City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting February 9, 2021
The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

Staff Present: Lori Freeman, Michael McCain, Johnny Hernandez, Derik Janousek

Others Present: Ben Ware, Ware & Associates

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:
Freeman: Roll call.

X Susan Case  X   Dani Martinez  X   Ken Thompson  X   Mayor Monty White

For the record: Billy Galloska is absent

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor: Before we get down to business, I want to thank Susan for stepping in for me during my surgery. I heard a lot of good things, the city, crew, and everybody was working hard, and you were right there, and I appreciate that. It’s nice, I did not have to worry, with the department heads we have and the city council and President Case at the helm things were going to get done and I felt like I didn’t have to get back and that is always a good thing when you’re not feeling well, is to know that somebodies running the things for you, I think you did a wonderful job for me, Susan, thank you.

Susan: Thank you and it is good to have you back.

Item 3. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM]: Adopt Amended Agenda:
Case: I make a motion to adopt the agenda.
Martinez: I will second.
Mayor White: I have a motion and a second all in favor, all-ayes, those oppose, none.

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 January 12, 2021:
B. City Council Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2021:
C. Accounts Payables for January 2021:
D. Payroll for January 2021:
E. Library Board Minutes for November 2, 2020:
Ben Ware: Good evening Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Ben Ware and I represent Ware & Associates. We conducted your 2019 through 2020 fiscal yearend audit. In doing so, we went through your books, your records, your policy and procedures, some of the procedures that we perform, third party verification whether it be through your property tax, revenues that you receive, match them to your books, we do the same thing with the expenditures, we pull them off the bank statements compare them to the GL and then we test the checks to the transactions and we look at the invoice from the third party vendors, we go through your minutes, we tie down payroll for what was reported and what actually was held out from the federal government, in other words we put the city through a rigorous test to come up with an opinion on how well your financials are stated and we found them to be in good working order. Of the opinions we gave you the highest, which is an unmodified opinion. With 2020 and the pandemic and everything that has been going on, it’s been an interesting year as an auditor. We’ve had to change some of our procedures, some of our approaches and found some interesting things throughout the year, but I am happy to report, and this reflects well those working here at the city, you guys are in good working order. It was a smooth audit, uneventful, compared to everywhere else ____ audits throughout the year.

Which is really awesome because of the transition you’ve had, even in the front office. I know it has been a couple of years since Debbie’s been gone, but it speaks well of you, Lori, for helping and training. Teresa has done a good job. Kristian, it was just really smooth for us. The stuff was ready to go, we were able to tie down the documents, that just hasn’t been the case for most of the year, with most of the audits, because of the pandemic. I am not beating up any other entity, but I am here to unprofessionally toot you guys horn because it’s been really awesome to come in and have an audit go as smooth as your audit did. We went through minutes, no violation of Idaho Code, so you are set there. I am going to point out some page’s you guys can look at, if you look at them later and have questions you can holler at me. I do want to talk about, more towards the end, some changes coming down through the state that we want to make you aware of. Where I will start is page 8, this is a snapshot of the City of Glenns Ferry, if we were to take a picture of you guys as of September 30, 2020, this is what you would look like. What you are more interested in looking at is on page 10. This represent more of what you operate off, which is more of a zoomed-out picture of the City of Glenns Ferry. If we took it from October 1, 2019 all the way through to September 30, 2020, looking at your revenues and expenditures. General Fund, Street & Alley Fund, and then that Expendable Trust Fund, which I think is so cool, I think nine (9) cities in the entire United States that has this fund, once that goes away it is eliminated forever and there are only nine (9) cities that so it, for my it’s historical and you guys are one of the nine (9) in the US. Other Governmental Funds, (library, museum), and Total Governmental Funds is everything combined, minus water & sewer. Page 13 is water and sewer funds in the same manner. Page 38; this is your bread and butter. If you are looking at making changes, you are looking for a history page 38 is the start of that. If you are looking for a page that helps you the most you are looking for page 38. Page 40 is the exact break down for the streets and alley fund. The other governmental column that was on page 10 is broken down on page 46. Page 48, General Fund – Fund Balance, this is a 10 yr. trend. If we were to stop all revenue you could operate for 13 months and that is what the state is looking at. The state is assigned an audit that is going around looking at every governmental entity and looking at their fund balances. We have already had two that we have had to deal with, help them allocate their funds and reserve it for projects they have going forward so they weren’t subject to the state taking their money, but in addition to that the proposal, three proposals the main one just got announced today. I haven’t read through it all. I will call you Mayor or have Raymond call you, they have not voted on it yet, but they are in our opinion and with everybody we have talked to, it is going to go through. What they are looking at is limiting to a 3-to-6-month projects
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reserved. We can do projects that you already have or are thinking of and we make sure that we line those out and we will help list them in the audit so they can see it that way and the other thing you can do is you are allowed to come up with a few future projects and you want to start saving money for that and so you allocate for those listed items on there and you are allowed to change your mind as a council and allocate that money to another project. That is a way as a council can spell from the state coming in and allocating that money back into the state. They took our input, we have a lot of governmental audits, nobody was happy, to hear from our end and that is what we reported, if you have something, they are still taking our input, that is our resounding feedback, they are going to pass it anyways.

Thompson: So, they are going to take it?
Ware: No, I am going to help you protect it. They did this to the Highway Districts in the 80’s and they allocated the Highway User Funds back to the Boise roads. It is a very similar thing. We may have to spend a little time during the budget workshop, coming down, make sure we have that mitigated. That’s the big news from the state. They are hitting the counties first, they have looked at a few cities, if it is not on your doorstep, it is coming.

Everything else you guys are fantastic.

Mayor White: I certainly want to go on record, thanking Teresa (Parsons). She works hard. She has had a hard year with this pandemic, trying to work from home. I just want to make everyone understand we have a good staff.

Ware: That is my viewpoint from the three days we came in, we were in contact with Lori, she stepped in where Teresa wasn’t there, Teresa was hitting me up with emails, phone calls. It was nice because we have had lots of hiccups trying to do the same thing with other entities, we were anticipating it and we just hit the ground running and we all looked at each other and this is awesome, so, we really do appreciate it and it speaks to your hard work. It was very apparent how diligent the employees of the city were being, really taking care of and being mindful with the public, with the pandemic and so it was fun to watch from my standpoint from an outsider for the three days it was impressive. For what that is worth I want you to know that.

Item 8.  DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Record Retention Destruction:
Thompson: I make to motion to destroy.
Case: I really appreciate all the columns the orderliness, the explanations, and the annotations, the years, it made it very easy to go line item, to go back and forth. Nothing jump out at me, everything looks so orderly, I am just really impressed because record retention is one of the worse jobs, short of the pooper scooper in San Francisco, it’s right up there for being one of the worse jobs.
Mayor White: We have a motion to go ahead and destroy the records that we can, do I have a second?
Case: Second
Mayor White: I have a motion to destroy and a second. All in favor, all-ayes. Those opposed-none. Motion carries.

Item 9.  DISCUSSION/MOTION: DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: [ACTION ITEM]
A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett:
C. City Engineer – Keller Associates, Inc – Donn Carnahan, PE:
D. Public Works – Johnny Hernandez:
Hernandez: Slide Presentation, Control box for a lift station on the west side of town behind the city park. I just received a quote to replace the pumps, $99,000.00. I need them to break it down because it is very generic, I was going to call around trying to get more quotes, but it is very limited especially in Idaho. To get it mounted and a sensor.
We are doing maintenance on the Animal Control vehicle.
This is IRWD, he is doing apprenticeship up in my office with Scott and I, how to calculate volume, to take the test to get licensed. Calculations from cylinders, cubic squares calculations, how much water weighs. We have safety training in my office with the tv.
We are working on our jetter, every time we pull it out to use it, we have to do something to it. Here is maintenance and training at the water plant. Our cells that help create electricity which creates bleach/chlorine we had to order two, about $15,000 to replace. They have done a lot of
great stuff at the water treatment plant but there are a lot of things that have not been done and unfortunately it is coming.
Setter/Meter need to be upgraded soon; it is better to be proactive than reactive.
Showing Derik how to do the DMR with the DPA and DEQ, how to do the paperwork.
It is good for all the guys to know this information; it is not good to hoarder info. We make sure everyone on the team can do at any time.
We flushed and tested the fire hydrants on the outer perimeters of the city.
E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons: Absent
F. Development – Christy Acord: Absent
G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail: Absent (but trying to get on GoToMeeting)
Mayor White: Lena Fry is on the Library Board, she has resigned. Library Board is going to meet and talk about a recommendation to me and I will recommend to you guys, to replace that position on the Board.
H. Animal Control – Dena Marchant: Absent
I. Airport Manager – Justin Wootan: Absent
J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan: Absent
K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Absent
Code Enforcer – Mike McCain:
McCain: Mayor, Council, writing more letters, most of them have complied, I have about ten (10) people I am working with right now, they are in the process of getting things cleaned up, most of the people are doing good. I have neighbors calling on other neighbor anonymously but if it goes to court, they do not have an option, they don’t get to stay anonymous. I don’t like to write citations unless I absolutely must because if it does go to court then the complainer will get drug into it and they don’t like it.
If I run into some ordinances the way they are right now, I have been working with Geoff (city attorney) trying to make definition clearer, I could probably write a letter to at least 60% of the people right now on ordinance that are on the books right now, weeds, branched, vehicle not parking correctly, blocking the sidewalk, certain things like that is already in the ordinances.
I am down here for a short time; I can only put in so many hours and I like to keep those for summer months when there is a lot more things going on.

Item 10. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:
Case: Just for feedback purposes, I would like permission to approach the rec. district and see if they will work a deal with us to get a discount for our firefighters to use the weight room and maybe the city could help pitch in the cost. I do know there is some interest, the younger members of the firefighters and they want to do a buddy system with the older members of the fire department.
If it could be on the agenda for next time. I will move forward on this and get some information, feedback and costs.
Martinez: Susan had brought this up before, about the second amendment here in Glenns Ferry to be a sanctuary city for that.
Mayor White: Yes, today I sat down, and I drafted an ordinance that I will be sending to the council shortly. There are a few more T’s and dots that I am going to do, and I have called some cities and they are sending me those ordinances that they have passed. I have been talking with our council, but I haven’t gotten to where I would be comfortable bringing it to you guys, yet. When I bring it forward then we can debate it? I have had maybe six calls from citizens that are very concerned with the second amendment rights. I understand their concerns. I want to make sure that we have some open meetings to discuss this, people can voice their concerns or agreement and then we can go back and work some more on it. I am glad you brought this up, Councilwoman Martinez. The council is welcome to write your own ordinance and I would certainly entertain that. There is a lot of concern in town on this matter. I did have quite a few phone calls on this.
Thompson: All the council has one of these things (notebook) and I appreciate getting it home and I can read all the stuff, but I can do it on my computer. So, if we are not using these at our meeting, I don’t see any sense in having them.
Mayor White: We bought them because everyone seemed to want them. I didn’t want one because I am good with my iPhone at home.
Case: We were really going through ordinances at the time and I voted for it because we bring up an ordinance and it was like, well I don’t have that do you have that and then we would table it where instead of just going, ‘Well there its is’ and so at the time it made a lot of sense.
Mayor White: I think what happen is we were going to try to go paperless but I think Teresa found that people weren’t using the iPad and we were continually asking for it and so it evolved into giving you guys paper copies too. Mayor White: You guys have them, we can not give them back, we can’t get our money back, so when they don’t work anymore then it will be up to the council to decide if we want to replace them or not, because it was a council decision, and I was all for it if that was what you guys wanted.

Item 11.  **ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]**
Case: I make a motion to adjourn.
Martinez: Second
Mayor White: all in favor, all-ayes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Approved by the City Council: 02/23/2021

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Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest:
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer