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Citizens of Glenns Ferry
State of the City Report 2022
Mayors Corner



Dear Citizens,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Mayor this year and I look forward to the coming year. We have had some ups and downs, but overall, I believe the city is in a good position.

While we did spend a significant amount of time in the weeds and under water (in some cases quite literally), we have managed to turn it around and are on an upward trajectory. I have made it clear to staff that expectations of the citizens requires a higher bar to be set and maintained this year. I would like to highlight some of the positive items that have been done this year to promote the well-being and vitality to our community.

We adjusted some administrative methods as well as streamlining some of our processes to make them more user friendly both for staff and end-users. While this takes some time to get used to, I believe it will better for al moving forward.

As you already know, we changed to a private landscaping company this year to get us back on track but that has also saved us money in the budget. We also made changes to our building plan review process as well as the job requirements for the building inspector. We are hoping these changes will have a positive impact on the safety and growth in our community.

Crossing signs have been installed in front of the school to increase safety for our local children. We have also ordered and received new pavement markings for these which will be installed once the weather allows for it as well as adding a crosswalk on Commercial Street and Arthur Avenue where increased pedestrian traffic occurs often and has been a safety concern.

We are in the process of final prep for work to upgrade our Heritage Pathway thanks to grants, donors, and the community. I want to thank the community members who have kept his project at the forefront of discussions. We have been working to get the historic lights in downtown repaired and restored. The first set of these will be installed later this week and the second set is in the process of being completed. I think everyone will be pleased to see these done. Additionally, we were able to have the benches throughout town restored, repaired, and re-oiled.

The Public Works Director and I have discussed the fogging from this past year and determined that the results were not as successful as we would have liked and are looking to changing our plan for this coming year. We are investigating better methods to manage the roadways throughout town.

The Animal Intake Facility is getting closer to completion, we look forward to opening it soon!

The airport fire loop materials have arrived and will be installed this spring. I know this has been on the subject line of council since before my time in city government. Additionally, I met with the Idaho Transportation Department, Aeronautics Division yesterday and finalized plans for them taking over and completing the taxiway project that has been stalled the last few years. They will take care of everything from engineering, design to the final work! This will help to increase usability by pilots, and we hope it will help to increase commerce for other businesses in town.

I am looking towards a productive year here in Glens Ferry and I want to thank everyone who has played a part in the overall success of 2022. While there were hiccups, we found a way to climb over them. We were also able to do all this while staying under budget! The approved budget for 2022 was 3,526,911.00 and we only spent 2,297,453.30 saving taxpayers \$1,229,457.70! We look forward to trying to stay right where we are financially by staying fiscally responsible while also making positive changes to our city. Thank you for allowing me to serve, and I look forward to the challenges in 2023.

Sincerely,

William L. Galloska, DMin.
Mayor, City of Glens Ferry