

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting November 8, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

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

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Jackie Shenk, Christy Acord

Others: Lynda and Scott Smith, Kurtis Workman, Donn Carnahan, Rex Hamilton, Melanie McLean, Margaret Stewart, Dustin Johnson, Cindy Mitchell, Dean Cunningham, Chelsea Inmon, Karen Hall, Steve Alderman, Katie Jenne, Bradley Mitchell, Nathan Jones, Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Harry Knox

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

X Susan Case X Luke Guy X Ken Thompson
 X Mayor Billy Galloska

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

I, Mayor Galloska MOVES THAT THIS GOVERNING BODY, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 74-204, AMEND THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGE FROM:

- DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Overpass Study.

TO:

- DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Alternative Transportation Plan.

GOOD FAITH REASON ITEM NOT INCLUDED IN POSTED AGENDA (REQUIRED):

- Document included improper nomenclature for proposed project.

Thompson: I'll make the motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Case: I'll 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.

N/A

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2022.

B. Accounts Payables for October 2022.

C. Payroll for October 2022.

Guy: I'll make the motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 6. ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska's Appointment of Chelsea Inmon to the Glenns Ferry City Council with City Council Consent. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Inmon: My name is Chelsea Inmon, I am an Idaho State Certified Teacher. I've been in Idaho for 5 years; we purchased our home here in Glenns Ferry last summer. It has been an absolute joy being here. I am a mother of three, we relocated from Arizona in 2018. I look forward to being part of the group and help move the city forward.

Mayor Galloska: Council this is my suggestion for the appointment for Chelsea Inmon to the Glenns Ferry City Council. I need your consent. After quite a bit of interviews and walk abouts, time spent with Mrs. Inmon, she rose to the top of my list.

Thompson: I make a motion that we appoint her to the council.

Case: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

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

Mayor Galloska: Repeat after me.

Mayor Galloska/Chelsea Inmon: I, Chelsea Inmon, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and the Laws and Ordinances of the City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho, and that I will to the best of my ability, faithfully perform the duties of the office of City Council in the City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho during my continuance therein, so help me God.

Mayor Galloska: Congratulations.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Morning Dew Landscaping, Melanie McLean.

McLean: I'm the owner and operator of Morning Dew Landscaping. We are fully licensed and insured, full-service landscape company in Elmore County. We service all of Elmore County, rural and residential as well as commercial. We offer different individual services through an eco-friendly approach basically our methods, our contribution management through landscaping offering land sustainability through care, education and support. What that means is we have two focus areas that we focus on through our concepts of designs and management of your property. A lot of people when they think of landscaping they think mowing the lawn and things of that nature, but we offer a lot more than that. I'm working along with Christy Acord and the concept of updating our local parks and our public spaces. Our concept is a rejuvenation of our local parks. What we mean by this is like visibility of our local businesses. A lot of people are aware of our railroad park, that is the area that we celebrate a lot of our holiday festivities, our tree lighting, our street dances during the summer and things like that, place where our community gathers. Our idea is to increase visibility to our business areas to create a walkable and inviting space. A safer gathering area for our holiday gatherings. Currently, most of you are aware of our condition of our railroad park. It's basically a strip of sod to say the least. Non-managed space, it's been overgrown in several areas. We're working with Christy to maybe beautify that space with keeping the concept of water conservation as well as eco-scaping. Not necessarily xeriscaping which a lot of you have been familiar with. Christy has spoken many times, but what were offering is more of an eco-scaping idea that's working with our current landscape, lowering our water usage on these areas. Speaking of water usages, I'm not sure if most of you are aware that many of our parks in our area are watered not only through irrigation carriages, but as well as our city water through our water treatment plant. This here shows you over the years our water usages as well as irrigation carriages. Shows you annually we spend \$22,000 alone watering just on our irrigation. Then you can follow along down the line as it goes up. I can also give you an idea for the railroad park in the last year. 2022, at this point back in September so that number's probably different by now but as of this year we've spent \$3,489 just to water that strip of grass. If you can imagine we could decrease that amount of grass, we can introduce pollinator friendly water drought friendly plants by beautifying the area and providing a better look to our downtown area. It will reduce the amount of grass being watered which in turn long term water is expensive. It will decrease our tax dollars and also the usage on our treatment plant. The water treatment plant is already at its max, if we can reduce that usage on the water plant it will be better for our citizens in the long run. By introducing self-sustaining plants is a great way to do this. Also, by replacing the flows, if you've seen it watering at all a lot of the time you see the sprinklers just hitting the pavement and creating lakes. If you've ever been to our cemetery during watering time which the cemetery is irrigation water, as you know. But if you drive by there are huge puddles that can be avoided by just managing the type of irrigation, pressure valves, spigots, emitters and those type of thigs. Just by doing that would lower the cost by directing that spray onto the grass so that you can lower the amount of time watering. All of that plays into the concept that Christy and I have talked about. We go back to railroad park, this is the corner on Commercial and Idaho

that is overgrown and not maintained. What we're suggesting just to start off in this area to see what the communities feedback is, is refresh the rock by adding new rock, even suggested by adding a design in the rock. Also, those overgrown sage brushes be cut back they should be a third of its size. They are actually sitting in beds. Our ceremonial Christmas tree is overgrown, you can't even see the retaining wall let alone the bench that is sitting there to honor one of our community members. We wanted to keep it simple, limb it up so you can see its tree well area and add some gravel. Christy and I discussed keeping the railroad theme, we want to keep the railroad ties as it being the railroad park. Native drought tolerant native plants that once they root you wont have to maintain. I picked all native Idaho plants. I've also offered Christy design concepts with our welcome park including the railroad park all the way down to the entrance of the fairgrounds. Behind the Family Dollar is actually an exit entrance to our fairgrounds. It's completely overgrown with nothing but weeds in that area. Maybe bringing back a park feel in that area.
Case: I don't have questions. I think it is a good idea and thinking from a different point of view. There isn't a single grant you go for that doesn't ask, what are you doing to go green? What are you doing to try to conserve water? It can be something completely irrelevant, but it is on every grant application that you see. This could be beneficial to helping us get grants.

Thompson: I have one thought here, about twenty years ago they did the landscape here, what you're talking about now. Was it maintained?

McLean: No.

Thompson: What makes you think it's going to be maintained now?

Case: Self-maintaining.

McLean: Hopefully with the right material you can suppress weeds. Its obvious they used plastic instead of a contractor's fabric. If you use a contractor's fabric it's going to suppress the weeds. You have to use a 5.3-ounce woven fabric. It's not going to be perfect; we're still going to need to spray. Also, I don't know why, I'm not part of the maintenance team for the city, I don't know why they don't maintain those areas. There's a need that's there.

Case: Don't these require less maintenance than we have to do right now?

McLean: Yes.

Case: I'm saying from the grass aspect.

Thompson: The grass is easy; you just go out and mow it. These days you got to pull the weeds out of it.

McLean: Not with direct line weed spray. That was back with my irrigation topic. When you direct drip your lines, when you properly do your spray and adjusting. You won't have the weeds.

Thompson: If you can prove to me that this will work, I'll leave you alone and won't say anymore.

McLean: You can see in many places like in Kuna, Meridian, Boise and even Mountain Home where these concepts are being implemented into public spaces and they are working.

Guy: I think it's going to fall to the weeding. I actually pulled those weeds, and it requires weeding no matter what you do.

McLean: Our current spaces require weeding too and it's not getting done wither way.

Case: I did do quite a bit of research on this and no, it's not weed free, but the maintenance time is far less from what I read. I'm no expert in this all I can do is Google, see what other people have done, other towns, did it work. To be honest with you I find it more appealing the aspect of one, on the corner and two is it really will help us going for grants.

McLean: If anyone's interested in seeing this in action I would suggest you going to King Hill to the old water district building. That is an eco-scape that we installed last winter over the spring. We spend one hour every two weeks on maintenance. Compared to, I don't know how many hours it takes to mow, that's two hours a month. It is six thousand square feet.

Case: Christy, is this something that you think we can get a grant for?

Acord: Water conservation grant that I was looking at before is already passed, but there's yes.

Thompson: The other side is what is the cost to do this?

McLean: That is a big question actually. Right now, it would depend basically on grant availability. With the funds that are available is how we'll do the scape. We'll take the basic concepts, whatever the funding is and go from there and accommodate. As you know rock is very expensive right now. It's going to based off the economy and the grant amount. What I would really like to focus on would be the reducing of the grass and adding whatever pollinating friendly plants to reduce the water that we're using. I can get you numbers if you want.

