

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting September 8, 2020

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, by Mayor Monty White.

Members Present: Susan Case, Dani Martinez, Kenny Thompson, Billy Galloska, Mayor Monty White

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Johnny Hernandez, Jennifer Trail, Geoff Schroeder

Others Present: Jill Hampton, Brad Stokes, Amy Sage, Donna Carnahan, Unknown Caller

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Parsons: Roll call.

Susan Case Dani Martinez Ken Thompson Billy Galloska
 Mayor Monty White

For the Record: Councilwoman Case joined by phone at 7:02pm

Councilwoman Case was having trouble hearing via phone, disconnected at 7:16pm.

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Thompson: I'll make the motion.

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. *SEE BELOW*****

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2020.

B. Accounts Payables for August 2020.

C. Payroll for August 2020.

Thompson: I'll make the motion.

Martinez: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION: Geoff Schroeder City Attorney: Open Meeting Laws & Roles of Planning and Zoning vs City Council.

Schroeder: General Discussion: Open Meeting Laws, Roles of Planning and Zoning Commission, Roles of City Council.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White. Adopt: Ordinance. Amending Section 8-4-1, Chapter 4, Title 8 of the Glenns Ferry City Code. Trees and Shrubbery. (ROLL CALL VOTE).

Thompson: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, by title only all three nights, so that the council may consider its adoption at the third meeting.

Galloska: I'll Second.

Mayor: Roll Call Vote.

Parsons: Galloska – aye, Martinez – aye, Thompson – aye

Thompson: AN ORDINANCE ON THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, IDAHO AMENDING SECTION 8-4-1, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 8 OF THE GLENN'S FERRY CITY CODE, BY ADDING FROM SIDEWALK TO LOWEST BRANCH BE AT LEAST EIGHT (8) FEET ABOVE SIDEWALK AND THAT THE LOWEST BRANCH OVERHANGING A STREET OR ROAD BE AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) FEET ABOVE THE STREET OR ROAD; ADDING A NEW SECTION PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS SHALL BE AN INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Brad Stokes, Extension Educator, University of Idaho: Purposing to Make Glenns Ferry a Tree City and/or Bee City USA Affiliated.

Stokes: Tree City USA is part of the Arbor Day; Standards are easy to meet. Tree care Ordinance which you are adopting right now. An annual budget of at least \$2 per person per City, which according to your budget, you are spending \$5000 on a tree care program, and your population is 1300. An Arbor Day Observance or proclamation or an event. We would install or ask the Council or Public Works Director to install a Tree City Sign. That is how Tree City USA works. I would bring back a resolution or a proclamation.

Mayor: Would the Council in favor of that?

Galloska: I would be.

Martinez: Yeah.

Thompson: The more trees the better.

Stokes: Bee City USA part of the Xerces Society, they are an insect conservation society. They recognize pollinators and the importance of bees in our eco system. It's the same kinds of this a Resolution, proclamation, pollinator appreciation day in June. An Event or newspaper thing, anything like that would qualify. Part of this job would be also partially funding this, from the U of I Extension office in Elmore County. Street signs I think are \$50 a piece, I would split that with the City of Glenns Ferry and maybe partially fund some of the events.

Galloska: What kind of events are you talking about?

Stokes: For the Bee City we celebrate the pollination appreciation week, which is the third week in June.

Mayor: You would want a Resolution or Proclamation each year?

Stokes: Probably one Resolution and one Proclamation.

Mayor: They are important for our farmers and ranchers.

Martinez: I think so.

Thompson: I like bees.

Mayor: I think we will go forward; we will get it on the agenda when you are ready. We will see your information when you come back again.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Economic Development Mutual Assistance Agreement FY20-21; Elmore County and City of Glenns Ferry.

Thompson: I'll make the motion that we allow you to sign that.

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Professional Services Contract for Economic Development Services FY20-21; Professional Services for Elmore County, Idaho and City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

Martinez: I'll make the motion.
Galloska: I'll second.
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Agreement for Operation Services. Between the Idaho Rural Water Association and the City of Glenns Ferry. For Drinking Water Systems and Related Facilities.

Thompson: I'll make the motion that we accept the contract.
Martinez: I'll second.
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Agreement for Operation Services. Between the Idaho Rural Water Association and the City of Glenns Ferry. For Wastewater Systems and Related Facilities.

Galloska: I'll make the motion.
Martinez: I'll second.
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Right of Way Work Application
A. Charles White: 160 S Commercial: Spread Gravel to Make Outside Seating Area at the Fudge Factory.**

Mayor: This next item I declare is my son, there is no conflict here. I am not involved at all. The Council has to review his application to add gravel to his business for outdoor seating at the Fudge Factory. I declare that, so everybody knows. I am only the signing official if you approve it.
Thompson: I'll make the motion we approve this Right of Way Application.
Martinez: I'll second.
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

**Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Set Public Hearing Date and Time.
A. Variance Application, Ray & Debra Duryee, 665 West 3rd Ave.
B. Planning & Zoning Recommendation to Amend Text of the Glenns Ferry City Code; 11-14-11; Unique Land Use Provisions: I. Earth Moving Activities; By Removing Subsection to the City Council.
C. Planning & Zoning Recommendation of Intent to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Glenns Ferry by Rezoning Certain Parcels of Property from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to Commercial (C) to the City Council.**

Martinez: The 1st works for me.
Galloska: I agree.
Thompson: Let's get it over with, they've been waiting forever.
Mayor: Do we have a motion to hold the Public Hearing Meeting on Thursday, October 1st, 2020 at 7PM at City Hall, 110 E 2nd
Thompson: I'll make the motion.
Martinez: I'll second.
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 16. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: COVID-19 Update.

We don't have any updates on COVID19, all the information is out there. We continue to take precautions at the Library, the City Crew and here at City Hall. I think we are meeting the publics needs by adjusting a

little bit. Meetings are still by appointment only, so we can make sure we have a safe place, to watch for social distancing. I get a lot of calls from elderly people about COVID 19, I take the time to visit with them. The tremendous pressure not being able to socialize, Sammy and I are trying to visit with them outside, I encourage everyone here to visit with them safely.

Item 17. DISCUSSION/MOTION: DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: [ACTION ITEM]

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett: Absent.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek: Absent.

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

D. Public Works – Johnny Hernandez: We took down three trees at the Cemetery this weekend, one was really bad leaning at a 45-degree angle, one split trunk, one beetles. We have to be proactive, if it came down in a storm it's going to take out loved one's headstones. Installed two water meters services. Working on the Airport, gravel out, new stuff back in. Trying to get the weeds under control again, we sprayed several times now, contractors come out and do it. We've done some personally and will probably have to come out again and touch up. We know there are some brown spots at the Cemetery, a new station is needed to help spread coverage. We will be doing that n Thursday. Working on the Water Plant, our plant is a big deal, not only with the licenses also working with the company that made the plant. Working with them remotely, a lot of training with all the guys. It is important we all are very knowledgeable to keep that plant running.

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

F. Economic Development – Christy Acord: Absent

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail: We have been busy since school started; things are picking up again. We have gotten a couple of grants that we will try to better our Wi-Fi services, printing services, hotspots, laptops or chrome books to check out for people. We are trying to support not only the school and homeschool folks, the businesspeople to improve our Wi-Fi, by offering technology services. Next week starts the Kindergarten readiness program, we got \$7000 for the preschool supplies. We have resources in Spanish and English, we have four spots open left, that will be over Zoom also.

H. Animal Control – Dena Marchant: Absent.

I. Airport Manager – Justin Wootan: Absent. Mayor: We are filling the wet spot back up and County is providing a compactor; City is providing the grader. Justin is coordinating getting some volunteer help to come in. We will be using that material that is stocked down by the sewer. Looking for everything to be done by the 1st of October, unless the weather switches on us. We continue to have staff meetings every Monday and Thursday, we have agreed to meet until we get this thing done.

J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan: Museum has not been open all season for obvious reasons. Windows are in. I have done some private showings.

Mayor: I am working with Denver about that building out back.

K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Jill Hampton: We have exceeded out meeting for the year. We have worked real hard on the above items. We've had three people for a while, just filled the fourth seat. Hope to get the fifth person in.

Mayor: If you have any recommendations for someone to be on the Planning and Zoning, please submit them to me, so we can start looking for that fifth member.

Item 18. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor: Teresa continues to work from home. We conference call 10-15 times a day, so she gets to see my joyous face on the screen, seems like I am always on there with her. The reason being, I'm being very cautious we have a small staff, a part time and two full time position. If something would happen to Teresa and Lori at the same time, this office would come to a screeching halt. We couldn't pay bills, we could pay salaries, nothing without them, we couldn't even transfer the monies to keep things going. So, I am being very cautious. Teresa is not sitting over there in a swimming pool, she is working. I think everybody needs to understand I am probably the worst task masters there are. She is probably working more hours out of her home, than if she just came down here and went home. I know some people have contacted Council wondering why she hasn't returned to work; she has never been off work. She is just working at a different location. If somebody needs something from the clerk, and we found out that our phone systems wasn't forwarding messages, they couldn't get ahold of Teresa. So, we looked into it, Verizon involved to fix it. Now it is forwarding calls to her. It is critical to keep Lori and Teresa separated

so they can come in and god forbid one of them get sick for a long-extended time, we don't want both of them sick. We are not overstaffed. If one or two of these people get sick the City comes to a screeching halt, because the Mayor signs the checks, but I can promise you I have no clue how to print them. I just wanted to bring that out. Its kind f disheartening when hear people think that the employee is just sitting around, out employees have been outstanding through this thing. Johnny and his crew responded, I can't say enough about the Library, Christy Acord is just eating it alive, Planning and Zoning has done their thing. We are running pretty smooth here. Yes, there is hick ups, yes everything doesn't get done exactly when everybody would like it to, but I am glad the Council Member called me alerted me there was some grumbling out there. If you guys could help me with the grumbling, I would appreciate it. I can assure you no body is on vacation around here, least of all Teresa. How would you like to have 15 calls a day on Zoom.

Thompson: N/A.

Martinez: N/A.

Galloska: N/A.

Item 19. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Galloska: I'll make the motion.

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all -eyes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Approved by the City Council: 09/22/2020

Monty R. White – Mayor

Attest:

Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer