

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting January 10, 2023

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, by Mayor William Galloska.

Members Present: Luke Guy, Chelsea Inmon, Ken Thompson, Mayor Billy Galloska

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Scott Nichols, Jackie Shenk, Derik Janousek, Jennifer Trail

Others: Dustin & Whitney Johnson, Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Kt Carpenter, Jennifer Baker, Damian Gil, Rusty Johnson, Rich & Connie Wills, Dan Coleman, Mike Hollinshead, Greg Berry, Kyle Moore, Jim Zimmerman, Kasey Chuba, Harry Knox, Kurtis Workman, Nichole Askew, David & Annette Payne, Karen Hall, Darrald Bean, Donna Carnahan, ISP Colonel Kedrick Wills

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

 A Susan Case X Luke Guy X Chelsea Inmon X Ken Thompson
 X Mayor Billy Galloska

***For the record Susan Case – Absent

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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.

Harry Knox: My names Harry W. Knox I live in King Hill, Idaho. I was a resident of Glenns Ferry until second grade. I've been in the county my entire life. About a little over three years ago, we came before you this city council. We asked if the revitalization group could help the city move their pathway project forward. It had kind of stalled. To give you to those who do not know what the revitalization committee is about, a totally autonomous group of volunteers. The council approved us to see what we could do with your pathway project. We took that assignment and worked closely with Mayor White for three and a half years. He's a great supporter of the pathway project. We reidentified the project to its real merits and its merits are for the safety of the community, our children and our tourists. We hooked up with Ed Geegly. Ed is on the selection committee of the Idaho Parks and Rec. He gave us insight on how to get a grant through because what the parks wanted done was they wanted the first phase of the pathway project rehabilitated. Present, as many of you know it is disconnected from the state park and private land where the easements begin. It's a major problem for tourists and there are other problems. We applied for this grant under the advice of the state parks. We got the grants, sixty thousand dollars. It's available to you. The revitalization committee, they have no authority to make decisions. There are many decisions that are going to have to be made relative to this grant. What kind of surface do you want, do you want it paved? Do you want hard packed gravel? We don't make those decisions; we bring them to you. For Mayor White, what options are there for the pathway? We came up with three options, he gave to the engineering firm Keller and Associates. We've delivered and Jill and I and our members feel for those aren't aware, I'm only the co-chair. Jill Laib is the other co-chair. It's time for us to pass the baton on to the other stakeholders. In terms of looking forward and spending three in a half years for you, we feel that your stakeholders aren't the only stakeholders in this pathway project. The schools involved, the rec district, how are they all involved, because over the course of the last sixty years we have done things in this community and we've kind of disregarded the safety of our youth and our tourists. We all know

there's two hundred thousand a year coming and what do they do, they park their bikes on the other side of the tracks and walk across to our swimming pool. What do our kids do, the board of trustees said we are going to bus our children, that was before we had a pool. We don't bus in the summer.

Mayor Galloska: Mr. Knox, I will put you on the agenda so this item can be further discussed.

Kurtis Workman: 741 N Commercial. I am sorry I did not foresee this, but I am here to comment on the progress of our cemetery committee, and I will ask at a point in the agenda at our next meeting, but I would like the council to know that we are still moving forward. Of the two volunteers we gathered one has asked to not be considered for that position, so we currently are looking for three more positions. If you hear, see, or think of please forward them to me for that board.

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2022.

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for December 27, 2022.

C. Accounts Payables for December 2022.

D. Payroll for December 2022.

E. Library Minutes for October 2022.

F. Library Minutes for November 2022.

Thompson: I make a motion.

Guy: 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] Election of City Council President:

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

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Thompson: I make a motion.

Guy: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Sheriff Hollinshead: Policing within the City Limits.

Elmore County Sheriff Mike Hollinshead: I come tonight to talk about the safety of Glenns Ferry. King Hill and this area. We've been blessed that we currently have five residence troopers in Elmore County. Which has helped us out considerably. They have done a fantastic job. I have told you all that I am short staffed, you've heard on the news getting applications and qualified people is very hard. I have openings and I can't fill all positions. I've got colonel here in how we've joined forces and that you have a residence trooper here in Glenns Ferry that can respond. They come in; they just don't do traffic. They respond and help us with calls and take calls to get us ahead for everybody's safety.

Idaho State Police Colonel Kedrick Wills: My name is Kedrick Wills, I serve as a director of the Idaho State Police. The Idaho State Police has what we call a resident trooper program and in that program we have troopers that live within small communities throughout Idaho and we ask them to get involved, to live there. There's a difference in having a state trooper driving through town and a state trooper assigned here to the community. We ask them to get involved in the community, to be a part of the community. We've been doing this for a long time. I'm the product of the trooper that was sent here in 1972 and spent thirty years here. Part of the residency program with the state police hingers squarely on a couple of things. One, how willing our trooper is to get involved in the community and two how willing they are to work and how willingly the sheriff's offices are to work with our trooper. We've used this as one team and one mission. Regardless of the color of the uniform, regardless of if the car has stripes or a star or whatever it is we are all on the same team and that team is to serve you all, the citizens of your city and we want to be part of that. Your new residence trooper is Kevin Truesdell, he's been here for a few months. He comes to us with about ten years with the New Mexico state police. The mission of the Idaho State Police is to protect Idahoans and to serve with them. Our residence trooper program as the sheriff

has shared, we really appreciate the partnership we have with them and the Elmore County Sheriff's Office. We are here to augment what they do and the work they're doing to keep us all safe and I told Sheriff Hollinshead that those residence troopers are to be used with those sheriffs. They are there to be part of the sheriff's office, part of the community. We hope that's what's happening here, I'm certain it is and that's how this program's successful. We haven't had a residence trooper here for some time. We have a huge gap. Our closest trooper is in Mountain Home on exit 95 and to the east in Jerome at exit 165. Seventy miles to cover where troopers live is a lot for us. This is good for us; we hope it's good for your community and we want to be a force multiplier with the sheriff office. We're thankful to the sheriff and his team and we just want to add to what they're doing.

Nichols: Are we still a go on the Idaho State Police housing at the state park?

Idaho State Police Colonel Kedrick Wills: Mr. Mayor and city council, yes. That program I'm learning is not going as fast as I would hope, but yes we are still going forward with that program.

Elmore County Sheriff Mike Hollinshead: I'd like to thank the mayor and city council joining forces with the ISP Troopers and having them here as residents has been a big help.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Darrald Bean, RHU, REBC. The 2022 Health Benefits Renewal.

Darrald Bean: 3922 North Rampart Boise, Idaho. I'm going to pass out to the council members our renewal. The renewal is March 1st for the city. It shows you are current plan and benefit highlights for 2022 and what the renewal is for 2023. We got a 6.1 percent rate increase this year. We had a very good renewal last year at roughly 12 1/2 percent. Which is what trend was. Trend is running about 14.4 when I looked at my renewals this year. Our renewal came in at 6.1. We have a grandfathered health plan, we can keep it as long as we want, but if we ever change it we don't get it back. Every year I compare our renewal and the current rates. But the current rates are gone. March 1st, we're dealing with the new figure. I look at all the other plans and show you what the benefits and rates are. (General information from packet that was provided). We're continuously running below or equal to the trends. My recommendation is that I feel that plan to renew as is, is a wonderful opportunity, but as always I put in there this is subject to budget.

Thompson: I don't think it gets any better than what we've been doing here. We've been doing this grandfather thing for quite some time.

Inmon: N/A

Guy: N/A

Thompson: I make a motion we leave it as it is.

Inmon: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Dan Coleman, CPA - Quest CPAs PLL: City of Glenns Ferry 2022 Audit.

Dan Coleman: I did the audit for the city this year. Our office is located in Payette. For us we do audits 100 percent of the year. Governmental audits is what we focus on specifically. We have about two hundred audit clients and some of those are school districts and others are special districts. We audit about fifteen cities. We've worked into a groove of governmental audits especially cities like you guys. The audit process, we send out a shopping list. It has about twenty to thirty items on it, we emailed it to her. She puts the information in and then emails it back to me and then the audit itself was done remotely, I did it out of my office in Payette Idaho. The procedures that we do, as if I were here physically, ahead of time we ask for items and she sends them to us and we review that information. If there are any questions throughout the auditing process then I will email her or call her to get answers to those questions. Everything went really well and checked out okay. We take a look at receipts and invoices to make sure we are keeping proper documentation. We also look at compliance items to see if the city is maintaining local, state and federal laws depending on the revenue that flows through the city. Everything checked out good, nothing negative to report to you tonight. Teresa was really good to work with and really helpful throughout the audit process. The audit itself that we're looking at is thirty-seven pages of information. Pages 1-3 is the auditor's report, express an opinion on audit. At the end of the audit pages

34 and 35 we take a look at internal controls and compliance. We make sure the city has policy and procedure that they use to protect the city's assets. If we're missing those controls we make sure that you start doing them. Everything checked out good there as well. There was only one finding and it was the same as last year, on pages 36 and 37. It is called a segregation of duties finding and what it means basically accounting theory suggests that you should have several people in the accounting department everybody reviewing everybody else's work and so if you have limited staff, lots of times you have one person doing all the accounting, we have to put that finding in there and that we're aware that you should have more accounting staff for review processes and you only have one. There is a segregation of duties of finding there. Not a big issue. For financing purposes or anything else you guys might do bonding purposes, I don't think that finding is an issue at all. It just says you have limited staff in the accounting department. Page 9 shows you the financial history of last year. You're looking at the city's major funds and you guys have three of those. We'll focus on the bottom three numbers, so I'll hit the bottom three. (General audit numbers in funds from packet). I have advise for Teresa mostly, we seen a lot of data lose from many organizations so I would check your backups and make sure the backup is good and is backing up daily. If you lose that data you have to put it in again and that's a nightmare.

Inmon: This was obviously a time intense process from what I understand. Is there any way in the future to possibly get in person assistance versus everything being virtual?

Coleman: If that's a major issue then I think we can work with you on that. With the one hundred school districts we have I think there was one we did in person and the rest was virtual. We hit the virtual deal when covid hit because it had a lot of issues that came up for us personally, but I would say like 95% of our audits are done virtually now. We don't come out physically to the location. I enjoyed working with the city, I enjoyed working with Teresa so we could make exceptions if we needed to, but it does not give you any more value having me here physically then having me do the audit back at the office. I'm willing to work on that with you guys if that is an issue.

Inmon: And possibly hybrid, something where somebody is here throughout the process to where it's not all falling on our limited staff per say.

Coleman: Yeah and this first year, Teresa I think saved a folder of the audit for the audit. The first year just getting used to what I need to see is the hardest part. After this there's a system and it's the same system every year. I have to look at the same information. Maybe it'll be one of those deals where we can do the audit virtually then I come and present physically or we'll work on whatever works for the city.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jennifer Baker: Presentation - Community Cat Project.

Jennifer Baker: I live here in town. I'm the organizer of the Glenns Ferry Community Cat Project. I think that council people you all have a copy of this TNR 101 in your packets. We are just a group of private individuals trying to solve a community problem and so far we had our very first trapping about the first week in December and already we have sixty-three cats that have been taken out of the breeding pool and we are going like mad. For anybody here, we try and tell people that if you hate cats, this is the program for you. If you love cats, this is the program for you. This program been being used all over the world for over twenty years. It absolutely works. Our mission statement is very specific, we are only here to humanly and sustainably reduce the feral cat population of our city. We are not doing rescues, we are not doing adoptions, and fosters. We're not asking the city for any money, any help. We have brought the animal control office into what's going on because she's the person that gets to field all these phone calls from people saying, we've got to do something about these cats. We are just here to say that the city has a tool now and it is the Glenns Ferry Community Cat Project. We have amazing people in the community, the financial support in this community has been astounding. There are so many people that were just waiting to tell them, here is the solution. We have the solution and it's working. The only other thing I have to say is first of all, when you see cats that are concerning you, call me. We can do something about them. Secondly, when you're looking for those cats, look for the little notched ear. We'll be seeing more of

them. A notched ear cat means it has been altered and returned to its little place in its little eco system to live out the remainder of its life. We're not doing anything illegal; we are operating on private property at the sometimes okay of the property owners. Every cat that gets caught in a trap, unless it is a male that is tame enough that you can turn it around and look under its tail goes to get fixed. Females it's hard to tell if it's been fixed until she shaves its bellies. If they've got a scar they just go back in the cage. Any cat that is out of the direct control of its owner, if it's an owned cat and is out available to be trapped and it's an unneutered cat it is considered part of the problem and it gets fixed.

Mayor Galloska: Therein lies my question, my issue with this because that puts the city liable when you....

Jennifer Baker: How?

Mayor Galloska: In my opinion and that's why I asked Geoff to be here, if you unwittingly trap a privately owned cat and neuter it because you have no evidence otherwise or treat it that opens the city up to a lawsuit.

Jennifer Baker: How?

Geoff Schroeder: If this is a private organization and it's not using any city funds and then if an owner, well first of all cats aren't allowed to be at large. It's unlawful for the owner or any person in charge of any animals or poultry to permit the same to run at large within the city at any time. That's the definition of "at large". I think if a person were to have a claimed liability without the city's indorsement, would lie with the person who (inaudible-someone coughed) act of the cat. This is where the animal shelter

Jennifer Baker: They don't have anything to do with cats.

Geoff Schroeder: So, you're saying the animal shelter is not a problem?

Jennifer Baker: Nope. Animal shelter is not involved, nobody is. It's just a group of private citizens doing what we can to solve a problem.

Thompson: When you're trapping are you trapping on private property or are you trapping on

Jennifer Baker: Yeah, on private property.

Thompson: And who's allowing you, you getting permission?

Jennifer Baker: Property owners, yeah.

Inmon: So, the property owner calls you saying there's this cat hanging around my whatever?

Jennifer Baker: Well, there's colonies and yeah.

Inmon: Then you would come out, that's how you identify the private properties.

Jennifer Baker: Mmmm Hmmm.

Inmon: We had two questions, when you said that people call how do they know how to call?

Jennifer Baker: If they call animal control and Jackie says, well call Jennifer. That or we are in the process of getting our name out. People are finding out and desperate for this service.

Inmon: Ok. My second question kind of went along with the mayor's concern being able to really identify the feral versus domestic.

Jennifer Baker: It doesn't matter. It's a cat at large, if the cat is intact it is part of the problem.

Inmon: After hearing the code, it seems that you would be correct to my understanding to that this is perfectly within the

Jennifer Baker: These programs are in place all over.

Inmon: This leads to my last comment. I actually come from a place that had these very similar programs in place and they were very successful. It took a while for full community buy in for some time and things like that. But overall, it was probably 90%, 85% on that positive end. I do personally think it's a great thing and as long as we are making sure we are working within the confines of Idaho Codes and laws, city ordinances so that we don't make ourselves liable as the city.

Jennifer Baker: We were told by; we've been working with some groups that have a lot more experience than we do, and we were advised right away that the way for this to work was that we would need to be an independent group so that the city does not have liability. We are on private property with the consent of property owners. We try and let people know when we're going to have a trapping. If you have a cat

that you're concerned about, that you don't want to have fixed keep it inside. We will take people's private cats also. We'll take them all. Some people say, I got this cat, and it needs to be fixed and I don't have the money for this, bring it here on this day and we'll take it with us. It's costing us an average of fifteen dollars a cat to get done. We're doing our part to try to bring Glenns Ferry into the twenty first century. It's barbaric the systems that we've had. You can't just go out and shoot them, poison them, trap them, take them out to the desert. Not only is that horrible, but it doesn't work. They go directly back to the place they are trapped.

Mayor Galloska: Jennifer I just wanted to say I am completely behind the program. I think there's been a misconception that I don't agree with the program, I think it's a great program. I just want to make sure that we're on the right footing legally. That's my biggest concern. I don't want us to do something and misstep and then we are held liable.

Jennifer Baker: I do have one sort of legal question in the code. I was sure that there was something in there about prohibiting, feeding animals. But I can't find it.

Geoff Schroeder: Your code, I'm the city attorney here. At some point the prosecutor for at large dog cases and I do the same for Mountain Home and I have prosecuted at trial a cat at large case. I'll tell you this, the Mountain Home City Code definition of owner is where the rubber meets the road. What happens is an owner in Glenns Ferry is any person or group of persons, cooperations owning, keeping, or harboring of any poultry or animal. In Mountain Home Code includes the act of feeding. The case that I had, and it was more serious than the terms involved make it, so the person was feeding a whole neighborhood full of feral cats, putting food out. That subjected that person to criminal liability for animals at large because they became the owner of the animals they were feeding. They were in fact a nuisance and it was bad.

Jennifer Baker: What I'm saying is our city, we don't have that particular rule in play though.

Geoff Schroeder: We can amend it.

Jennifer Baker: If so that opens up a whole nother, because we need to have it way clear for colony care takers to be able to keep doing what they're doing. Because this is sort of part of that whole process.

Mayor Galloska: I'm not quite sure what the issue is

Jennifer Baker: Just making sure that our colony caretakers are not taking the risk of ending up being sued for feeding. Now if they're out making a huge mess and littering that's whatever.

Geoff Schroeder: The other issues to the larger question overall to the legality is that a cat that wanders into a trap that is not on the owner's property is an at large animal that is prohibited. That's where the out is. The cats that you're trapping to some sense is subject to having a cat at large and so that's between you and the cat owner.

Mayor Galloska: If they're trapping on their property Geoff, then is it really at large at that point?

Jennifer Baker: No, if it's somebody else's

Geoff Schroeder: If it's a different cat. We can add that owner definition to the extent if there is a problem of people leaving food out and attracting colonies of cats, then you may want to do that. It will involve the animal control officer and me in court.

Jennifer Baker: I just assume not if there's not a law there now.

Mayor Galloska: Can I ask one final question Jennifer, because once you start a program like this, often councilman Thompson asked about sustainability. How is this sustainable long term? So that it doesn't end up becoming a city project.

Jennifer Baker: You're never going to catch them all. Hopefully within a couple of years we won't be catching nearly the numbers. We're taking twenty, twenty-five cats at a time, right now and it's only limited at this point because that's as many cages and traps we can fit in a couple of vehicles. It is expected to be a long term on going a thing.

Guy: I have a question for the lawyer. I know that mostly in dogs but in breeding stock of a dog like a Great Dane got out and was captured they could legally neuter it even though it was a ten grand dog. There's cats now worth five grand. If they escaped. Would there be any repercussions at that point.

Geoff Schroeder: *Trapping dogs is different. The risk of liability lies with the people engaged in the activity. Then the cats come to them in a position of illegality.*

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Karen Hall: Eastern Elmore County Rec Dist: Billie Dee Noble Sports Complex: \$300 Rezone Application Fee.

Karen Hall: *I live North of town. We're here tonight, this is Dustin Johnson. It's going to have to be rezoned so we're applying for...., we've got all the paperwork done with Lori. There's a matter of a fee and we were wondering if you'd consider waiving that fee for us for the zoning?*

Nichols: *The three hundred dollar rezoning fee?*

Karen Hall: *Yeah. Rezoning fee.*

Guy: *I would be about it. I think you've done great with the rec center in general. Swimming you provide, the gym you provide. If we can expand more I think we should help you out, myself.*

Inmon: *I make a motion to waive the rezone application fee for the Eastern Elmore County Rec District Nobles Sports Complex.*

Guy: *Second.*

Mayor Galloska: *All in favor, all – ayes.*

Karen Hall: *I just want to say we went and filled out all the information with Lori and she does a great job she's so efficient and knowledgeable.*

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Case/Thompson: Cat Licensing/City Tags.

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Thompson: *I'll make a motion to table this until the next council meeting.*

Inmon: *Second.*

Mayor Galloska: *All in favor, all – ayes.*

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Review Glenns Ferry City Code 5-3A-4 Dog and Kennel License. **TABLED from 12/13/2022.**

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Inmon: *I'll make a motion to table this until the next council meeting.*

Guy: *Second.*

Mayor Galloska: *All in favor, all – ayes.*

Schroeder: *Before Councilwoman Case gets back if the council would let me know. I am in the middle of working on a revamp for the City of Weiser that ended up in litigation in District Court over a person who had their own rescue shelter in a residential zone that was loud, noisy and smelly. Their zoning ordinance did not match their licensing ordinance and didn't have standards. It always boils down to, if I could get some feedback of the number of dogs you want to trigger a kennel.*

Thompson: *It's five.*

Schroeder: *Anything up to five, five and below is fine. Six is out.*

Nichols: *It's five or more.*

Schroeder: *More than five, right there okay. That's what you want it to state it as.*

Mayor Galloska: *Basically, what we were trying to change is our code does not allow for a fee for a kennel. This was to set a public hearing because we just can't set a fee without a public hearing.*

Inmon: *This was just a review of the city code of the license, right?*

Mayor Galloska: *We can't even do the review without a public hearing, so we need to set up a public hearing for that.*

Schroeder: *You can talk about the fee and talk about if you want a fee and how much the fee should be and all that, but you can't enact the fee without a public hearing. What cities typically do, it doesn't matter the fee, they'll debate a ballpark because if it's over 5% or a new fee you have to have a public hearing.*

Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Review Glenns Ferry City Code Advertising Signs 8-3-2 Application & 8-3-3 Removal of Signs. **TABLED from 12/13/2022.**

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Schroeder: Before you do that the city attorney has one strong recommendation on revising this chapter and that is that we strike the word advertise. It appears that this chapter is regulating signs that are in on or over streets, sidewalks and alleys. It's a supreme court case, it's content-based regulation of signs. You can regulate signs, their placement, size and colors, but you can't regulate what they say. The purpose of this chapter seems to be regulating the height of signs and their location in relationship to streets and sidewalks and alleys. You don't want them too low or bad and falling apart. The thing is it says advertising signs. I would recommend when you amend this I would strike the word advertising out.

Thompson: I make a motion that we table it until next council meeting.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 16. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 6, Chapter 2, Section 2 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Thompson: I Ken Thompson, move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, Adopt Ordinance. **Amending Title 6, Chapter 2, Section 2 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Defining Trailer and Prohibiting the Parking of Same Upon City Streets, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.**

Inmon: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Thompson: I Ken Thompson, move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENNS FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2 OF THE GLENNS FERRY CITY CODE, BY DEFINING TRAILER AND PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF SAME UPON CITY STREETS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** be adopted.

Guy: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Item 17. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 1, Chapter 5 Section 4 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Repealing Section 1-5-4 of the Code. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Councilman Thompson: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, **Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 1, Chapter 5 Section 4 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Repealing Section 1-5-4 of the Code, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.**

Councilwoman Inmon: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Councilman Thompson: I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENNS FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 4 OF THE GLENNS FERRY CITY CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** be adopted.

Councilwoman Inmon: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Item 18. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 8 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Removing Male and Adding Person. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Councilman Thompson: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, **Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 8 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Removing Male and Adding Person**, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.

Councilwoman Inmon: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Councilman Thompson: I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENNS FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 8 OF THE GLENNS FERRY CITY CODE, BY STRIKING THE WORD “MALE” REGARDING PERSONS SUBJECT TO CALL OF THE MAYOR IN AID OF LAW ENFORCEMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** be adopted.

Councilwoman Inmon: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Item 19. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 2 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Removing on City Property and in City Limits. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Councilman Thompson: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, **Adopt Ordinance. Amending Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 2 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. By Removing on City Property and in City Limits**, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.

Councilman Guy: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Councilman Thompson: I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENNS FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 2 OF THE GLENNS FERRY CITY CODE, BY EXTENDING THE PROHIBITION OF FIREWORKS TO ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** be adopted.

Inmon: Before I second, am I allowed to ask a question?

Mayor Galloska: Yes.

Inmon: When I was looking at this, so we have fireworks shows and things. Like if they wanted to do them at the park is there a permitting, would they be applying for permits?

Mayor Galloska: There would be some sort of permit process. Here's the deal, we're talking about private citizens not talking about the fire department doing the fireworks over there at the park, setting them off.

Inmon: Would that include legally purchased? Idaho State Law does allow for certain things to be legally purchased and as a resident as a city and I went and purchased those lawful things I would want to be able to use them on my property.

Janousek: Class C is legally purchased, what goes off in the air is illegally purchased. It's illegal in the state.

Inmon: What we're saying here is person to fire, explode, or use any fireworks. That could lend itself by definition to the little things that buzz, and sparklers.

Janousek: Yes, but it could lend itself to the ones that go off up in the air which are illegal by state code.

Inmon: Right and I wouldn't want to violate state law, but I wouldn't want to create additional barriers for the ones I am legally allowed to purchase as a resident on my personal property and this would in fact be doing that, is that correct?

Janousek: Yes.

Guy: Like at Fat City

Janousek: You sign a waiver and ...

Guy: Oh, so it's illegal to be bought there?

Janousek: It's legally bought there; it's illegally fired in the state. You sign a waiver you're saying you're taking them out of state to shoot them.

Guy: Oh. I think it should be worded for people who have fountains or little fireworks can still use them. That would ruin 4th of July and New Years.

Mayor Galloska: I believe I know where this one stemmed from. The 4th of July this year there were people in the parking lot while the fireworks celebration was going on firing all kinds of stuff that were going into the sky, into the crowd and that became a real issue for us and we couldn't deal with it because according to the code, it's legal to do. As long as they were on private property and not city property.

Inmon: We're they legally on that said private property.

Janousek: Yeah, but at the same time the sheriff can do something about it because those said fireworks are still illegal in the State of Idaho.

Inmon: If we're going to if we're going to modify this line of code 7-3-2 I would like to better define fireworks to allow for the use of those ones that are Class C that are legally allowed to be purchased. In its current form I would not be in favor.

Mayor Galloska: Motion Dies.

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

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead: N/A

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek: We're burning down a house for practice.

Schroeder: Can you provide some legalities on the firework definition well at least the types. If we could mirror and you know what they are better than I would. If you can tell me what term to use, you can use any blank fireworks anywhere in the city limits then I think it has legality.

Janousek: I'll email it to you.

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

Mayor Galloska: His paperwork for the LOI's are supposed to be in by Friday, so he'll know more by Friday and where that's going at this point. Letters of interest that we put in that we've been talking about of the course of the past 6 months.

D. Public Works Director – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: I am currently working on a lead and copper revision rule template that's requiring me to go through all public and private water lines to ensure that they are the correct materials. If we locate something that is galvanized, galvanized is required to be replaced. Lead or copper the city is required to replace it. This template has to be submitted to DEQ no later than October 16, 2024. We don't have as much time as you think we have.

Thompson: From my experience there's quite a few.

Nichols: It's going to be a challenge for the public works department on finding out on what is exactly in a resident yard, the meter pit, if we have capabilities the basements safely and review what is actually coming in from the public side. Which is the city side. At this time, it is a suggestion for the consumers to change their side out, but it is not mandatory as of today's date through the Department of Environmental Quality.

Thompson: What is the problem with galvanized pipe?

Nichols: *The galvanized material that is adhered to a steel pipe over a course of years, decades it flakes off and can create health issues to the consumer. We all know what happened to Flint Michigan. It's a nationwide thing. Unknown is an answer I can select, but DEQ will gather up those unknowns and say find out what it is.*

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: *The auditor told you all what I've been doing for the last year.*

F. Development – Christy Acord: N/A

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: *We started our out of school after school program that is ran off a grant that we received for adulting 101 for teens. Try to teach the kiddos some basic skills of stuff. Today they had their first cooking lesson and food groups and healthy eating. We'll do that for the first four months every Tuesday after school.*

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcement – Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: *For code enforcement it has been slow. I have one call for code, two self-initiated and two warning letters. Animal control I have had four dogs in the shelter, one made it back home, three dogs at large and one missing.*

Nichols: *The recent code that was placed in the paper, this is not directly towards you. It is directed toward you guys and gals. The code is snow removal from sidewalks. We have a plethora of individuals that cannot physically remove snow from their sidewalks so their question was, what can the city do to assist the elderly that in town so they don't receive a warning letter or a citation because they violated a code that they physically cannot do. Do we have a program for the children to take part in or do we have the public works when they call in to say we're not physically able to remove snow from our sidewalks.*

Inmon: *I think a community service project is the great line of defense but if it falls through or it might not be funded with students or bodies then possibly have it be a public works issue that we can address.*

Mayor Galloska: *That's something we'd have to investigate.*

Nichols: *Would there be any liability issues we would inherit?*

Schroeder: *Just general activity liability is covered with ICRMP. I had this issue in another city. A city had been plowing a sidewalk for an entity for a period of time and they realized it wasn't a city sidewalk and resources were scared so they ceased doing it and the entity was used to it being done and was violating the ordinance. We might not want to get into a habit of, we've always plowed these sidewalks. I think here like in Mountain Home the blockage is very transitory. It doesn't last that long. You're not going to be out there with a watch, ok it's been here for two hours. The enforcement people are going to have to have some common sense and communication with folks that can't. There's not any harm in coordinating with public works and the school to take care of some little ones. But routinely doing it for a block or area would not be good. You create more problems down the road.*

I. Airport Manager – Brian Reid: Absent.

Mayor Galloska: *Brian's been here in meetings with me for two days straight, so I do want to let the council know I met with ITD yesterday. The aeronautics division and they have taken on the responsibility of the grant that they gave us I believe two years past to two hundred and fifty thousand to redo the taxiway and so they are going to manage it, contract it out. Also, we have the pipe on sight for the fire loop at the airport. We're waiting for more parts to come in, once they are in we'll begin looking at a timeline to when we can start that project as well.*

J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan:

Carnahan: *I want to thank you again for your help with the museum because you know we don't get any tax money from anyone. We're closed because we don't have heat and in the summer we struggle because we don't have air conditioning. We're about ready to complete our window project. I think we have about eleven windows to go. Then the big decisions is if we fix the really big ones on the north and south. We have a very successful year and continue to work hard at the museum.*

K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter:

Carpenter: *Planning and zoning has been working very long and very hard on the subject of accessory dwelling units, probably over a year now. At this point we would like to schedule a joint meeting/work session with the city council to discuss adopting an amendment to the zoning code. In our code now you can only have one single resident on a parcel. With this you can have one single family resident on one parcel and a minimum of three and a maximum of six hundred square feet maximum accessory dwelling*

unit on your property depending on the size of your lot. The commissioners and our attorney have spent many hours in our endeavor to establish a criteria for accessory dwelling units in our code. I believe this is our second request to set up a joint meeting/work session with the city council. We are anxious to meet the needs of our city and to move onto new business that's going to be coming up this year. Is there a time before your regular city council meeting day or at a planning and zoning commission meeting date or choice three a separate time that works best for all of us so we can get together and go ahead and get finalized with the issue of accessory dwelling units within our city.

Schroeder: Just to highlight, whether it's a work session or not, it's a discussion and the purpose of having a joint meeting so you folk are aware. It's a legislative change and not a specific conditional use permit or something that requires permission. You're modifying and you're amending the zoning code and it has to be heard. Right now, they have a drafted one, we've gone through all sorts of definitions and used some of Elmore County's stuff, but rather than operate in the blind they have a pretty good draft ordinance. In order to adopt it they have to have a hearing and then send it to you guys for approval. This worked well in Mountain Home, we got settled with a good draft and then had a meeting with the city council who ultimately had to approve it. Then you can work out any details and differences before the hearing is set.

Carpenter: We meet on the first Wednesday of every month, you meet twice a month, so we just want to know if you wanted to discuss it a little. I think we already had one request. We just need to move forward because we do have other issues coming up that we need to resolve.

Mayor Galloska: Are you all able to come on a council night if we were able to have that meeting?

Carpenter: Yeah, maybe an hour before your city council meeting. There's a lot to discuss and you're probably going to have lots of questions, but we can at least get the ball rolling if we could start getting some sessions going so you can start knowing where we are on our project.

Thompson: I make a motion or think we should go ahead and make a meeting with them at the next council meeting.

Mayor Galloska: We can't at the next meeting because we're going to be off site, so it'll be the February one.

Parsons: We're looking at February 14th.

Carpenter: We'll make it work. A workshop at 6:00.

Schroeder: You also, I want to make this abundantly clear, you do not have to publish notice twice for zoning actions. Only once. Fees you have to publish twice and a budget.

Parsons: So, it's the 1st at 6pm.

Item 21. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Inmon: N/A

Guy: N/A

Mayor Galloska: 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 time in the weeds, in some cases quite literally we have managed to turn it around and are on an upward trajectory. I've made it clear to the 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 of our community. We adjusted pay schedules for employees to get a better system where by employees are no longer having to guess at what they might work the rest of the week to turning timecards in early enough for payroll to be completed. This was a poor way of doing paperwork and made many challenges and adjustments being required. 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're hoping these changes will have a positive impact on the safety of our community. Crossing signs have been installed in front of the school to increase safety for our local children. We've also ordered and received new pavement markings for these. Which will be installed when the weather allows for it. As well as adding a crosswalk on Commercial

Street and Arthur Avenue where pedestrian traffic occurs and has been a safety concern. We're in the process of final prep-work to upgrade our Heritage Pathway thanks to grants, donors and the community. I want to thank the community members who have kept this project at the forefront of discussions. We've 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 now. I think everyone will be pleased to see these done. Additionally, we were able to have the benches throughout town refinished, restored and repaired. We are looking also into repairing the barrels in the same manner. The public works director and I have discussed the fogging this past year and have determined that the results are not as successful as we would have liked and our looking into changing our plan for this coming year. We are investigating better methods in managing the roadways throughout town. The animal intake facility is getting closer to completion. We look forward to opening that very soon. The airport loop materials have arrived and will be installed this spring. I know this has been on the subject line of the council since before my time in city government. Additionally, I met with the Idaho Transportation Department, aeronautics division yesterday and finalized plans in having them take over, completing the taxiway project that has been stalled for the last few years. They will take care of everything from engineering, design to the final work. This will help increase usability by pilots and we know it will help increase commerce for other businesses in town. I'm looking forward to a productive year here in Glenns 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 are also able to do this all while staying under budget. The approved budget for 2022 was three million five hundred and twenty-six thousand and nine hundred and eleven. We only spent two million two hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred and fifty three and thirty cents. Saving taxpayers one million two hundred and twenty-nine thousand and four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy cents. We look forward to trying to stay right where we are by staying fiscally responsible while also making positive changes to our city. Thank you for serving with me council members and I look forward to the challenges in 2023.

Item 22. ADJOURN: 8:41PM

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 01/25/2023

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 02/14/2023

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer