

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN  
DECEMBER 8, 2015

**Roll Call**

A joint meeting with the Whitman County Commissioners and the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on December 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, Pullman, Washington with the following present:

Glenn A. Johnson	Mayor
Leann L. Hubbard	Finance Director
Francis Benjamin	Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker	Councilmember
Fritz Hughes	Councilmember
Eileen Macoll	Councilmember
Al Sorensen	Councilmember
Nathan Weller	Councilmember
Pat Wright	Councilmember

**Call to Order**

Mayor Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He said that the order of the agenda would be changed as one of the Whitman County Commissioners would be arriving later.

**Announcements**

Mayor Johnson made two announcements. Mayor Johnson also announced that this is the last regular meeting for Councilmember Benjamin. He presented Councilmember Benjamin with a plaque and thanked him for his service. Councilmember Benjamin said that Pullman is a special community and has an incredible staff and Council. He thanked the community for all the support his family received through several health issues. He said that is what made him want to give back to the community. He wants the community to be better for children and grandchildren. He said that government cannot work without the trust of the people and that Pullman has incredible citizens, staff and mayor.

**Joint Meeting  
With Whitman County  
Commissioners**

Mayor Johnson introduced Art Swannack and Michael Largent, Whitman County Commissioners. He advised that Dean Kinzer would not be able to attend this meeting.

**Tax Sharing  
Agreement**

1. Mayor Johnson said they have had some positive meetings regarding tax sharing. Commissioner Swannack said that the Planning Commission has completed its review of the agreement. Next they will have to hold a hearing.

Mayor Johnson said the mechanism is working. Commissioner Swannack said the City and County have worked well together. He thanked everyone for being flexible with the meetings.

City Supervisor Workman said it took a long time to get the agreement completed. They have held the first JPAC meeting and they completed housekeeping items at that meeting. It was a good meeting.

City Planner Dickinson said this is an experiment. We are on the cutting edge with this agreement. He said he appreciates working with the County.

Airport

2. Mayor Johnson said we are setting a new high for boardings and arrivals. Airport Manager Tony Bean presented some statistics on departures and arrivals. He said they have seen double digit increases. He said that in November Horizon increased the number of flights out of Pullman.

Airport Manager Bean discussed the Airport Realignment Project. He said that 30 percent of the design has been completed. He gave projected dates for the project. He said that in March they should be able to go out for bids.

Airport Manager Bean discussed the County's Cluster Development Code. He said he would like to see an Airport Overlay Zone between the City and County. He also discussed technology that Alaska Airlines is using at the Airport and how it helps flights get in and out of the Airport. It has saved 14 flights this year.

Councilmember Weller asked if birds hitting planes is an issue. Airport Manager Bean said it happens but we try to control it.

Airport Manager Bean discussed an Airport wetland mitigation project that the Airport did. The project is in Colfax and they have to monitor it for several years to make sure it succeeds.

Marijuana

3. Mayor Johnson said that the County deals with marijuana processing while the City has retail.

Commissioner Largent said that processing was easier to manage. They are using existing zoning laws for marijuana processing. He advised that the marijuana initiative passed in Whitman County. They did not do a moratorium and have had no legal problems. Commissioners Swannack and Largent discussed the issue.

Planning Director Dickinson said we currently have two retail stores on Bishop Boulevard. A third store was approved yesterday, which will also be on Bishop Blvd. He said they have had some problems with signage, but as of today both stores are compliant. We do not have any producers at this time. He said that the City has passed a moratorium to give us time to research new regulations that the state passed.

Councilmember Benjamin asked about a notice that the U.S. Post Office sent to the State of Oregon where they advised that it is illegal to mail anything that supports a Federal illegal business. City Attorney McAloon said that Washington has not received such a notice.

Police Chief Jenkins said that there has been not any law enforcement or safety issues with the two stores. He gave statistics on DUI arrests involving marijuana.

Comprehensive  
Emergency Management  
Plan

5. Gary Jenkins discussed the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. He said it was started in 2011 with Whitman County, WSU, and the City of Pullman. It is not completed yet, but they will have a draft submitted to the State by the end of the year. Once they have a finalized plan it will come back

to the agencies for adoption. The agencies will also sign a mutual aid agreement to share resources.

Commissioner Swannack said it has been a good experience and he has learned a lot. Commissioner Largent agreed that the training has helped a lot and it is good to work together and share resources. Police Chief Jenkins thanked everyone for their participation. Mayor Johnson said everyone worked together.

Paths and Trails 4. City Supervisor Workman said we want to preserve the right-of-way between Pullman and Colfax. Pullman Civic Trust has received a grant and wants to be part of the process.

Planning Director Dickinson said there are 16 miles of paths and trails in Pullman. He discussed revising the comprehensive plan and that this will be discussed at the Planning Commission level.

Commissioner Swannack discussed roads in Whitman County.

Windmills 6. Councilmember Sorensen said that he has concerns about personal size windmills. He asked about them being allowed in the tax-sharing area. He said there is a noise issue and they cause a distraction. There are currently windmills at the edge of Pullman. He would like the County to limit them in any tax-sharing area that might eventually end up in Pullman City limits.

Commissioner Swannack said they forwarded this request to the County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and felt that the current code was okay.

Councilmember Sorensen asked if there are windmills in a location that Pullman is annexing, would they be allowed in Pullman. Planning Director Dickinson said yes, they would be allowed to stay if the property was annexed.

Bypasses of Pullman 7. Public Works Director Gardes said that part of SR 276 (north bypass) right-of-way goes through the proposed Airport runway. A letter has been sent to WSDOT. If abandoned, WSDOT would transfer the land to the City and County. This proposal will be presented to the legislature in 2017. If the land is given to the City and County, it could only be used for transportation such as streets, county roads, or paths.

Commissioner Largent asked about legislation for 2017. Public Works Director Gardes and Mayor Johnson said WSDOT and Representative Schoessler are working on this issue and have been a big help. Commissioner Swannack asked if the state owned the land. He was advised that is correct.

Public Works Director Gardes discussed the South Bypass. He said it will start at the SR 27 and 195 junctions, run behind the hospital, and end at Terre View and SR 270. He said that over time as the City grows it will be built and that a part of it has already been constructed in the Palouse Business Center Subdivision.

Waste Transfer Station 8. Councilmember Macoll said the Solid Waste Committee had a meeting today. Repairs have been completed in the new facility and the old facility is being used for recycling. The repairs were covered by warranty.

Devon Felsted and Commissioner Swannack agreed with this update.

PBAC Water Alternative Project 9. Public Works Director Gardes said the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) wants to ensure a long-term water supply. He discussed research projects and different projects they are looking at. They are also looking at what has been done in the past. He said that Idaho is supporting the research and that Pullman has looked at a number of options.

Commissioners Swannack and Largent said they appreciate Pullman's Council and the relationship with the Council.

At 8:14 p.m., Mayor Johnson announced that the Council would take a three-minute break to reset the room.

**Confirmation of Appointment and Confirmation of Reappointments**

Mayor Johnson announced that he had appointed Sam Fereidooni to a term on the Parks and Recreation Commission expiring December 31, 2018. He stated that Sam is a high school student.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to confirm this appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Johnson announced that he had made the following reappointments:

Ashlie Gritz, Jennifer Harbour, Hailey Rupp, and Chelsea Whitney to terms on the Arts Commission expiring December 31, 2018.

Craig Beaumont, John Chapman, Pamela Harbour, Michael Kallaher, and Matthew Sutherland to terms on the Board of Adjustment expiring December 31, 2018.

Carol Chipman to a term on the Cemetery Committee expiring December 31, 2018.

Matthew Root and Ned Warnick to terms on the Historic Preservation Commission expiring December 31, 2018.

Mick Nazerali and Rod Schwartz to terms on the Parks and Recreation Commission expiring December 31, 2018, and

Chris Clark and Dave Gibney to terms on the Planning Commission expiring December 31, 2021.

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

**Reports**

Avista Utilities Report

Mayor Johnson thanked Avista for everything they did during the large windstorm on November 17.

Paul Kimmell, Avista, thanked police and fire for their responses. He presented a slide show with statistics from the storm. He said that at one time 180,000 Avista customers were without power. It took up to ten days to restore the power, but there were no safety accidents. He discussed repair crews and how Avista completes repairs. He gave an update on high winds that are expected for tomorrow, December 9. He said that the ground is already saturated from the heavy rain and this might cause a problem.

Councilmember Hughes thanked Avista and asked if technology changes have help power lines withstand wind. Mr. Kimmell said that trees falling on lines is a problem. He said that they have crews ready for tomorrow in case of problems.

#### Post-Windstorm Reports

Fire Chief Heston discussed the windstorm. He said they had to call in extra staff. They lost power at Fire Station No. 1. He discussed the need for a new generator at Fire Station No. 1. He said there were 42 calls, 36 related to the windstorm with an additional 13 calls the next day. The Fire Department coordinated with public works to clear trees. There was a semi-truck overturned on 195 and they had to standby a downed power line all night. He commended all the crews and said that Whitcom did a great job. He thanked Paul Kimmell, police, and maintenance and operations.

Fire Chief Heston said they will be staffing up for tomorrow's expected high winds. The extra rainfalls we have received might present a problem.

Councilmember Weller said that police and fire did a great job.

Police Chief Jenkins reported that police and Whitcom have generators so they had power on November 17. He discussed the number of calls and said that police worked with fire and public works. They opened a Red Cross shelter on November 19 at Pioneer Center. It was closed the next day.

Public Works Director Gardes discussed the windstorm of November 17. He said the south part of town had major problems with power outages. They used small portable generators for the signals. The public work's staff had prepared for the event and there was only minor damage to City property. He explained how they handled the water system. He said that all the departments worked well together. Councilmember Sorensen asked if there was power to the fuel pumps. Public Works Director Gardes said he didn't think so, but that a generator is being considered for the proposed new fueling facility.

#### 2015 Council Goals

City Supervisor Workman recapped the process used for Council goals. There were 13 goals for 2015 with 36 administrative items.

Councilmember Benjamin said the administrative items are good as they let people know we heard the problems and are working on them. Councilmember Sorensen commented on how nice it

is with the junipers removed from part of Stadium Way. He hopes we can complete the project next year.

Councilmember Macoll said the goal-setting process is a very effective way to let the Council know about issues.

**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 by Council request. Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to read 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 Council. Councilmember Sorensen asked that item No. 12 be removed for separate discussion. Mayor Johnson so ordered. Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

**Motions**

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| Minutes - November 10, 2015                                | 10. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of the November 10, 2015, and approved them as submitted. |
| Minutes - November 17, 2015                                | 11. | The Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2015, and approved them as submitted.     |
| Bid of Busch Distributors for 2016 Fuel                    | 13. | The Council accepted the bid of Busch Distributors, Inc. for 2016 fuel supply.   |
| Whitman County Humane Society Contract                     | 14. | The Council authorized a contract with Whitman County Humane Society, Inc. for 2016.   |
| Administrative Services Contract with the Airport For 2016 | 15. | The Council authorized an Administrative Services Contract with the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport for 2016.                          |

**Resolutions**

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| Resolution No. R-79-15 - Sidewalks 2016 | 16. | Resolution No. R-79-15<br><br>A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CURTIS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR SIDEWALKS 2016 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT. |
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Resolution No. R-79-15 was adopted unanimously.

- Resolution No. 17. Resolution No. R-80-15  
R-80-15 - Village  
Centre Theatres  
Easement  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PUBLIC UTILITIES  
EASEMENT FROM VILLAGE CENTRE THEATRES, LLC.  
Resolution No. R-80-15 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. 18. Resolution No. R-81-15  
R-81-15 - WWTP  
Influent Pump  
Replacement  
Engineering Services  
Agreement  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF PULLMAN AND J-U-B ENGINEERS, INC. FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WWTP  
INFLUENT PUMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT.  
Resolution No. R-81-15 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. 19. Resolution No. R-82-15  
R-82-15 - Infil-  
tration and Inflow  
Evaluation and  
Implementation Plan  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF PULLMAN AND TAYLOR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN INFILTRATION AND INFLOW  
EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.  
Resolution No. R-82-15 was adopted unanimously.
- Resolution No. 20. Resolution No. R-83-15  
R-83-15 - North Grand  
at Ritchie  
Pedestrian Crossing  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE  
DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT  
SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 FOR THE NORTH GRAND AT RITCHIE  
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PROJECT.  
Resolution No. R-83-15 was adopted unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion**

- Stadium Way 12. Mayor Johnson announced that this item had been  
Bike Path and removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of  
Landscape Councilmember Sorensen. Councilmember Sorensen  
Improvements stated how nice it is with the junipers removed  
from the south side of Stadium Way and he hopes  
we can complete the project next year. He said  
the project has been completed but the landscaping  
is not done. Public Works Director Gardes stated  
that the parks department will landscape the area  
next spring.  
Councilmember Sorensen moved, Councilmember  
Macoll seconded to

**Ordinances**

- Ordinance 21. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been  
No. 15-21- prepared adopting an amendment to Pullman City  
Zoning Code Section 6.94.045. City Supervisor Workman  
presented the staff report stating that during the  
goal-setting process, it was suggested that the  
City investigate the possibility of keeping the  
City's RV Park open all year, with provisions for  
vacating it if a flood is predicted. There is  
currently a restriction on recreational vehicles  
in the floodplain, which includes the City RV  
Park, from December 1 to April 1. The floodplain  
code is closely tied to the rates for flood

insurance offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The State Department of Ecology (DOE) was contacted concerning the desire to allow travel trailers and recreational vehicles in the floodplain during flood season. It was determined that DOE would allow this as long as the vehicles were ready to be towed or taken away in the event of a flood. The Parks and Recreation staff, along with help from police and public works, would handle this.

Councilmember Benjamin said the City has been looking for ways for the R.V. Park to be used year round. City Supervisor Workman said this will help contractors.

Ordinance No. 15-21 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TITLE 17 ZONING, AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE SECTION 17.100.070 AND PULLMAN ORDINANCE NOS. 89-10 §5 (1989) AND 87-9 §1 (1987) AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Benjamin moved, Councilmember Sorensen seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 15-21. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-22 - Budget Amendment 22. Mayor Johnson advised that an ordinance has been prepared amending the 2015 budget. Finance Director Hubbard presented the staff report stating that this request is for the Fire Department in the amount of \$82,204. This request includes costs related to salaries, overtime due to wildland fires, and vacancies. She reported that \$66,490 in overtime for wildland fires will be reimbursed to the City at a later date.

Ordinance No. 15-22 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-20 ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 2014, AND ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PULLMAN FOR THE YEAR 2015".

Councilmember Sorensen moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 15-22. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15-23 - Funds 23. Mayor Johnson announced that an ordinance has been prepared changing the amount of interfund loans for the Airport. Finance Director Hubbard presented the staff report stating that the City has historically provided interfund loans to the Airport to support its projects and operations until grant funds are received from the FAA and other funding sources. Due to the Airport Runway Realignment project, she feels it is necessary to increase the amount of interfund loans from \$800,000 to \$10,000,000.

Ordinance No. 15-23 by title only reads as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REGARDING



FUNDS, AMENDING PULLMAN CITY CODE 4.90.010 AND PULLMAN CITY ORDINANCE NO. 13-4 §2 (2013), AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

Councilmember Wright moved, Councilmember Sorensen seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 15-23. The motion carried unanimously.

## Resolutions

Resolution No. 24.  
R-84-15 - Short-Term  
Loan to the Airport

Mayor Johnson announced a resolution has been prepared authorizing short-term loans to the Airport. Finance Director Hubbard provided the staff report stating that since 2002, the City has adopted a yearly resolution to provide interim financing to the Airport. She is requesting a continuation of short-term loans from the Utility Fund to the Pullman-Moscow Airport Agency Fund with an increase of a maximum amount to \$10,000,000 due to the increase in grant project costs. The resolution also extends the term to December 31, 2017.

Resolution No. R-84-15 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM LOANS FROM THE UTILITY FUND TO THE PULLMAN-MOSCOW AIRPORT AGENCY FUND; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. R-54-12.

Councilmember Hughes moved, Councilmember Sorensen seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-84-15. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 25.  
R-85-15 - Bad Debts

Mayor Johnson announced a resolution has been prepared for bad debts. Finance Director Hubbard presented the staff report stating that the current bad debts are from ambulance and a utility account which have been determined to be uncollectable. The write-off total is \$108,889.13, consisting of \$104,042.96 from ambulance accounts and \$4,846.17 from the utility account. The ambulance accounts have all been sent to collections while the utility account is a bankruptcy.

Councilmember Wright asked what the amount was last year. Finance Director Hubbard responded \$166,012. Councilmember Wright asked if it was continuing to decrease. Finance Director Hubbard said it decreased from last year and that they are watching collections. Fire Chief Heston said they have a good process which is consistent throughout the year.

Councilmember Sorensen asked if it was not correct that we would not refuse service due to lack of payment. He was informed that was correct. Mayor Johnson said that we will also respond, treat the patient, but not transport without charging. Chief Heston said there is a new Medicare program that will go into effect in 2017 that will provide a higher reimbursement to us.

Resolution No. R-85-15 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE DUE TO THE CITY OF PULLMAN TO BE BAD DEBTS AND REMOVING SAID ACCOUNTS FROM THE ACTIVE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE CITY.

Councilmember Sorensen moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-85-15. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 26.  
R-86-15 - Enhanced  
911 Emergency  
Communications and  
Dispatch System

Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution has been prepared revising the Whitcom interlocal agreement. City Supervisor Workman presented the staff report and handed out a revised agreement. He explained that Whitman County, WSU, and the City of Pullman all have two voting representatives on the Whitcom Board. Asotin County and Moscow are both non-voting contract members. The three entities also provide money annually to Whitcom. Recently, Whitcom started providing expanded services to Asotin County and almost all of Asotin County's grant money now comes to Whitcom. Asotin County also provides a payment to Whitcom. Asotin County has asked that their representative becomes a voting member of the Whitcom Board.

The City of Moscow does not provide any grant money to Whitcom, but does provide a yearly payment. Because the relationship with Moscow has been long-standing and good, it was decided that both Moscow and Asotin County should have one voting member on the Board. Making both Asotin County and Moscow voting members of the Board requires an amendment to the interlocal agreement be approved by WSU, Whitman County and the City of Pullman. If the interlocal agreement amendment is approved the effective date of the amendment will be January 1, 2016.

City Supervisor Workman said that WSU has requested that the dates be taken out in the first paragraph.

Resolution No. R86-15 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND DISPATCH SYSTEM.

Councilmember Weller moved, Councilmember Benjamin seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-86-15. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 27.  
R-87-15 - John Wayne  
Pioneer Trail

Mayor Johnson announced that a resolution has been prepared supporting the John Wayne Trail. City Supervisor Workman presented the staff report stating that the Council had received an e-mail on November 23 regarding the John Wayne Trail.

Councilmember Macoll stated that trails and paths are important to Pullman. We should preserve the land even if there is not currently the money to build the trail. We should not let this resource go to waste.

Councilmember Sorensen said that he is not familiar with this and he would like more information before voting on this resolution.

Mayor Johnson said there is no finance impact on the City of Pullman and it should be preserved. Councilmembers Hughes, Benjamin, and Weller all spoke in support of this resolution.

Resolution No. R-87-15 by title only reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAIL.

Councilmember Macoll moved, Councilmember Weller seconded to adopt Resolution No. R-87-15. Councilmembers Benjamin, Hawbaker, Hughes, Macoll, Weller, and Wright voted aye with Councilmember Sorensen voting nay. The motion carried.

### Discussion

General Fund 28.  
Reserve Discussion

City Supervisor Workman stated that during budget presentations the Council was advised that the year-end cash would be \$1,629,070 or 8.14 percent of the 2016 operating budget. The Council goal is for a reserve of 13 percent. The shortfall is \$974,051. The Council was also advised of factors that could affect this situation. He also advised that labor contracts have not been settled with police and fire. At the October 20 meeting, it was noted that the Executive Committee would be providing additional review of the proposed 2016 department budgets to facilitate achieving the desired 13 percent reserve at the end of 2016. He proposed deferring from the 2016 Capital Improvement Program the HVAC design work for City Hall, stair resurfacing and the purchase of a Total Station surveying instrument for Police, the SCBA replacements and the Station 1 generator project for Fire, and funding the Playfield Path reconstruction project from the Metropolitan Park District instead of the General Fund. This would be \$276,407 in savings. Other projects to be possibly deferred are the Stadium Way juniper removal project, have the \$140,000 payment from WSU for a new fire truck credited as a general fund offset to the related Fire expense, defer an Information Systems Specialist position vacancy in Police and a new Building Inspector position in Protective Inspections. This still leaves \$313,644 needed to meet the 13 percent reserve.

City Supervisor Workman stated he is asking for Council approval to defer filling the positions and scheduling the projects.

Councilmember Weller asked about deferring the Fire Station No. 1 generator. City Supervisor Workman said the windstorm that just occurred is a 30-year event. Fire Chief Heston said he concurred. It is needed, but can be deferred.

Councilmember Sorensen asked about the vehicle that was left in the budget for Protective Inspections. Public Works Director Gardes said that we currently have four building inspectors and only three vehicles.

Councilmember Benjamin said this is the less fun

part of the job. Staff has given the Council recommendations. Councilmember Macoll said she would like to see the junipers on Stadium Way gone.

Mayor Johnson advised the Council that he is looking at cutting the legislative conference in January.

City Supervisor Workman said from his perspective it appears that no one likes the cuts, but that Council is in concurrence with staff.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Johnson reminded the Council of the special Council meeting to pay bills scheduled for December 17 at 10:00 a.m. He polled the Council for their attendance and at least five Councilmembers advised they could attend the meeting.

Mayor Johnson announced that the three returning Councilmembers and he would be taking their oaths of office at this time. Finance Director Hubbard gave Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Macoll, Wright, and Weller the oath of office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the special meeting of the City Council at 9:39 p.m.