Minutes - December 6, 2011

1. The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 2011, and approved them as submitted.

Accounts Payable, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers - January, 2012

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.

Claim for Damages - O'Donnell	3.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Brian O'Donnell for the sum of $10,810.52 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).
Claim for Damages - Frontier	4.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by Frontier for an undetermined amount to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).
Claim for Damages - Reganold	5.	The Council referred a Claim for Damages submitted by John Patrick Reganold for the sum of $5,791.24 to the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA).
Accelerated Streets Resurfacing Change Order	6.	The Council ratified Change Order No. 1 to the Accelerated Streets Resurfacing 2011 contract.
Bleasner Drive Waterline Complete	7.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 11-02, Bleasner Drive Waterline.
Tank 9 Painting Complete	8.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 11-05, Tank 9 Painting.
Central Business District Lighting Project Complete	9.	The Council accepted as complete Contract No. 10-15, Central Business District Lighting Project.
XEROX Lease	10.	The Council approved a 48-month lease agreement with XEROX Corporation for a multifunction machine (copy/print/scan).
2012 Fuel	11.	The Council accepted the bid of Busch Distributors, Inc. to furnish fuel for 2012.

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-1-12 - Waterline Easement Assistance	12.	Resolution No. R-1-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A WATERLINE EASEMENT FROM SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LABORATORIES. Resolution No. R-1-12 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-2-12 - Engineering Services Agreement	13.	Resolution No. R-2-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND CH2M HILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PCB/DIELDRIN QAPP. Resolution No. R-2-12 was adopted unanimously.
Resolution No. R-3-12 - Engineering Services Agreement for Well 5	14.	Resolution No. R-3-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND DESIGN WEST ARCHITECTS, P.A. FOR THE WELL 5 CHLORINATION UPGRADE PROJECT. Resolution No. R-3-12 was adopted unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolutions

Resolution No. R-4-12 - Public Hearing Date	15.	Mayor Johnson announced that Councilmember Weller had removed this item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Councilmember Weller stated that he wanted to emphasize that the extension of bus service to the Community Action Center on

Fairmount and Walmart is greatly needed.

Resolution No. R-4-12 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON TERMINATING THE PULLMAN TRANSIT ALTERNATE J-ROUTE AND SOUTH ROUTE SERVICES AND ADDING NEW ROUTES TO IMPROVE SERVICE TO COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER ON FAIRMOUNT ROAD AND WALMART ON HARVEST DRIVE.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to approve Resolution No. R-4-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. R-5-12 - Consent Decree

16. Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution had been prepared authorizing a Consent Decree relating to wastewater and stormwater issues. Public Works Director Workman presented the staff report and went through the agreement with the Lands Council. He said that most of the items in the Consent Decree we would be doing anyway, except for the screening, metering, alarming the seldom-used bypass at the Treatment Plant, and annual sampling for PCPs at two stormwater outfalls, which they will do. The term of the Consent Decree will be either five or six years, depending on when the next permit is issued for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Resolution No. R-5-12 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT DECREE BETWEEN THE CITY OF PULLMAN AND THE LANDS COUNCIL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER ISSUES.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to approve Resolution No. R-5-12. The motion carried unanimously.

Motions

Legal Services Contract with K&L Gates

17. Mayor Johnson announced that a legal services contract with K&L Gates had been prepared. City Supervisor Sherman presented the staff report and indicated that the appointment of K&L Gates had staff support.

Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to approve the legal services contract with K&L Gates. The motion carried unanimously.

Change Order on Grand Avenue Widening Project

18. Mayor Johnson announced that Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 08-14, Grand Avenue Widening - Nye to Ritchie is being requested by the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Workman indicated that normally this would not have come to the attention of the Council, but since it had to do with an item not in the contract he thought it was important to bring the change order to their attention. It dealt with Motley & Motley's request for additional funding for fuel costs. The original bid was in 2010 with the intention that the contract would be completed by the fall of 2010. However, they received excessive delays in receiving the permit from the Corps of Engineers for the work to be done to the Missouri Flat Creek area which delayed the starting until 2011.

Consequently, they had not figured the increase of diesel fuel and they requested an adjustment for the added costs. Public Work Director Workman's recommendation was to approve the change order. Councilmember Bloom moved, Councilmember Wright seconded to approve Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 08-14, Grand Avenue Widening - Nye to Ritchie. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions

City Council Vacancy

19. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the City Council vacancy. The Council unanimously adopted the schedule that was suggested. They would open the application period on January 11, 2012, and close it on February 23, 2012. They would interview and appoint a new Councilmember at the City Council meeting on February 28, 2012.

2012 City of Pullman Legislative Priorities

20. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the City of Pullman's legislative priorities. City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that he had several attachments. The first attachment was a copy of the 2011 City of Pullman legislative priorities that were presented to our legislators last year. The second attachment was a list of issues that Mayor Johnson and other representatives of AWC had discussed with Governor Gregoire at a meeting in Olympia on January 5, 2012. Third, is the 2012 Chamber of Commerce legislative agenda that was developed by the Government Affairs and Economic Development Committee and the fourth attachment is the AWC Board of Director's adopted list of 2012 major priorities. He also presented a copy of a recent resolution passed on higher education and basic education that was passed by Council.

The Councilmembers were going to get back to City Supervisor Sherman by e-mail to put together the list of priorities.

Annual Goal-Setting Process

21. Mayor Johnson announced that a discussion is scheduled on the annual goal-setting process. City Supervisor Sherman mentioned that employees and all citizens had the ability to attend two meeting the following day at 11:00 a.m. and noon to submit goals. Citizens can also submit goals through the website.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:22 p.m.