Thompson: I don't think we can go anywhere without knowing what it's going to cost.

McLean: I've been waiting for the ok to move forward cause this takes a lot of work between concept and building an affordable proposal. So, I've held off in building a full proposal until the concept was accepted. If the concept is accepted I'm more than happy to build a full proposal so that the council knows how much it would cost.

Case: If you're scaling it off of what the grant money might be, what is it going to be visual? If a grant comes in big then we know it's going to be beautiful but if it doesn't come in big is it going to be scaled down to the point where it looks patchy?

McLean: No, what I am going to offer is the smallest amount possible and then we'll go from there. So, if we get a larger grant then we can add but let's keep it minimal for now. Small scape, small idea. If we get a larger grant, that's great we can go bigger.

Acord: I can add to that. I'm proposing a phaseout project. Phase one is to do this if everybody likes it and we don't have complaints then you expand on that idea. But you start out initially as simple and then you phase it in.

Case: I like the idea that we're in a not so huge area and we can get an idea of what we're looking at and we may say this is great or we may say it's a one and done, but you won't know until you do it. Obviously it's going to be based off of grant dollars and not the budget.

Mayor Galloska: Christy, is your phase one to correct the end over here?

Acord: Yes. To correct the end that's visually right there and to trim back the Christmas tree, to trim back the sages that are there and that's our phase one. I am working directly with the nursery in Mountain Home. Yard Creations. Ms. Vickie has already said that she'd like to be a part of this project.

McLean: She supplies all of our rock and mulch.

Acord: We live in Idaho, and I can furnish as much rock as you want in my back pasture.

Which we have done. If you happen to visit the park, the borders that are in along the property was pulled from the dry creek bed of Rolling Rock Ranch in King Hill.

Thompson: I make a motion that we allow Christy to go out for grants and get a cost for us.

Case: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Eastern Elmore County Rec Dist: City Park Right of Way Boundaries.

Dustin Johnson: I'm approaching you guys because we have been given the lot that is across the street from the pool. We've got the funds for that to purchase that piece of property and from there we want to propose doing the whole park through grants from the state, but with that being said we've talked to a company about it and in order for that to move forward with that project we are asking if we could get a couple lot lines moved so we can bundle it all together so we can get the grants to make it work.

Mayor Galloska: I want to clarify to the council and to you because I just heard back from the attorney before the meeting, we don't actually have to move any lines because they don't exist. That one map showed them and he has looked in every place they should be and none of them exist so you are food to go as far as the attorney is concerned. He said he would fight it all the way if he had to. Somebody drew a line, and it does not exist. The park is the park. It's owned by the City of Glenns Ferry and based on that alone it goes right down the road.

Johnson: There's nothing to the East?

Mayor Galloska: He has spent the last two weeks searching it out. All I can do is trust his judgement.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Alternative Transportation Plan.

Acord: I've been asked to attend tonight by Glenns Ferry Highway District. They've agreed to move forward with the underpass project and to seek out an alternative transportation plan and with the assistance of ITD and LTAC. The highway district has set an order to move forward with the plan, they and they need to see if the City of Glenns Ferry and Elmore County are both on board to seek out funding and assistance to help to fund and apply for grants to develop an alternative transportation plan.

Thompson: Are we talking down there at the underpass?

Acord: Yes.

Thompson: I make a motion that we get on board, it's not in the city but still.

Acord: It will directly affect the city.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

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

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] EC/COGF Building Service Agreement.

Mayor Galloska: Since the city is without a building inspector at the moment, we are needing to move fast to acquire one while we put out for applications and search for a new inspector. You have in front of you an agreement between us and the county. The county has approved and they will sign it if we approve it on Thursday. It's on their agenda. The amount that we would be paying the county for their services is 80% of our building permit fee where as we paid our building inspector 50% they require 80% with their contract. That's been done with every other city they've done this with. We don't have certain fees that they do have and so they're willing to waive those for us going through this contract. 80% plus milage is what they'd charge us.

Thompson: I see in here that some of these people put their (inaudible).

Parsons: I have attached an exhibit B, our building permit that we currently have and those are the fees that we would be paying 80% off of. Last fiscal year around budget we had our public hearing and we addressed fees then. I do not know if building fees were in them, but we did go over all of them. The mileage chart is off the federal just like what we use.

Mayor Galloska: The other thing Councilman Thompson is the county is getting ready to adjust their fees in the near future and us adjusting ours might make it, we'll be going back and forth and I think it would be advantageous for us to wait until they do theirs and get into the same realm so we're all on the same playing field.

Case: (inaudible) seems low, the construction but I don't know what it costs.

Parsons: That was a fee budget before last that we added in because we did not have a number there and so our public works director at that time suggested that fee and then as course as time goes on he will have to give us suggestions for

Mayor Galloska: Remember these fees such as the road cut fee has nothing to do with the building permit fee.

Case: They don't get 80% of what they do here.

Mayor Galloska: It's just the building permit.

Inmon: If we contract with them how long are we locked in a contract?

Mayor Galloska: This contract is three months and then we have to look at an extension if we go beyond that. If we go shorter than that it's just whenever we're done. Up to three months is what we agreed to pending your approval of course.

Thompson: I make a motion that we approve the contract.

Inmon: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

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

Case: I have one question I forgot, are they going to show up to

Mayor Galloska: They are required by contract to come and inspect once a week outside of that we'll have to arrange that.

Case: I was thinking more at meetings. It would be awfully nice to have them at meetings.

Mayor Galloska: I agree, and it is spelled out that it could be requested that they could come.

Case: Are we going to have them actually come?

Mayor Galloska: That's the point of this.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Resolution Accepting the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health, Inc Grant supporting the Heritage Path Project. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: "I motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCEPTING THE BLUE CROSS OF IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH, INC -GRANT.

*FUNDING FROM THE FOUNDATION IS TO SUPPORT THE GLENN'S FERRY HERITAGE PATHWAY PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST. **be adopted***

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor: Roll Call Vote.

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

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead: Absent.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek: Absent.

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

Carnahan: We're excited to get the Heritage Project kicked off in the next couple weeks and the DEQ for sewer and water they had a couple questions on and I'll give you an update the next time. The water loop is approved waiting on the designs from DEQ.

D. Acting Public Works – Cody Crawshaw: Absent.

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: N/A

F. Development – Christy Acord:

Acord: Tomorrow night from 6-8:30 there's a townhall meeting for Elmore County Rural Development over at the VFW Hall for any community member who wants to participate to steer Elmore County Rural Development on what folks would like to see here in Glenns Ferry. The discussion is a led discussion. We have a moderator from our community, and it'll be focusing on house, infrastructure, parking then an hour on growth and development. We'll be braking into groups and be working. Kind of like a brainstorming session so there's not so many complaints just more suggestions and solutions in order to move forward.

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail: Absent.

Mayor Galloska: Beyond the Books Bus will only be out during special events over the winter months and then return to service in March.

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcement – Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: Code enforcement I have had six total violations, one was a call code and five were self-initiated. I had one violation letter that went out. On animal control I had one barking dog complaint, four dogs in the shelter, one was adopted out, five dogs at large, one welfare check and two hours of training.

I. Airport Manager – Brian Reid: (Online) N/A

J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan: Absent

K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Absent

Item 14. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Inmon: It's been educational so far. Thank you for having me here and I look forward to bringing myself up to speed on what's going on to better represent Glenns Ferry.

Guy: N/A

Case: Cemetery, someone actually stepped up and wants to head up the cemetery board. This person has a lot of experience and knowledge and the people he is recommending to be on the board have great interest in the cemetery. I gave him all my research and the Glenns Ferry cemetery codes. Kurtis has stepped up, so we are moving forward.

Mayor Galloska: I was asked to read this to the council; Mayor Galloska, Planning & Zoning, City Council, et al, Sadly I'm writing to let you know I must resign from my position on the P&Z board. As some of you may know, I was in California taking care of my 98 year old mom since May. I have wrapped things up there and returned to Idaho in mid-September. I am in Meridian, but her care takes up most of my time. It's been an honor to be on the board for the past 4 plus years. When my circumstances change I will reach out to see if the seat is available. (impact area) I'd love to return. A big thank you to the city staff for all that has been done for the P&Z board. Each of you are really appreciated. Thank you again Glenns Ferry, all the best. Cordially Jill Hampton.

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Case: Can we get a thank you letter out to her?

Mayor Galloska: Absolutely.

Item 15. ADJOURN: 7:53pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 11/16/2022

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 11/22/2022

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED