

**City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting May 26, 2020**

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, by Mayor Monty White.

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

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Johnny Hernandez, Derik Janousek, Christy Acord

Others Present: Michael Huskisson, Lisa Jensen, Sheriff Hollinshead, Donn Carnahan, Jodie Knopp

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**Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:**

Parsons: Roll call taken.

Susan Case  Scott Smith  Dani Martinez  Ken Thompson  
 Mayor Monty White

For the Record: Council Members and Mayor – Present Remotely

**Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor White: Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Case: I'll make that motion to adopt the agenda.

Martinez: Second.

Mayor White: 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.**

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

**A. City Council Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2020.**

**B. Accounts Payables for May 2020.**

Case: I'll make the motion to accept the consent agenda.

Smith: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

**Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Michael Huskisson: Trail Break RV Park & Campground.**

Huskisson: I wanted to reiterate what we spoke about last time. We need to make a couple of changes and maybe follow suit on what some other areas are doing. That if specific people, entities, businesses, if your name is mentioned in Council persons comments, I think we should be able to try to maybe, have that person there. I just don't think it is right to ask the questions and doing no fact checking. Unfortunately, when some things were brought up and asked about us, I feel that no fact checking had

been done. We are here to try to shed light on what we have done the last three months. We believe that when we call the Mayor and ask him if it is ok if we do this, is it ok if we shut our bathrooms. We were at a forefront of combating the virus here for this town. We saw the uptake and the spike in our visitors before our Governor even came out with any guidelines. We were already clamping our stuff down and reacting. We closed our bathrooms before the Governor came out with anything, because that is a choke point that would of brought all this traffic that we had going in, we could have been a portion of Canada we had so many Canadians in here, rushing home. I immediately before we acted got on the phone with the Mayor, who had then got on the phone with the County Commissioners I made sure I wasn't breaking any code or rules by having my bathrooms open. There are campgrounds in other states that are required to have so many bathrooms per so many capita people that are in the RV Park. We were trying to combat and clamp down and protect ourselves but also protect the people around us and everybody. So, if the Council didn't know that, we had our stuff shut down before the Governor came out with anything. Then when we did close down, we closed down in two-week increments. I spoke to the Mayor, probably every three days, we made sure that he knew what we were doing and that we were ok with the Commissioners and that everything was done. The hardest part of that was when the Mayor asked for six weeks. That was tough.

Mayor: That is correct, and we certainly had a good conversation. I don't know if we ever agreed to that point, but I think we met in the middle, I think we got through in pretty good shape. One of the biggest concerns that I had and expressed to Michael and Lois, was the highway construction of people coming from all areas. We got through that in pretty go shape.

Huskisson: What was distressing to me, when you came to me at the four-week mark I had received an email about some Council comments and questions. I feel like I have been slugged when I was giving six weeks. What we turned away won't come back next year. There is a trend in the RV Park industry, I have owned this business for a number of years now. This is two to four, three to five years, people that I turned away, people pull in and I am keep my extreme social distancing and I explain to them why I can't help them, why I can't take them, they wont be back next year. All they are going to remember is they were turned away. When we don't have construction for three years, I might not have these people back either. It is very disheartening. This is our lively hood; this is our life. We love this little town. We are doing so much, giving up so much. The total right now \$20,750 of what I gave up. Turning away people while we are still in the stages of quarantine. We feel we went above and beyond, turning away people from out of state that didn't want to do the fourteen-day quarantine, and I told them no. I am here to answer any questions about the Trail Break and what we did during the pandemic. I have a list of who came in and why they are here with letters from all of the construction people.

Case: First off, I appreciate all the steps you have taken and working with the Mayor. A lot of times the Council, we are not preplanning everything. There was a lot of passion and fear, we have someone from the medical industry and a thought can pop up during a meeting and it was completely extemporaneous sort of thought. I understand precisely where you are coming from and my heart is broken for your losses. I don't believe there was any ill intent. I think everyone was popcorn thinking, what can do to slow the spread or keep it from Glenns Ferry, etc. My main concern has actually been the economy that is because I am fully aware that when the economy drops and when unemployment goes up, suicides leap up heart attacks leap up, strokes leap up, I think we are going to see more deaths, not from Covid but because of Covid. I would like to tell you, if there is anything I can do as a Councilperson I would love to write a letter for you, that your could send out to the people you turned away explaining where heart, mind and passion was. How worked with the Mayor and the City. I will recommend your business, and so anything I can to try and get those people back to you with a quicker turn around. If there is something, we can do I hope you know, that every one of the Councilmembers care about the businesses and the economy, because you are our people and we care about our people. Sometimes comments come up they are not prethought out, they are just extemporaneous words or ideas bouncing back and forth, but I don't believe there was any particular harm meant to your business personally.

Huskisson: We apricate that Mrs. Case, thank you.

Martinez: I didn't really need any clarification; I just had a bunch of towns people come to me and I was voicing their concerns. It wasn't anything political, it wasn't anything personal, they had come to me with concerns and I brought it to Council. I understand how hard you guys work. When people come to me with concerns, I pass it along to the Council.

Huskisson: I can apricate that, I am easy to find. Instead of going third party, come talk to me. Take a drive through the park, I come out and greet every customer if I am on property.

**Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Donn Carnahan, PE. Keller Associates: Airport Agreement for Construction Services.**

Thompson: I'll make that motion.  
Smith: Second.  
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Irrigation Payment Agreement: Amount Due: \$145.81 + \$0.02 daily interest. Proposal: Payment of \$40 a month, for 4 months.**

Case: I'll make that motion we allow that payment structure one time.  
Martinez: Second.  
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Right of Way Work Applications:  
**A. Dustin Fink: 227 W Garfield: Replacing Section of Sewer Pipe under Sidewalk.**  
**B. Jamie Merrell: 996 W Madison: Treehouse Post.****

Martinez: I'll make that motion to approve.  
Thompson: Second.  
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: City of Glenns Ferry/Elmore County Security Services and Joint Powers Agreement.**

Case: I'll make that motion.  
Smith: Second.  
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jodie Knopp, Real Estate Specialist: Verizon Wireless Project. VZW Updated Zoning Drawings (ID4 Three Island)**

Mayor: Moving forward.

**Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: COVID-19 Update.**

**Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: [ACTION ITEM]**

**A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead:** Sheriff audio stopped working.

**B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:** N/A.

**C. Public Works – Johnny Hernandez:** With the rain last week, we tried to work on the Cemetery to get it as nice as possible for Memorial Weekend. We upgraded a pump for the irrigation system. Old system is going out on us, tripping the heaters and compactors. I have a technician coming out to assist us on other technical stuff, the pressure switch is not connected. Street sweeper up and running this week. Lots of irrigation issues this season.

**D. City Engineer – Keller Associates, Inc – Donn Carnahan, PE:** Airport Project: Glenns Ferry Highway District pulverization today it sounds like things went well. Central Paving will be showing up the following week to start their work, still on schedule.

**E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:** N/A.

**F. Economic Development – Christy Acord:** Sent the drawing layout for the park at the Glenns Ferry Museum submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Cost of everything is \$28,000, but majority of the cost is for the swings. It will be a multigenerational inclusive park, to be used more to the AARP aged citizens. I am hoping it goes through, we should hear something in July.

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

**H. Animal Control – Dena Marchant:** Absent.

**I. Airport Manager – Justin Wootan:** Absent.

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

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

**Item 15. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Martinez: I was wondering about the Bridge on 4<sup>th</sup>, again.

Carnahan: I have not done anything since our last meeting on that, but we will work on that some more.

Case: I would like to see that any bill that is under \$250 for Water, Sewer, or Irrigation, that it be brought to you (Mayor) as a discretionary number. There should be a minimum, that you can use discretionary measures to make payment options for people. That way for every single person for any amount doesn't have to come before the council.

Mayor: We protect their identity by using Customer A, B.

Thompson: Saw a truck come out of Harrison, and how much trouble it was for them. We need to address that issue somehow.

Mayor: Highways District and I have been working on this issue repeatedly. I am aware of it and am working with the Highway District. I will ask the Sheriff and see if we can get the Deputies to monitor off routes.

Smith: I am getting some complaints, are you guys aware of the I84 westbound coming from Twin, a lot of people are missing the exit. They end up having to go all the way into Hammett. I guess the way they have the exit set up, a lot of people are missing our exit over there by the Fair Grounds. I've been getting a lot of emails.

Mayor: If you would like to forward those emails to me, I will get them over to the Idaho Transportation Department.

**Item 16. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]**

Smith: I make motion to adjourn.

Martinez: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved by the City Council: 06/11/2020

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Monty R. White – Mayor

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Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer