

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Regular Meeting February 12, 2019

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, by Mayor Monty White.

Members Present: Susan Case, Kenny Thompson, Scott Smith, Mayor Monty White

Staff Present: Debra Rowan, Teresa Parsons, Joe Heidt, Derik Janousek, Jennifer Trail, Justin Wootan, Don Carnahan, Christy Acord

Others Present: Aussie, Benjamin Ware, Lynda Smith, Rusty Trail, F John Gies, MD, Donna Carnahan, Ken Rowe, Wes Wootan, Harley Riggs, George Parker III, Sammy White, David & Annette Payne, Levi Titus

Item 1. OPEN MEETING / ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE:

Parsons: Roll call taken.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Case	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Thompson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Merrell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Monty White		

Councilman Merrell is absent.

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor White: Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Adopt Agenda:

Case: I make motion to adopt agenda.

Smith: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

David Payne: 966 Old Highway 30, Glenns Ferry. I support progress in the City of Glenns Ferry. We have one of the higher levy rates in the state for the city of our size. I know growth is coming. I would just ask you, please be mindful of that, it's the only way we are going to save this town.

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

Item 6. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Consent Agenda.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2019.

B. Account Payables for January 2019.

C. Payroll for January 2019.

D. Library Board Meeting Minutes for January 2019.

Case: I make the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Thompson: I second.

Parsons: Roll call vote: Case -aye, Smith -aye, Thompson -aye

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Ware and Associates – City of Glenns Ferry 2018 Audit.

Benjamin Ware: I represent Ware and Associates. We conducted your 2017-2018 fiscal yearend audit. In doing so reviewed your book, your records, your policies and procedures as they pertain to your financials. Auditor opinion, I am happy to report, we found them to be in great working order. No violations of Idaho Code.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Proposed Airport Work and Gravel Trade to the Glenns Ferry Highway District (GFHD)

Mayor: At this time, we have some people that would like to talk about the Airport.

Rusty Trail: 5603 E Trail Road, Pasadena Valley: Farmer here in Glenns Ferry, my family has been here since 1937. We have used that Airport every year. The Airport is very important to not just us, but all the farmers in the area. George Parker flies for us; it'll add lots of cost to us if he has to fly off of Gooding or Mountain Home.

Dr John Gies: 4295 River St, King Hill: I fly in and out of here as much as anybody. Great honor years ago when the Governor appointed me as your State Surgeon General. Unfortunately, at that time, I had already multiple commitments as the only Certified Medical Director in South Central Idaho, to take care of mentally disabled children, and folks with lots of problems from Boise to Burley. Quite honestly, the only way I could put out sometimes three fires in one day was I could fly to each of those locations. So to the extent that the Airport was maintained, thank you for your service. If we don't have a serviceable Airport in the community, we never will be able to hope to have additional rent for hangers, fly ins, or additional business in the town, or those folks who have on their check list to buy a big ranch somewhere where there is a good serviceable airport nearby. We never will be able to dream about community activity, car shows, drag races, or anything else that might lend itself to those communities that have serviceable surface, runway.

Justin Wootan: Airport Manager: There is a significant advantage as far as Economic Development. Five things that people look for when they come in is Airport, Swimming Pool, Cemetery, Library, School. We want to create a tax base where we can sustain ourselves. I don't think we can afford pass on an opportunity where the state is willing to match our work and be able to get new surface out there at the Airport. The situation as it is present, we've done some engineering work, we had some commitments verbally to have some in-kind work done by many of the growers, folks that use the airport, originally based on hauling gravel. As we went through the engineering it became apparent there wasn't going to be a huge need that we foresee hauling the gravel. Mr. Carnahan put together a proposal wherein we could do the in-kind work via the Highway District. In order to do accomplish that, being a separate power, we need to compensate them if they were to do some of this work. Part of that is trading approximately \$80,000 worth of gravel, that the City has stocked piled 2012ish. Trading a major portion of that gravel to the Highway District to benefit some in-kind work that they would do. That would be pulverizing the runway and grading, and potentially compacting that. The decision for the Council tonight is are you willing to trade approximately \$80,000 worth of gravel that is stockpiled to the Highway District. From that if that's a yes, Mr. Carnahan is going to meet with the Highway District, then they can meet and discuss it further. There is some concern on meeting the specifications, Mr. Carnahan can talk to us a little bit better. We need to understand we are a non NPIAS airport, which can work to our advantage, it can work against us when it comes to finances, we don't get as much match as a Federal Airport that is what a NPIAS airport would mean. We are a private airport, municipality owns it and so the state, they use their financial resources to assist airports like Glenns Ferry's all over the state. Their budget when they initially started this grant was pretty close to the amount that they are willing to put forth, for them to ear tag that much resources, I think that we should not take it lightly that they are interested in helping our airport out. The Director of ITD has a specific interest in Glenn Ferry Airport for the fact that is it right next to the State Park and it's his dream to see those tied together, in some fashion. We met a few years ago about that, and how that could work together for the benefit of ITD and Aviation.

Case: Has there been any discussion with the Highway Department, that they would be amendable to this possible trade? Or has there been no discussion at all?

Wootan: I am not going to put words in Harley's mouth, but I talked to the other two Commissioners, they are interested in helping out. There is a question on the capacity to get it done, this year. Which doesn't affect the grant, because it has multiple years into it, but there is other factors with prices of asphalt and whatnot that factor into that. Then there is a little bit on the ability to meet the tolerances. Not being a tolerance person specifically when it relates to asphalt that's probably going to be a question for Don and the Highway District. The question I see tonight was if we are willing to do that, then Thursday is the Commissioners meeting and Mr. Carnahan is going to be there to visit with them on, does the Highway District think they can do it. Commissioners Noble and Crane both said they are interested in helping the community out, there's a joint powers agreement that would have to be done, and there's a liability issue that we don't want to keep them on the hook beyond what they do out there, if there needs to be torn up

and redone again, they don't have time or the dime to do that. We need to address if we are willing to do the gravel and let them meet and talk about that specifically.

Carnahan: We have discussed with the Highway District a couple times in generality and they have expressed an interest, they have some concerns, about the timing and we can push it a year if we need to. Liability I think we can handle pretty easily, and Idaho Transportation Department project, once the project is constructed and we make sure it meets specification, then its accepted, the Highway District is out of it, no warranty or anything like that. Then the construction of the airport, it's not a FAA specified, just ITD specifications.

Case: So as an engineer you don't have any concerns that they can't, given they don't generally construct a runway, you don't have any concerns, the type of work they are going to be doing that it would be a problem moving forward.

Carnahan: No, they build roads all the time, they have an asphalt zipper that was purchased that ideal for this project, using roadway specifications. So, it's really constructing a roadway that's used for airport. In the original grant application, we were going to use this gravel anyways, it was just going to be hauled with the growers to the airport. Now since we know what's down there, leave what's in place, pulverize it and reuse it, and pave on top of it. More economical, better way to go, and a lot faster, too.

Thompson: Will this meet our in-kind with the state?

Carnahan: Yes, and we actually have on record that we based on this work, equates to about \$272,000 on in-kind match. I think based on the original budget amounts were right there. We are hopeful that prices are where we think they are. I met with the contractor this week, our prices are a little high maybe... But I am nervous because Glenns Ferry can be a tough place to get competitive bids, I've seen that on other projects.

Mayor: We need to decide if the City wants to trade roughly \$70,000 to \$80,000 worth of gravel for all the in-kind work out there which would be substantially higher than the gravel. It's my recommendation, that what we need to do is get together and this project done. I think the first step would be to trade that gravel, to see if the county would take that.

Case: I agree, because we have already voted on the project, and it just makes since use the resources at hand, as supposed to taking cash out of the general fund.

Smith: I agree, it is the future. We've got to do it.

Case: I truly think the airport is underutilized. I think there is so much more potential than what we have done with.

Smith: I make a motion we move on with the gravel.

Mayor: We have a motion to agree to trade the gravel for the work the Highway District is going to do. Do we have a second?

Case: I second.

Mayor: We have a second motion to approve the use of the gravel to offer that to the county, if they decide that for their in-kind work.

Mayor: All in favor: Case –aye, Smith –aye, Thompson –nay

Mayor: Motion carries.

Item 9. MOTION; [ACTION ITEM] Keller Associates – Airport Improvements Grant: Project 216044-004, Invoice #4 \$10,700.00.

Case: I'll make a motion to pay the invoice \$10,700.00

Mayor: We have a motion to approve Project 216044-004 Invoice #4 \$10,700.00

Smith: I'll second.

Mayor: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White – First Amendment to City of Glenns Ferry/Elmore County Security Service and Joint Powers Agreement.

Smith: I'll make the motion.

Case: I'll second.

Mayor: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White –IT Company Bid/Quotes for New Server and Services.

Thompson: I make the motion to accept Clear Source.

Smith: I'll second.

Mayor: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White –ACH Transactions and Internet Based Payment System for Customer Payments.

Mayor: Councilman Merrell several months ago wanted to know why we didn't have the ability for someone to go online and use their credit card to pay their water bills and such. We've done some research, we found out that the City Council a few years ago already had passed a resolution that we would go out and get that, the only thing that occurred was we have it at the counter, but we never got it on the internet. Question tonight is do you want me to follow up on that. We don't need a new resolution because the service fees have already been passed and will stay the same.

Case: I think we want to get the computer server, fire wall and everything, that done first and the ACH done second.

Thompson: I'll make that motion.

Smith: I second.

Mayor: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 13. MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] 2019 Irrigation Rate and Resolution No. 19-01. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: I motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-01, establishing the City of Glenns Ferry Irrigation Rate; and providing an effective date.

Thompson: I second.

Parsons: Roll call vote: Case -aye, Smith -aye, Thompson -aye

Item 14. MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Items to be Declared as Surplus: Exhibit A and Resolution No. 19-02. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

Case: I motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, IDAHO RELATING TO SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY; DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY TO BE SURPLUS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Smith: I second.

Parsons: Roll call vote: Case -aye, Smith -aye, Thompson -aye

Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Comprehensive Plan Review by Glenns Ferry Planning and Zoning: Tabled from August 14, 2018.

Tabled.

Smith: I make a motion to Table.

Case: I second.

Mayor: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 16. PRESENTATION: Christy Acord –Ways to Utilize the Glenns Ferry Airport.

Airport is an asset to our community. It provides an extra draw, bring income. Way to improve it: provide helicopter plat, (**can't hear**) Bring in fuel, mechanic, bathrooms, have a ride available. Run the airport like a business, rent hangers, have an aviation company rent from the City, have someone on duty. Charge for landing, refueling, rental fees, hangers, water, air station. Use our Airport for training, we have one of the thin airport landing strips, a unique landing strip for our area. Once we get the Airport fixed up the way it should be, we need to market as part of our recreational plan for our area.

Item 17. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT;

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead: N/A

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek: N/A

C. Public Works – Joe Heidt: A lot of things that have been neglected over time, we are getting caught up. Sewer Jetter is getting fixed. Manhole on commercial fixed. We will be digging up past patches, and correcting problems underneath those.

D. City Engineer – Keller Associates, Inc – Donn Carnahan, PE: N/A

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Debra Rowan: N/A

F. Economic Development – Christy Acord: Last week I attended Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show in Portland, OR. I went there to represent not only the state of Idaho, but also Elmore County and the City of Glenns Ferry. About 30,000 people came through, 900 vendors, I visited with at least 300/400 vendors about trying to bring businesses here to Elmore County and Glenns Ferry, as far as fishing, hunting and a lot of outdoor and recreation businesses would be a defiant match. Today I met with New Fields about Historic buildings and preservation, how to bring in someone to help financially, repair and bring them to code, and more presentable. They do grants through the EPA Cleanup.

G. Airport Manager – Justin Wootan: The airport needs to be utilized, part of that restriction is not having water out there, so we can build more hangers, and to have fuel out there. Those are a few amenity's that pilots would like. There is potential that we can make the airport to where it generates revenue to support itself.

H. Planning & Zoning: N/A

Item 18. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Smith: The airport, I would really like to see progress with it, it's a big deal for our future.

Mayor: She is a department head, she has a report.

Jennifer Trail: Library: We are getting ready for summer programs; we are getting ready for a remodel of the inside of the main part of the library with grant funds. I'm partnering up with the math teacher at the high school to do a six week program for 3D design and her geometry class, some 3D printing, go over there once a week and work with the kids. She will do the math part and I'll work with the 3D design, and 3D printers and print off their creations. Getting ready for drones. Just got another grant to offer a little writers workshop this summer for kids, who want to become writers, offer a week long mini summer camp on the writing process, illustrations and then print off their books to take them with them. Nicole and I have been busy over there; it's nice to have the second person and extra help.

Mayor: We will have copies of the Audit available for anyone that would like them; it will also be on the website.

Case: Are you monitoring the Website when people ask questions? I know there was a place to contact the City.

Mayor: I do, I check it.

One other thing that I have tonight, I'd like to thank everybody; some of these are a little emotional. Everybody's opinion counts. I am glad we got to hear those opinions and I appreciated the calls I've got, they were professional, and to the point on both sides.

Item 19. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Case: I make motion to adjourn.

Smith: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Approved by the City Council: _____ / _____ / _____

Monty White – Mayor

Attest: _____
Deb Rowan-Clerk/Treasurer