

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN
JULY 20, 2016

Roll Call

A special joint meeting of the City Council of the City of Moscow and the City Council of the City of Pullman was held on July 20, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the 1912 Building, Moscow, Idaho with the following present:

City of Pullman Mayor, Finance Director and Council:

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

City of Moscow Mayor and Council:

Bill Lambert	Mayor
Art Bettge	Councilmember
Jim Boland	Councilmember
Kathryn Bonzo	Councilmember
Walter Steed	Councilmember
Gina Taruscio	Councilmember
John Weber	Councilmember

Call to Order

Mayor Lambert started the special joint meeting at 5:30 p.m.

All attendees introduced themselves. City attendees other than those listed in roll call include:

City of Pullman:
Mark Workman, City Supervisor
Kevin Gardes, Public Works Director
Pete Dickinson, Planning Director
Gary Jenkins, Police Chief
Mike Heston, Fire Chief

City of Moscow:
Gary Reidner, City Supervisor
Les MacDonald, Public Works Director
Bill Belknap, Community Development Director
James Fry, Police Chief
Brian Nickerson, Fire Chief

Discussions

- Marijuana
1. Pullman Police Chief Jenkins reported there has not been a significant change in the last year in law enforcement since Pullman has three retail stores versus one retail store. The stores have alarm security so there is a small security need for law enforcement at the store. Moscow Police Chief Fry reported the same results in Moscow since there was already one retail store, then three was not a significant change. Pullman Planning Director Dickinson reported on the current allocation of stores allowed is five and there is an interest in medical retail stores.

The city of Pullman currently has a moratorium until the city can work through details of the frequently changing regulations. The state of Washington conducts compliance checks usually by sending minors to the retail stores to purchase and statistics show that marijuana stores are more compliant than alcohol stores. Pullman Fire Chief Heston reported there has not been significant change in the last year because there has always been a challenge in college towns of mixing drugs. Moscow Fire Chief Nickerson reported Moscow has not seen a significant change either and marijuana use in Idaho is a misdemeanor. Pullman Councilmember Weller asked about Washington State University's (WSU) research on a marijuana breathalyzer. Pullman Police Chief Jenkins responded WSU is working on a test device that the city of Pullman hopes to be the first beta tester.

Water

2. Moscow Public Works Director MacDonald reported Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC) has a study looking for alternate water supplies. Moscow has adopted a water conservation plan that includes toilet rebates and lawn removal savings. Pullman Public Works Director Gardes reported PBAC includes members from the City of Pullman, City of Moscow, University of Idaho, Washington State University, Whitman County, and Latah County. PBAC makes fifty year projections at a one percent growth rate to determine aquifer stability. The city of Pullman has adopted a water conservation plan with toilet and lawn removal rebates. Pullman encourages water conservation. Summer is a good time for users to conserve water due to the tiered rates. Mayor Lambert stated that collaboration works. The city of Moscow installed xeriscape at city hall to reduce water consumption and use as an example. Moscow Public Works Director MacDonald reported on Well #10, which is a project that has been in the works for a long time. They have completed drilling and it will have high productivity capacity level. The next phase next year is to design the pump house and system.

Pullman-Moscow
Regional
Airport

3. Pullman Mayor Johnson reported on a trip with Moscow Mayor Lambert to Washington D.C. last week. First they had a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) meeting on landing procedures, then they met with senators and representatives. Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport (PMRA) Executive Director Bean reported on the progress of the runway realignment project. The trees and wheat on the southwest end of the runway is stripped off and a foot of topsoil. There are ten scrapers, two dozers, and two water trucks working ten hour shifts. Mead & Hunt is the consulting firm who has staff eating locally and sleeping in local hotels, which will continue for five years. Starting the earth work is exciting because this project has been discussed for a couple of decades. Pullman Mayor Johnson stated PMRA is a great example of regional economic development. PMRA also provides life flight for the region. Moscow Mayor Lambert stated that PMRA is Moscow's transportation since they do not have an interstate, water line, or rail system. Mayor Johnson stated PMRA allows SEL to grow and is adding 800 employees in its new building, which will economically stimulate both cities and surrounding areas. Historical passenger growth

out of PMRA has been twenty percent and is now thirty five percent growth. PMRA Executive Director Bean reported that the private approach procedures to land for Alaska Air and Horizon allowed for zero cancelation in February 2016, which never happens. Pullman Mayor Johnson stated that the PMRA's board consists of regional members.

Regional
Economic
Development

4. Moscow Mayor Lambert stated that the Airport is vital for regional economic development. Pullman City Supervisor Workman reported economic development is challenging, but Pullman and Moscow are great communities that provide a great lifestyle. The challenge is to attract people to the area. Since the population is less than 50,000, companies overlook the cities in queries, there is not a major freeway, and Washington's minimum wage is higher than Idaho's minimum wage in the close vicinity. Pullman has Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWEDA) to attract people but are restricted from giving incentives due to gifting of public funds regulations. Retailing is challenging but does have Walmart and Pullman Building Supply. Pullman councilmember Wright answered a question on how Pullman Regional Hospital and Gritman Medical Center fit into economic development by responding they are gems of the region as the region continues to grow. Avalon is moving to the Pullman Regional Hospital site and growing from three to four surgical rooms. There is great city collaboration. Two or three hospitals are joining together for a regional cancer center. Pullman Councilmember Hughes stated these are good facilities to retain seniors. Moscow City Supervisor Reidner reported the Gritman building will house the CHAS clinic and the three hospitals have been in collaboration to retain doctors. Palouse Knowledge Corridor just finished their entrepreneur bootcamp. We need to capitalize on the quality of life. He gave an update on Moscow's Urban Renewal Agency project. Pullman Councilmember Weller thanked Moscow for their collaboration.

Regional
Emergency
Response

5. Moscow Mayor Lambert stated the region's emergency response uses Whitcom. Pullman Fire Chief Heston reported on the mutual aid agreement between the city of Pullman and the city of Moscow. He talks with the Moscow Fire Chief Nickerson on a weekly basis. He also works with other regional neighbors, like Lewiston Idaho. He gave an update on grants, computers, thermal imaging cameras, hazmat team merging with Lewiston, technical rescue, and the regional fire investigation team. He appreciates working with the communities. Moscow Fire Chief Nickerson reported that collaboration is big business because the city of Moscow cannot do emergency response by themselves. He gave an update on the smoke trailer, aerial ladder training, Whitcom, necessity for common terminology, and sharing resources. Moscow Police Chief Fry reported on the importance of collaboration with examples of riot training, Pullman's help with Moscow's triple homicide, and information system's fiber optics for communication. Pullman Police Chief Jenkins reported on local monthly meetings with the chiefs and sheriffs, sharing negotiators,

child care seat technicians, regional training, and share forensic skills/capabilities/resources. He is appreciative of the regional collaboration. PMRA Executive Director Bean reported on the importance of regional emergency response as it includes the airport. Airport staff is EMR certified. The airport has immediate support from the city of Pullman police and fire. Pullman Mayor Johnson stated there is no border in emergencies.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. Moscow Mayor Lambert emphasized the importance of collaboration. Pullman Mayor Johnson thanked the city of Moscow for hosting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lambert adjourned the special joint meeting of the City Council at 7:26 p.m.