

Pullman wins grant to upgrade sewers

A federal grant of \$425,412 was awarded to Pullman Friday for upgrading the city's sewer treatment plant and system, according to Director of Public Works William Bourne.

Bourne said Pullman must still obtain \$56,722 in local revenue which will be coupled with \$85,052 raised previously by a bond issue as part of the \$567,216 needed for the first step of construction.

The money received from the grant will be spent on structure design and value engineering,

City Council agenda set

The Pullman property tax levy and a special levy for 1978 must be set by the City Council tonight, prior to the adoption of the final city budget, due to statutory requirements.

The property tax levy, which should raise \$437,906 if approved by voters, would be used to meet estimated city expenditures. The levy would be fixed at \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property in Pullman.

A special levy to raise \$110,887 for bond redemption and interest on general obligation bond indebtedness would assess Pullman residents approximately 92 cents per \$1,000 of property value.

Also on the council agenda is a public hearing concerning the proposed renovation of the Pullman swimming pool facilities, a capital expenditure the council has declared "a high priority item."

Other public hearings scheduled for tonight's meeting will concern sidewalk installation, annexation of Washington State Highway Department-owned property along the Colfax highway and the utilization of Federal Revenue sharing funds.

The council will also take action authorizing Robert Patrick, city attorney, to take final action on foreclosing on unused graves in the Pullman cemeteries.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Studio A in Murrow Communications Center.

Seminar planned for noon today

Dr. James Frederick Smithcors, a writer, editor and teacher in the field of veterinary medicine, will visit the campus and speak today on the history of vet medicine.

The public seminar will be held at noon in Wegner 4.

Known for his three books, "The Evolution of Veterinary Art," "The American Veterinary Profession, Its Background and Development" and "The Veterinarian in America, 1625-1975," Smithcors earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine from New York State College in 1945 and his Ph.D. in 1951 from Michigan State University.

He currently serves as editor-in-chief of American Veterinary Publication, Santa Barbara, Calif., and is one of three editors of "Modern Veterinary Practice," published by that company.

Smithcors has contributed to a number of professional journals, as well as Encyclopedia Britannica, Collier's and Compton's Encyclopedia.

He is also a member of the American Association of the History of Medicine, American Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Animal Science Association and the U.S. Animal Health Association.

"which essentially means a second engineer looks over the shoulder of the first one to check for errors and to cut costs," Bourne said.

Construction costs will range from \$5-6 million. If federal and state grants continue at present levels of 75 and 10 percent of total costs respectively, Pullman and the university will split the remainder of the costs, which come to about \$500,000, he said.


Target date for construction to begin is next summer and the project will be completed in "two or three years. Major rehabilitation is needed so the plant can comply with state regulations during peak load periods," Bourne said.

One of the problems with the plant is that university "shock loads" (vacation periods when a large number of persons suddenly stop or start using the system) upset the biological process used by the plant, he said. Infiltration, leaks and cracks in the sewer line and inflow (large amounts of water from catch basins and storm drains), are other problems experienced with the present system.

This will be the first major renovation of the Pullman sewage treatment plant since it was completed in November 1965.

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Indira Gandhi arrested

NEW DELHI, India—Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India for 11 years until her defeat in elections last March, was arrested yesterday on charges of abusing power and taken to a police jail.

Nine other persons were arrested in the same or connected cases authorities said, including four former government ministers under Gandhi, two industrialists and a personal secretary to Gandhi.

Policewomen accompanied by scores of agents from the Central Bureau of Investigation, India's equivalent of the FBI, took Gandhi into custody at her home in New Delhi.

Gays ruled 'immoral'

WASHINGTON AP—The Supreme Court yesterday let stand rulings by state courts in Washington that homosexuals are "immoral" and may be fired from their jobs because of their sexual preference.

The court refused to hear the appeal of a Tacoma, Wash., high school social studies teacher fired after nearly 13 years on the job because he acknowledged being a homosexual.

Civil liberties attorneys representing James Gaylord, 39, had hoped his case would be used as a vehicle by the court to break new legal ground. The court has not dealt with the rights of homosexuals since 1967.

In other rulings, the Supreme Court:

—Refused to overturn a lower court decision permitting the release of some of former President Richard M. Nixon's White House

tape recordings for possible use in civil suits.

—Agreed to decide whether pension plans requiring women to contribute a larger portion of their salaries than men are legal.

Hunters shoot 'Bigfoot'

BEND, Ore.—The spectre of Bigfoot was raised over the weekend when two Portland area hunters raced into the Wizard Falls fish hatchery here reporting they had shot something resembling the legendary creature.

Gary Benson, 25, Tigard, and Ronald Kershney, 25, West Linn, said they shot in self-defense when they were attacked by a seven-foot-tall, black-furred creature with a monkey face and silver fur at the shoulders.

They fired four times, they said, when the thing was about 110 yards away.

A state police trooper said all he could find was a stump with four bullet holes in it after the men took him to the site Sunday.

Gas filibuster continues

WASHINGTON—The Senate deadlock on natural gas prices entered its third week yesterday with leaders of a filibuster designed to keep price controls giving no signs of surrender.

The two liberal senators conducting the filibuster said they need the votes of only two senators to reverse two earlier tests which showed supporters of deregulating natural gas have the votes to win.

White House lobbyists have remained neutral on whether the filibuster should continue.

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