

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting August 9, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

Members Present: Susan Case, Ken Thompson, Luke Guy, Mayor William Galloska

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Derik Janousek, Christy Acord

Others: Kurtis Workman, Lt. Steve Burnett, John Lane, Monica Janousek, Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Jim Zimmerman, Margaret Stewart, Kandace Titus, Kyan Jackson, John Solosabal, Wren Hernandez, John Robert Isenhardt, Kevin and Angela Clark, Marlee Mason, Jill Laib, Steve Alderman, Keri Cook, Jack Long, Joe Sanchez

Online: John and Lisa Jensen, Brian Reid

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

X Susan Case A Johnny Hernandez X Luke Guy X Ken Thompson
X Mayor Billy Galloska

**** LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT JOHNNY HERNANDEZ WAS ABSENT ****

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Item 3. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Any Changes to the Agenda/Adopt the Agenda:

Thompson: I make a motion.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please Sign in to Speak: For information purposes only on items not placed on the agenda. No action or decision can be made on public comments. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

John Lane: My name is John Lane at 169 E Cleveland. I would like to bring before the council is sidewalks. I rode my wheelchair the other day because my four-wheel buggy was broken down from my house to the clinic, I'd say over half I had to ride in the street because the sidewalks are so broken up I couldn't go down. One of them I got stuck on because it was filled with gravel. I know that animals need to be taken care of and I noticed there was a lot of money put out on the agenda that we do something about that, and I think sidewalks are just as important as the animals are. Also, if you look at some of the (inaudible) in towns I think that some of the property owners are usually liable for the sidewalks. That's all I have to say.

Jim Zimmerman: My name is Jim Zimmerman; I live at 172 E Snake River Avenue. I want to talk about the streets. I worked construction most of my life and what I'm about to say conveys with a lot of people in this town that have been on our streets. Prep work is everything whether it's cement work, painting or whatever you're doing. You got to have prep work. If you don't get that right it ain't going to work. I went down the road and seen them when they started crack sealing the road, they had a weed blower, blowing out the cracks. I thought are you kidding me. You got to have a compressor to blow that stuff out before you start putting in your crack seal to set that job up before it's ever done. Before you lay down the material in the road and my house I asked them if they were going to do my road, spray the roads with the sealer. They said no, you have too many weeds in your street, and I was laughed at. Before we had a guy come down and they would spray at least spray the curb and gutter where the weeds are. I have

trees growing in my street. They're this high and I'm tired of mowing them down and cleaning them up. Kasey Chubba lives on Oregon Street; we ride motorcycles and I go down to his house quite a bit. There are potholes. I see potholes in this town that have been there for years, years have gone by. One right there on Snake River, it's been there a year. A new guy moved in there and they did some work there. It wasn't even patched up; it's been a hole there for a year. They just finally did that here lately. Kasey's is the worst street right there on Oregon Street. There's holes in the road that they didn't fill in with any mix before they sprayed it, so they still have the hole there. Scott the guy that

Mayor Galloska: We can't use that.

Jim Zimmerman: I'm asking for his resignation. He's inept and it's just not working. Need somebody that knows what they're doing working in this city. That's what I have to say.

