

**City of Glenns Ferry City Council Regular Meeting                      March 14, 2017**

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, by Mayor Connie Wills.

Members Present: Larry Stevenson, Susan Case, Robert Janousek, Kenny Thompson, Mayor Connie Wills

Staff Present: Debbie Rowan, Jeff Cook, Derik, Jennifer Trail, Christy Acord, Lt Wade,

Others Present: Donna & Don Carnahan, Lynda & Scott Smith, Jak Krieger, Wes & Justin Wootan, Dennis Betty, Dr. John Gies, Rusty Trail, George Parker III, David & Annette Payne, Ralph Jones

**Item 1.            *OPEN MEETING / ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:***

Mayor Wills: I'd like to call meeting to order. I ask Debbie to take roll call.

Rowan: Roll call taken.

X ____	Kenny Thompson	X ____	Robert Janousek
X ____	Larry Stevenson	X ____	Susan Case
	X ____		Mayor Connie Wills

**Item 2.            *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:***

Mayor Wills: Please join me for the flag salute.

**Item 3.            *MOTION TO: Adopt Agenda:***

Mayor Wills: I need to make some amendments to the agenda before adopting the agenda. Item 7., needs to be tabled until I receive the information that is needed from Traci Stewart.

I need to add, after Item 8., ***DISCUSSION/MOTION: 3 Island Throwdown Street Races/Street Closure, June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017:***

Janousek: I make motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Case: Second.

Mayor Wills: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 4.            *PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please Sign-In to Speak: (For informational purposes only on items not placed on the meeting agenda. No actions or decisions can be made on public comments. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes):***

**Betty:** Dennis Betty, 91 East Cleveland, Glenns Ferry. My concern is the speed limit on Cleveland Avenue. There are school buses that stop there twice a day, people walking across the street and backing out of the Library parking lot. There's been a lot of drivers coming around that corner there and stomping on it and screaming down through Cleveland Avenue and I think the speed limit needs to be changed to 15 miles an hour. There's a lot of children that walk on that street, some of them right down the

middle of the street, somebody comes around that corner, especially in the dark not being able to see very well, I think it's pretty important. Thank you.

**Item 5.        ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

- Item 6.        MOTION TO: Consent Agenda (Roll-Call Vote):**  
**A. City Council Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2017:**  
**B. Payables February and March, 2017:**  
**C. Payroll for February, 2017:**  
**D. Library Board Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2017:**

Stevenson: I make motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Janousek: Second.

Mayor Wills: Roll call vote, Case-aye, Janousek-aye, Stevenson-aye, Thompson-aye.

**Item 7.        DISCUSSION/MOTION: Continued from Tabled Item During Council Meeting 12-13-16. Traci Stewart-Survey and Application for Property Boundary Line Adjustment:**

Mayor Wills: Tabled until required information is received by Traci Stewart.

**Item 8.        DISCUSSION:        City of Glenns Ferry Curly Schamber Airport:**

**J.Wootan:** We got our pavement index report back from the state, they had done that last spring, 2016, it was a new study they were doing and they chose Glenns Ferry. They brought ITD's van down, drove back and forth a hundred times, it seemed like, on the runway and they scan the pavement and that was the results of that report I brought in last week and I emailed a few of the folks and I hope you got a chance to review that. In the meantime, I visited with Bill Statham, ITD, on the aeronautics side, he administers the grants specifically the one for Glenns Ferry. He is available this evening if we'd like to call him, he'd be happy to speak more to any questions the council and folks might have. When I visited with him he said things had changed since they awarded us that grant and they are actually getting a pretty good award for next year, upwards of a million dollars. They still match 50/50, but he said he would like Glenns Ferry to, they've got the numbers were part of that report that you saw, on what it would cost to redo the runway, the aprons, the two taxiways, it was all in one number that he gave us, they are willing to go 50/50 on the grant for a non-impetuous airport, which means we don't receive federal funding, they match 50/50 with a non-impetuous airport depending on our location proximity to other airports, that's the range that we fall in. They are willing to do a 50/50 based on \$681,287, keep in mind you can do a force account as part of your participation portion which may be hauling gravel, taking the grader down, grading. Make sure you charge what the Federal government would charge, if you have materials that could be supplied as part of the reconstruction then you need to mark those at market value in an impetuous type environment, basically saying, do all you can to boosting your force account up to assist in that.

**Carnahan:** Don Carnahan, Keller Associates. I did talk with Bill Statham, he did re-emphasis that the force account, in kind can really go a long ways. I know that \$681,287 is a large number and \$340,644 for the city is a huge number also, but, if the city could figure out a way between maybe the Highway District or their own gravel pit or sources, or beg, borrow, or steal, the value of the gravel needed for this project is about \$250,000 and that would count as the in kind match. That would leave a remaining, in round numbers, about \$90,000 as the cities cash or a hard match. You have three years to get this project under construction and so the money would become available in the State fiscal year 2018, July 1<sup>st</sup>. You would have at least two or maybe three budget years to budget for this.

I am just here to present numbers to you folks, however you want to do it, if the goal of the city is to have an airport we can figure out a way to make this happen. You look at the \$340,644 you think that's impossible but I think if we break it down, if we can get help, some support, it would require a large effort on the city staff to do the in kind work, we may be able to get it down to a much more manageable number.

**Mayor Wills:** There were some letters of support that we put into your packets. I can tell you about a phone call I received, it was very much in support of doing what we need to do to keep our airport viable and productive. The thought is if we look down the road, in the future, if we don't have a viable, usable airport, and we're trying to attract a particular business or whatever, they are not going to come here, we need this to help our city maintain, even if it doesn't grow big, to keep it from shrinking, and that was the expression I got in the phone call that I received last night.

**Mayor Wills:** Justin, there's been discussion about lengthening the runway also to accommodate a larger variety of aircraft, would that be a good idea to be part of this project or put it down for in the future?

**JWootan:** Good question. I don't know that the state would be at a point where they would be able to help us on that extension.

The important thing that I need to stress this evening is if we're interested, I need to know, Don Carnahan needs to know because we need to get this new grant opportunity filled out and moving. That's why tonight is pretty important we know what direction you would like to take. The grant has changed, there is a larger portion that they are willing to pass onto us.

**Trail:** Rusty Trail, you are talking the future of Glenns Ferry, all of us farmers here need this airport, it is really important to us.

**Parker:** George Parker, I operate Crop Jet Aviation. I use Glenns Ferry as one of the four (4) facilities through the Magic Valley that I utilize to spray for ag producers in the valley. This airport, for me, sets exactly in the middle of Mountain Home and Gooding, my house happens to be in Gooding. I also fly off from Gooding, but in order to service everybody here I would have to of course charge more to carry the loads 25 miles, instead of flying them at 5 or 7, so it's an economic issue for them and I think it's odd that I am standing here now, cause when I came here eleven years ago nobody even wanted me and now if you open up the airport future plan it's based around the operation of ag planes.

**Mayor Wills:** Between Justin Wootan and Don Carnahan we could have some better facts on what percent of our half can be realistically we can provide other than cash.

Carnahan: Yes, we can put together different scenarios.

J.Wootan: I think that would be more of a Jeff Cook and Don Carnahan.

Trail: (Rusty), Just speaking from me and my farm, we're willing to help too. I don't know to what extent, our farm does have some trucks, we can help haul gravel, we can use a loader, all depends on the time of year. Let's look at Blanksma, let's look at FDC, let's look at some of these other farmers in the area and see maybe if we can get some help. It's the same thing when they were building the school, the new track, the baseball deal, a lot of us donated some tractors and time for this community, so I think some people will be willing to help.

Mayor Wills: Thank you, and Debbie lets make sure we make a note to put it on the agenda the next meeting for a motion and then maybe between Jeff and Don we will have some better numbers, figures of what can be in-kind match and where we are looking at cash match.

Hollinka: Mayor and Council, if we came into this not knowing what we were going to need and there is a good faith reason to have a motion tonight, and it sounds like there is, you can amend the agenda at this point too. You just have to have a good faith reason for doing that and if there's a time crunch on getting that application in you can make that motion tonight.

Stevenson: I make motion that we amend the agend, Item 8., making it DISCUSSION/MOTION.

Janousek: Second.

Mayor Wills: Roll call vote, Case-aye, Janousek-aye, Stevenson-aye, Thompson-aye

Stevenson: I make motion to proceed in giving Justin Wootan & Keller Association the ability to proceed with the grant.

Janousek: Second.

Mayor Wills: Roll call vote, Thompson-aye, Stevenson-aye, Janousek-aye, Case-aye

**DISCUSSION/MOTION: 3 Island Throwdown Street Races/Street Closure, June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

Acord: The route that the race would take and what we have talked to the sheriff about is starting at the blinking light, spectators will be in Campbell's parking lot and the Stop, the racers would go and continue from the blinking light down toward the cemetery area. They have turn around time and come back. We are meeting with the sheriff to make sure that the route is great and how to set everything up as far as roads goes and diverting traffic. Just trying to do everything that you guys asked us to do so we can do this event safely.

Cook: I do have some concerns about the wear and tear on the asphalt. One concern I do have, if your starting right at the blinking light we are probably going to need to look at some way of closing some of the Frontage road as well, so you have a staging area for cars, because we are not going to be able to block Bannock off because that is a state highway. We can meet and discuss. Russ had contacted me wanting to know if the city would use the street sweeper and clean that stretch where they are going to be racing so there wasn't any loose debris on the road, so I want council to know and if that was okay with the council for us to sweep that a day prior or so before they race. Other than that I think we are good.

Mayor Wills: You plan to have the emergency people on standby during the races?  
Acord: Yes Mama.  
Stevenson: I make motion we proceed with it and let them go ahead and have it.  
Janousek: Second.  
Mayor Wills: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Wills:** I would like the council, if possible, at our next council meeting to come maybe 15 minutes early and I'll have Lori here with her camera to take a picture to put on our website of the council together. I looked at our Bio's and Councilwoman Case we need your bio on the website and if we can get it to either Lori or to Amy. I want a group picture of all of us to put on the website, and then I'm going to do the public works crew, the office crew to go on the website because if you've been on the website it says that and there's nothing there.

**Thompson:** How is the cemetery?

Cook: Waiting on a bid.

**Stevenson:** I am going to get with Lori and gather up the questionnaires. Hopefully between now and the 1<sup>st</sup> of April we'll have a water committee meeting and we'll come back with a request or a proposal. Let's put it on the next agenda.

**Case:** Just wondering on the property situation near Jak Krieger, has he had any resolution?

Mayor Wills: Well probably your definition of resolution, is it perfect for him? No. Are we working on it? Yes. We know from the attorney where we can work with the sheriff's department that they will enforce for us.

**Item 10. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:**

**A. Economic Development – Christy Acord:**

Acord: I have been meeting with Paula Riggs in Mountain Home and being involved with a lot of other Economic Development people and found through our Buxton account trying to figure out what our next step would be as far as attracting businesses here.

**B. Police – Lieutenant Bobby Wade:**

**C. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:**

**D. Public Works – Jeff Cook:**

Cook: Harrison Avenue was brought up at our last meeting, I did take a look at it, there's some work we need to do on the end where the approach is, and we need to definitely add some gravel. I'm looking at a couple possible options that maybe we'll be able to divert those trucks back around without having to have them come out all the way to Commercial, it's on my list.

Michael, myself and Brett Lehto will be gone the next three days to Boise to training, Idaho Rural Conference.

**E. Clerk/Treasurer – Debra Rowan:**

**F. City Engineer – Keller Associates, Inc – Donn Carnahan, PE:**

Carnahan: *Unable to hear him.* Update on West Garfield Project. Sewer line were inspected and approved.

**G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail:**

Trail: I am doing a spring break program for the kiddo's while they are out of school. I'm entering the community input stage of the grant to create my new little learning room, so next meeting I am planning on coming and present it to you and hopefully gather some ideas on what the community would like to see. I did receive a grant or be accepted into a program from the commission called, Make It At The Library. It's a bunch of robots, lego compatible, you can build bulldozers and scoopers and stuff and then the community can check that out. I also was approved from the Idaho Action Stem Center for the Family Stem Grant, which is another \$1,000.00, to run my summer program at the State Park. Things are still going really well.

**H. Building Inspector – Vance Pruett:**

**I. Airport/Manager – Justin Wootan:**

J.Wootan: **Unable to hear.** Thinking about the water situation.

**J. Southwest Idaho RC&D Council/Member – Ralph Jones:**

**Item 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Per Idaho State Code [74-206 (1) (b) personnel]:**

Thompson: I make motion to go into executive session Idaho State Code 74-206 1) b) personnel.

Janousek: Second.

Mayor Wills: Roll call vote, Stevenson-aye, Thompson-aye, Case-aye, Janousek-aye.

Thompson: I make motion to come out of executive session.

Janousek: Second

Mayor Wills: Roll call vote, Stevenson-aye, Thompson-aye, Case-aye, Janousek-aye.

**Item 12. ADJOURN:**

Stevenson: I make motion to adjourn.

Thompson: Second.

Mayor Wills: All in favor, all-ayes.

Approved by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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Connie Wills – Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deb Rowan-Clerk/Treasurer