Lynda Smith: Lynda Smith 38 E Garfield. I'm a property owner, business owner, employer and a taxpayer. As a taxpayer we contribute to the city staff, payroll and health benefits. As a voting citizen we elected our council and mayor to be our voice. It is my observation in this town that it is the worst it's ever looked in my nine and half years here. The excuses as far as the city problems have worn on our patience and I'm sure that's why a lot of people are here tonight. I wanted to be able to give you some pictures, if I can approach. This was my walk this morning and it's a four-block walk, and I took pictures all the way. There's captions there. This is not something that happened over night. This has been on going for quite a long time. Six weeks ago, my husband and I Scott, met with the mayor and we talked to him about a lot of our concerns. During that visit we said, we have a new mayor, and we have a new city crew. Also let the mayor know that we have resources in our town that are experienced professionals why can't the city staff, the mayor and the council be in contact with them to help brainstorm and get advice. It's okay to ask for advice and get help. In Glenns Ferry for example we have a former mayor and a former public works director, and they came from a much larger town than Glenns Ferry and to me that's valuable input that we are not tapping into. During the visit with the mayor, we also mentioned our three concerns to focus only on infrastructure, budget and maintenance. Number one infrastructure. We need to pick away at the infrastructure, it is a ticking time bomb. Number two budget. We need to redirect budget money to infrastructure, street maintenance and landscape maintenance. Our city looks as if we have no pride. Also, with the budget if we're ordering emergency repair parts like the one on Commercial and Garfield then we need to get two. We need to have back up parts. We also need to plan budgeting for example the pumps at the cemetery. I have heard I don't know off hand, but I've heard there is new pumps being ordered for the cemetery. When those pumps come out then we need to see if we can rebuild them and have them as backups. We need to please plan our budget for repairs and to have parts in stock on our shelves. The third thing maintenance. We need to maintain what we have. It's deteriorating in front of my eyes. At this point the city council and the mayor should be responsible for setting and prioritizing projects and repairs the city crew is working on. We have to maintain what we have. Also, we don't run the street sweeper, we ask all the time. So that makes the drainpipes clog up, we have floods, weeds need to be pulled, we have the zeroscaped area, the railroad park is just ignored. The city lights that we have that are gorgeous are in dire need of paint and some repairs. These are things that we continually ask the crew, the mayor, the council over years mind you and we really shouldn't have to ask for maintenance. I'm sure like a lot of us that are in the room tonight, that we're tired of hearing excuses and if we do not have the expertise on our staff then we do have people in our community that are willing to help and to provide some assistance. That's all I have to say.

Margaret Stewart: I'm Margaret Stewart, 151 E 5th Avenue. I spoke last week, and I was pretty general. My concern is that I'm seeing the same kind of actions in our community as I have with the Federal Government and it seems like we have people that go to our city workers and are working with them on how to emanate some of there work, make their jobs easier like Christmas decorations. So, the Christmas decorations removal which has been years by our crew was removed from the responsibility this last year. The girl that did it was good, but she also had a lot of obstacles, and we don't know that she was licensed, bonded, or that she has insurance to cover something like that if she gets hurt. The problems

with that is that strings of lights were still hanging from a few trees in May and may still be hanging there which is a danger. Kids grab onto it and swing and it's breaking the tree limbs, it's not good for that either. The thing is that in addressing some of the problems that we've seen across at the Railroad Park, that stretch started getting really dry. Talking to one of the city workers I was informed that it was going to be zero-scaped. They didn't need to water it, there was too much water going on there. Well, I'd like to know why and how this came about and why they were going to be taking that off of their responsibilities plus the one out by the Welcome to Glenns Ferry signs. I hadn't heard about it, but that shouldn't eliminate the need to be out there watering, mowing and trimming. The problem is, is that we had a crew that was doing an excellent job last year. April and this other gal that was working with her were top notch. They loved their job, they did an excellent job and when she went on full time she was just the same, an excellent worker. Well, we happen to have a case where there was intimidation and bullying. They refused to answer questions to assist her when she was doing her job and she asked for help or information and was refused. At one point they hid her keys and materials that was needed to do her job and they were pretty blunt about it and of course she quit. This city could have been liable for a lot of money that's a huge lawsuit. It's also incredibly ridiculous that this happened in our town. In finding this everyone was really proud in how it looked. When the crew took over they had a hell of a time keeping everything on the up and up. They couldn't touch, couldn't come close to what April was doing and that gal or April and Lucas. They struggled. The thing is it doesn't take much to figure out how to turn on valves, even if wires are chewed up to turn on the water to make sure it gets watered. To how to run a mower or to weed eat around the graves or around the edges where it needs to be. After all that hell that they put her through, they couldn't even manage to keep up. So, we got seasonal workers. These two Martinez boys have done a terrific job.

Mayor Galloska: Margaret I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to keep you from talking about the workers. It's an employee relations issue. You can't call them by name. You can say crew, but you can't call them by name.

Margaret Stewart: One of the biggest things and it was by accident that I went to pick up my granddaughter. I saw a group of people standing outside the pool, their arms were crossed, and they were shaking their head and I thought, what the hell is going on. I walked over to the restrooms where they were standing and as they walked off, I walked in and there was feces all over the side of the toilet, on the wall. It was so incredibly filthy. I went into the women's bathroom, and it was just as filthy, but not quite as much feces. The thing is, is that we had out of town leagues coming every few nights to play our boys. These parents and these kids use pour restroom. So, I come down and talked to the girl at the desk and I explained to her and showed her pictures and pretty soon I had one walk into the store where I worked and he was wet and I said what have you been up to and he said I just went and hosed it down, its clean, I'm locking the doors. This was the first part of June. Locking the doors on the bathrooms and we have little league games. They said don't worry we'll have it open the Fourth of July. That isn't why are bathrooms are there. Our crew should have a schedule set up to where daily to go in daily and cleaned what needs to be cleaned. There should be something in place to address that. The other thing is it just seems like we either need time management or some kind of training criteria or some kind of scheduling and I understand that there was a program being put in place, but we haven't seen much change. I am disappointed too with the street sweepers not being used. The weeds are overwhelming street to street. I understand that there's been a use of a personal credit card, it was used to purchase sprinklers. If that's done I'd like to see a copy of the receipt. That should never be done for city. If you're buying city repair parts or a fire truck or whatever. The other thing that I have there was an agreement with King Hill Irrigation and in this agreement between the two on how issues would be handled and how the rates are applied etc. This hasn't been updated since 1999 or 2000. I would like to know if there's been any work done on that. It's really hard to work with the two especially when one keeps saying it's the other one's fault and that you need to talk to the other part and the amount of communication and the ability to work together isn't there. It's really frustrating especially for customers who really need to just have something

addressed and to figure out how to get to the bottom of it. Right now, there's no real way if there's not an agreement drawn up and there's nothing solid as far as opening up that communication. Thank you.

Scott Smith: Scott Smith, 38 E Garfield, 90 E Idaho, 120 E Idaho, and 116 W 1ST Avenue. Property owner, business owner, taxpayer. I'm here a concerned citizen. We moved here over nine years ago. The city has never looked worse, and it didn't happen overnight. Weed the dead grass at the library, the museum, city park, cemetery and Railroad Park. I find it hard to believe that all this irrigation failed at once. How come city park was not mowed on the Fourth of July? We have trucks behind city hall with flat tires, weeds growing around city hall fence, weeds around fire station number two, junk dodge truck in front of our city yard, a junk hummer inside the city yard fence, are these vehicles city inventory? If not they need to be removed. Are these vehicles being worked on, on city time or King Hill Rural Fire Department time? This season we have an eight-person crew, it doesn't look like last season. We had two girls on the crew we had green grass. We need to run this city like a business. Consider subbing out lawn maintenance, irrigation, water leaks and streets by professional contractors who are licensed, bonded, and insured. We can then cut down are crew to three people. Hagerman's population is nine hundred and eighty people and they have three full time employees. You ever drive through there? It's immaculate. Mountain Home population sixteen thousand people and they have thirty full time maintenance crew people. You do the math, Glenns Ferry should have three people. City council, mayor, public works need to separate their wants from needs. Did we need a new excavator? I don't think so. Did we need a new fire truck? I don't think so. I know these were part of grants, but it still cost the taxpayers money. We need to look at infrastructure grants for roads, new water system, new sewer system. Speaking of needs versus wants the city building behind fire station number two, the roof has been blown off of there for four years. I've been driving by there for four years looking at that shit. It's horrible. It seems to me we're looking at this mess that there's a top-down leadership. Lack of good work ethics and possible insubordination. Here's something else I have left, three messages for the mayor's voicemail. Got no call back. Found out later he was in the hospital from someone around the city. City hall should clear his messages, call people back, like I said this earlier run this like a business. I never got a call back. Don't run it like your typical bloated Federal Government. You council members need to look around. This should have never gotten this bad. Thank you.

Joe Sanchez: Joe Sanchez, I live at 282 W Snake River Avenue. I was just curious on that water leak on Commercial and Garfield what you found wrong with it or was it a gasket, rusty mainline or what?

Janousek: Just a rusty mainline.

Mayor Galloska: Now we have the parts to repair it with.

Janousek: It's fixed.

Mayor Galloska: No, I'm saying, now we have the parts if anything like that happens in the future.

Janousek: Yeah.

Joe Sanchez: Ok, thank you.

John Robert Isenhardt: I'm Rob Isenhardt for those of you that don't know me. 724 N Elmore. I grew up in this town and since I've been back the weeds have overtaken my community. My dad sprays the previous mayor, Monty White sprays. We can't keep up with it and we're using our own money and our own spray to keep the weeds off of the road. I don't know how many times my dad has asked for the city to go down and cut the grass away off the road. Our road is getting smaller because the weeds are coming in on the road. I hear a lot of people complaining about the roads, the conditions, and to me I don't think a lot of proactiveness had been done in the city as far as mayor on down. When I see the workers working, I see a lot of, you guys don't have a plan. You guys go here and go to work then you stop and go here and go to work you don't complete a job. You have four open jobs, what you're waiting on parts, I don't know it just, there's no leadership I don't think. That's what I see and driving around this town pretty soon it's going to be tumble weeds and whatever cause the roads look like a mess. That's all I've got thanks.

Item 5. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Consent Agenda.

- A. **City Council Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2022.**
- B. **City Council Special Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2022.**
- C. **Accounts Payables for July 2022.**
- D. **Payroll July 2022.**

Thompson: I make a motion we accept the consent agenda.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

- Item 6. ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:**
- Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(c). To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. (ROLL CALL VOTE) TABLED**
- Item 8. Executive Session: Time Start: _____ Time End: _____ TABLED**
- Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Authorize Mayor and City Attorney to Take Action Discussed in Executive Session. (ROLL CALL VOTE) TABLED**
- Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Airport Contract. Tabled from July 12, 2022. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**
- Mayor Galloska:** This was tabled several weeks ago This has to do with Brian Reid opening A Wing and A Prayer. He amount has been changed to four hundred is what between negotiations. Now it's up to you all.
- Thompson:** Four hundred a year?
- Mayor Galloska:** The price now is two hundred. He is going to be in a larger facility so after negotiations we came to twice the amount of now.
- Guy:** Sounds good to me cause he's taken over responsibilities. He's going to try to grow our airport and try to get us more grants cause the fire loops going in. I feel like it's fair. It's average rate right.
- Parsons:** Who is we came up with four hundred?
- Mayor Galloska:** Between Brian and myself when we negotiated. The council gave me that responsibility to negotiate. So, it's up to you at this point if you're ready to go forward with the contract.
- Thompson:** I make a motion that we go forward with the contract. If you need to sign it, whatever needs to be done.
- Guy:** Second.
- Mayor Galloska:** All in favor, all ayes.
- Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jodie Knopp, Real Estate Specialist: Land Lease Agreement: Verizon Wireless Project.**
- Mayor Galloska:** Is Jodi on the line?
- Parsons:** It doesn't look like it. However, everything was approved last time but they were getting the final draft to us at our last meeting with Verizon and so before I had the mayor sign it I wanted the council to be able to take one more look at it. To make sure that everything was in...
- Thompson:** It looks fine to me; I make a motion to allow the mayor to sign it.
- Guy:** Second.
- Mayor Galloska:** All in favor, all ayes.
- Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Service Agreement Elmore County Domestic Violence Council and the City of Glenns Ferry.**
- Mayor Galloska:** This is our annual contracts between us and Elmore County against domestic violence to basically do the transport for us and help get these persons that have been involved in domestic violence to a safe haven. Not something we are responsible for. Something they take care of.

Case: There is one little revision that needs done. The amount says 2.500 and it should say \$2,500.00. Right now, it looks like an inappropriate amount.

Thompson: *I make a motion that we sign the contract with those revisions.*

Guy: *Second.*

Mayor Galloska: *All in favor, all ayes*

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Kyan Jackson: Proposed New Community Garden Location.

Kyan Jackson: I would like to come before you guys today to request permission to move the location of the community garden that I was planning to put in. So, the problem with the old location is that it's at the end of line for the water so, there's absolutely no water pressure there to sustain the garden there that we're hoping to put in. I've looked around town and done a little digging and talking to people and I would like to request that we move the location of the garden to this empty lot directly behind city hall.

Thompson: The green lot, the grass?

Kyan Jackson/Mayor Galloska: Yes.

Thompson: I'm not sure you'll be accepted by the neighbors. Have you gone around and talked to the neighbors?

Kyan Jackson: No, I have not.

Thompson: I suggest you do that before we okay it. Just to make sure you're not going to have any problem with it. Other than that, I don't have a problem with it.

Mayor Galloska: So, the council will be okay with putting this on the next agenda?

Thompson: Yes.

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Donn Carnahan, Keller Associates: FY2023 Drinking Water and Wastewater Planning. Tabled from July 12, 2022. TABLED

Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Watering Problems around the City.

Guy: Mostly because I've been trying to track down what the problems are and it seems like there's been a lot of problems, but the main thing is I think why everyone is here is there's just not enough communication and organization between the crews. I think that kind of boils down to the main thing. Just not good time dispersion of what they're doing. Obviously the filter being on the wrong side and tearing up the sprinkler heads causing the city more and more money and we keep band aid fixing it instead of cleanly fixing it. I was just wanting to open it up to discuss more. See if we can get any ideas. I don't know if we can.

Thompson: Have we looked into the cost of putting a filter where it belongs?

Janousek: We're waiting on JTS to get a quote.

Case: Are we 100% certain that the filter is on the wrong side and there's a reason I'm asking that. A resident called me, and it was someone who apparently worked on this on the cemetery project and said that the filters are sometimes on the opposite side. I can't make sense of it, but I am not an expert on that situation.

Scott Smith: I want to know what side of the pump the filters on cause I know quite a bit about pumps.

Case: It's on the output side.

Scott Smith: So, the impellers plugging.

Case: I was told by someone who is knowledgeable that Agri Business, Agri Systems put it in, and they felt that they put it in correctly the problems might be somewhere else. That's why I was asking the question just to make certain.

Mayor Galloska: Here's my issue there's two systems down at the cemetery that are the same system. One has a filter on the intake and the other has it on the output. The one that's not working is the one that's on the output. My mind and again I'm not an expert either, but that sounds pretty logical.

Scott Smith: It has to be on the discharge side, so you don't plug your heads.

Thompson: If it's on the other side it would still take care of the heads, wouldn't it?

Scott Smith: If it's in front of the pump you're not going to plug your propeller.

Thompson: Right and it'll also take the gunk out of there.

Scott Smith: What's probably happening is lack of maintenance. You have a high head pump with closed face propellers, and they probably plugged up. Are we getting new pumps or fixing what we have?

Mayor Galloska: We have a bid going out to look which one we want. The one that's feasible for us to bid.

Scott Smith: So, what is wrong with the pumps that are there. They're not burned out are they?

Mayor Galloska: No, the way I understand it is it's the design now that has to be changed.

Scott Smith: Does anyone know anything about pumps here?

John Solosabal: John Solosabal 3140 W Slick Ranch Road Glenns Ferry. Usually, you don't see filters on the intake side cause if they plug, you'll burn your pump up unless you have a safety that'll shut it off. Most pressurized systems we have them on pivots. Have the filter at the pivot and not at the pump. You can put it at the pump but it's usually on the discharge side. We screen our water through a couple of grates, and we have sprayers at the end of our pump to push some of the moss away. As far as I'm concerned you be crazy to put a filter on the intake side. If it plugs unless you're going to keep checking it regularly you'll burn the pump up faster than you can think. That's my suggestion. I'm not an expert on pumps, but I would not put a filter on the intake side. I'd figure out a way to clean the water up, so it won't plug the pump but if anything goes through the pump, then you filter it before it goes to your sprinklers, so your sprinklers don't plug. That's my suggestion.

Case: He's reiterating what the gentleman told me on the phone this afternoon. He was going to try to get ahold of you and try to set a meeting up, but I guess he didn't get in touch with you.

Mayor Galloska: My only confessions because we have two sets up there, one's one way and one's the other.

John Solosabal: How does water come out of the pitch there? Is it just a pipe?

Janousek: Through the headgate down a pipe.

John Solosabal: Is there any kind of filtration system at the headgate?

Janousek: Just a screen. Then there's a cistern.

John Solosabal: They do sell screens this thin. People put them on their pumps, and you can put them out in the canal or in the river and the spin, they have a spinner on the inside and it keeps it clean. I don't think something like that would work for you guys cause you'd have to have pressure line up there, but you can get a screen with a spinner and you can put it in the ditch and you'd just have to get pressure up to it. It'd be clean all the time and you'd hardly get anything down in your pump.

Keri Cook: Keri Cook 169 E Snake River Avenue. Why are there irrigation problems to begin with? Considering there's at least one or two people on the city crew that have been working irrigation for years in previous jobs. They should know this, they should know how to do it, they should know how to fix it. Why can't they?

Thompson: That's our discussion, let's move on. We don't need to get after that right now.

Keri Cook: I was just curious because there are people there, you wouldn't have the problem that you have now.

Thompson: Move on please.

Guy: I've worked irrigation and you can have bad years where everything starts exploding and all that. That's kind of what happened and I'm not trying to make an excuse or anything like that. They're just getting pulled in a lot of directions. It just needs more or less (inaudible) someone said it earlier, but they'll go do a job and then before they finish it they'll go do another job. They're just being pulled in so many different directions, I think it's more of an efficient issue other than a lack of knowledge issue. I don't know if you've ever worked farming, but some years everything seems to go wrong, and it seems to be the hottest time of year when it does do that. Unless you have a lot of crew that's on it twenty-four seven, it's kind of hard to keep up on it. I'm not trying to make excuses or anything like that, I just think that that's mainly what it came down to is lack of time and efficiency of getting all the problems solved. We have one city crew for everything. Roads, water, irrigation, taking care of everything. We are trying to maybe I can say higher out a third-party company who can maybe take care of more things for our crew so maybe they can be more specific on things like roads, potholes, taking care of the weeds, and we can hire out a third party who can maintain the cemetery water systems and all that kind of stuff.

Case: Well and there's the wires that got chewed through.

Mayor Galloska: The wire condition, correct me if I'm wrong here. There was gophers or something like that eating up the wires and then we also found out that the wire is undersized, it's the wrong gauge. Ordered new wire and ended up getting the same wire for some reason. I'll take the heat for that, I don't

know, somebody ordered the wrong wire, and we have to get the correct wire out there that needs to be put in conduit. It can't just be put out there underground and the guys are all well aware of these problems it's just a matter of getting each on of them knocked out. Unfortunately, the issues that we've dealt with over the past month there's some employee relationship stuff that I can't talk about tonight. As far as the solution we just spent \$5,500 on new equipment for the upper end which is the brownest end at the cemetery. We're hoping that going to help solve some of the problems. That was just ordered, it's supposed to come in tomorrow. We'll see what happens.

John Robert Isenhardt: For those of you who don't know I am retired military. I hearing you guys ordering new stuff this new stuff that, getting parts for this, fixing this do you guys have maintenance requirement cards, MRC cards? You should. You should have thirty-day inspections on all your vehicles, you should have ninety-day inspections, one-eighty-day inspections and everything should count like checking your oil all the time, changing the oil. On your pump you should have a seven day on those, and it should be on a card. So that way on that day whoever does it initials it, so you know somebody looked at that filter on that pump. All your pumps, everything should have a maintenance requirement on all your vehicles too.

Guy: That's a good idea.

Scott Smith: I heard that the pump impellor was plugged is that correct? Is that why we had no water?

Thompson: I believe you're talking to the wrong people.

Scott Smith: Well, if you put your filter behind your pump, you're not protecting your impellor at all. It's a closed face impellor. You have to figure out, like John said, put something up above otherwise you're going to be cleaning out the impellor all the time. Maybe you guys ought to get some real experts out there.

Thompson: Enough.

Case: I'm sorry I do have one thing. It is a general issue. I don't know if it falls under this issue. I don't know if I just need to put it on an agenda for next time, but we need to work on a cemetery board put together.

Mayor Galloska: Yeah, it'll have to be put on the next one.

Case: Make sure that is on the next one please.

Item 16. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Economic Development Mutual Assistance Agreement FY23 (Elmore County/Glenns Ferry).

Acord: I work not only for the City of Glenns Ferry but all of Elmore County also. The mayor has to sign that and has to be turned into the Idaho Department of Commerce in order to accept the grant, in order to keep me working with my job.

Thompson: I make a motion that we do said thing.

Case: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 17. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Professional Services Contract for Economic Development Services FY23 (Elmore County/Glenns Ferry).

Acord: This is to keep our board and to keep our rural development going for our rural areas of Elmore County.

Thompson: I make a motion that we allow that to happen.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 18. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Grant. State of Idaho – Department on Commerce FY23 (Dept of Commerce/ED Board/City of Glenns Ferry).

Acord: The grant was funded for \$15,000 to add to the money that Elmore County and the City of Glenns Ferry put in for my salary marketing money, all of my budget. That's the agreement right there.

Mayor Galloska: This is the grant if you recall from last session, they reduced it by \$5,000 from this year, but the contract is \$15,000 this time.

Case: I make a motion that we sign the contract.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 19. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Resolution Accepting the Rural Economic Development Professional Grant Offer from the State of Idaho Department of Commerce for the Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Program. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: I motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCEPTING THE RURAL ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL GRANT OFFER FROM THE STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FOR THE RURAL IDAHO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST be adopted.

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote.

Parsons: Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilman Guy – aye, Councilman Thompson – aye

Item 20. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett:

Lieutenant Burnett: July stats for the City of Glenns Ferry had a total of 126 total events, 55 calls for service, 71 self-initiated events, and 11 case numbers. July obviously the numbers went up. We did have the fair in July, but I wanted those numbers to show that it just wasn't the fair that inflated those numbers. The week of the fair we only had 7 total events down there, 4 calls for service, 3 self-initiated, and 0 case numbers. Yesterday, it's more for the interstate at mile post 121 and half to 115 both East bond and West bond ITD contracted for a company to come in and replace the fencing on both sides. It didn't say about the timeline, shoulders will be closed while they are working and the second week in September from the West bond side from 118-117 the right shoulder will be closed while they repair that section.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:

Janousek: N/A

C. City Engineer – Keller Associates, Inc. – Donn Carnahan, PE: Absent, jury duty.

D. Public Works – Scott Nichols: Absent, extended medical leave.

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: Small update, we're 83% into the fiscal year. General fund we've taken in 80.7%, expended 67.1%, library we've taken in 23.6% and extended 83.8%. We don't transfer the fund balance over until audit comes at the very end. Airport we've taken in 7.8% and spent .3%, cemetery we've taken in 72.7% and spent 43.4%, streets we've taken in 94% spent 52.3%. Capital improvement is 72.4% outtake is 42.6%, liability in is 97.4% 94.4% out, museum has taken in 17.1% spent 12.2%, trust has intake 5% 6.7 spent, water brought in 51.9% spent 34.1%, and sewer has brought in 50.9% spent 62.4%.

F. Development – Christy Acord:

Acord: Just wanted to update you guys on some of the things I've been working on for the City of Glenns Ferry. I completed a work plan for the Rural Professional Program which I have to complete a full workplan for the year. Attached inside your projects are the projects that are going to be the main focus for economic development for rural development. Completed work plan will be turned in to the Department of Commerce I'm going to be held liable for the workplan to make sure that everything is complete. If you guys have anything that you guys would like to add to it let me know as soon as possible of things you would like to make a priority of there for the City of Glenns Ferry. I do have other projects that lay with Elmore County that are a priority keeping that in mind. One of them is the infrastructure. I am trying to work with the City of Glenns Ferry trying to find grants for funding for your sewer and water infrastructure, but also one of your main priority projects here for the City of Glenns Ferry is to reroute your freight. Your freight is centered over the top of Commercial Avenue over your main water line that has been there for many years. It causes a lot of problems. We have freight going straight down Commercial Avenue where your pedestrians are walking around town, etc. I'm working on getting an RFP out to engineering firms because the underpass over there by the fairgrounds is the Glenns Ferry Highway District project that's not a Glenns Ferry project. However, it involves multiple agencies including the sheriff's department, ISP, etc. because it's also a safety hazard considering if we have any wrecks along the interstate reroute freight, rerouting people off of the interstate and back on in a safe manner. That is one of our main projects that we have to fix in order to help you with your infrastructure problems.

Number two, one of the things that I wanted to comment on that Margaret brought up earlier. There's a big difference between zeroscape and xeriscape. Xeriscape is spot watering. You don't take away all of your green grass, you don't take away a lot of your things. You reroute and you spot water through small tubes and piping so that you're not watering a great expanse of green grass. Zeroscape means all rocks, no plants just all rocks. I do not plan to do any kind of zeroscaping within the City of Glenns Ferry where there's green grass. Xeriscaping and conserving the water is what my project is focused on to be utilized as a project within Elmore County to the focuses on water conservation in Elmore County period with developers. We live in the desert, no matter how much King Hill Irrigation water you put on your property you are still living in a desert area climate. So, we are working on focusing on water conservation and reducing water that is used throughout Elmore County. Over the past week I've had two landscaping companies contact me due to Kurtis's newspaper article. One is a BSU student and she's talking to her professor to try to get BSU in on this project. Number two is a landscaping company that was involved in the King Hill project, look at our little park that they did. They're going to come back to you with a plan, with everything detailed out and for the city to make decisions on if you want to do this or not or if you want to keep Railroad Park and all that looking the way it does now. If you take a ride beside Railroad Park, it looks awful and it's because of upkeep and maintenance. We keep adding more and more things to the City of Glenns Ferry, but we have to build on the backside of a maintenance plan and upkeep for everything that we add in for beautification etc. Volunteers over the last few years, I'm speaking as rural development, but I'm also speaking as Christy Acord, I live in King Hill. Over the past I have volunteered numerous hours to the City of Glenns Ferry, here with severe lack of assistance and help on projects that benefit the City of Glenns Ferry. I don't do it for money, I don't do it for a claim or anything else, I do it because my kids are eventually coming back here. When we do projects like hanging Christmas lights, taking Christmas lights down, oiling benches which I've done every year, cleaning up weeds, cleaning up properties etc. when we call out for volunteers it would be greatly appreciated if some of the citizens of Glenns Ferry would step up and help. It's not just a single entities responsibility it is an entire community's responsibility.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail: Absent.

H. **Animal Control/Code Enforcer** – Jackie Shenk: Absent.

I. **Airport Manager** – Brian Reid: Absent.

J. **Historical Museum** – Donna Carnahan: Absent.

K. **Planning & Zoning** – Kt Carpenter: Absent.

Item 21. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Guy: N/A

Case: I just want to thank everybody that came out. It's no fun to get chewed on and chewed out, but the passion and the desire to get the city where it needs to be where we want it to be, where it's been. I appreciate it. Yeah, we got chewed out, but there was a lot of ideas and help and input and back and forth and this is good stuff. It's not fun stuff, but it's good stuff and I just really appreciate you guys coming out and it puts a glaring spotlight that we do need to figure out better communication so that the council knows what projects that are being worked on, what the deadlines are, what are the issues, the steps, what their goal date and start trying to be really efficient with out time. You know we all live here none of us want to see it the way it is this year. There's been a lot of hurdles, health hurdles etc. I'm not making excusing, but there has been some things. Obviously, we can do better. I've had a lot of phone calls in the last month. I appreciate them because I don't drive up and down every single street every day so when somebody tells me something then I can bring it to the mayor who can take it to public works. I know people are upset, but I am thankful for this input because that's how we get better. For where we've let you down, I have to apologize and say, tell me how to work harder and better because if we don't know, we don't know. A lot of stuff is being brought up that we wouldn't necessarily have seen, and I appreciate your time.

Mayor Galloska: For the council you'll need to know that last year we talked to Idaho Fish and Game, and we talked about the work out there at the winery with the deer population and such and they wanted to let us know that they'll be out there working again trying to trap first then all the way up to lethal means if necessary. They'll be out there August 11th, 16th and 18th. Also, they've switched mangers for Fish and Game, Miranda is her name.

Thompson: I forgot if they kill a deer what do they do with the meat?

Mayor Galloska: They take that to a slaughterhouse, develops the meat and take it to a food bank of some sort. It would have to be a donation; they can't sell it. The second thing is the streetlights. Several people have brought that to me just want you to know that I have been looking into what we can do on streetlights. That is in the works, I actually want to take them one at a time, refurbish them, have a licensed electrician come in and work them and see what they can do to see that they're in correct working order. We looked at some powder coating. There's some things we looked at. One of the problems is, is there was no maintenance plan set to continue to keep them up I want to make sure that that happens going forward. I've also got somebody that's got one of the benched and is working on trying to figure out how best to do those benches and come in and do those for us as well so that's not based n a volunteer doing it. You get two or three done and you've got to go on vacation or work or whatever. We have someone in town who is an expert in woodwork who can do it and he'll give me an estimate as well. Final thing is the lawn maintenance. I've been talking to people for several weeks now, before I went to the hospital and got sick and all that kind of stuff. But looking into the future that maybe we do hire someone out for all our lawn maintenance throughout the city. I know there are several cities throughout the state, throughout the nation that do that and have nothing to do with their lawn maintenance. For the time being I'm looking into that and seeing what that's going to cost. I want you to know your words and suggestions are not falling to deaf ears. It's just taking a little bit of time. I apologize for the length of time. I wish I could snap my fingers and make it happen around here, but it is taking a little bit more time especially with me being down the last several weeks. I appreciate all the time the council gives and for you all coming out tonight as well.

Item 22. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Parsons: 8:05pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 08/11/2022

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 08/23/2022

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer