

**City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting March 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, March 9, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

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

Others Present: Lieutenant Burnett

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

Parsons: Roll call.

Susan Case     Dani Martinez     Ken Thompson     Billy Galloska  
 Mayor Monty White

**\*\*\*Let the record show Dani Martinez attended remotely\*\*\***

**Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

Case: I make the motion to adopt agenda.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes, motion carries.

**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 February 23, 2021.**

**B. Accounts Payables for February 2021.**

**C. Payroll for February 2021.**

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

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes, motion carries.

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

**Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Elmore County Recreation District use for Glenns Ferry Fire Department:**

Mayor White: President Case do you have any updates on that?  
Case: You wanted to write some sort of an agreement; I don't think that it would need to be more than a paragraph because it is very simple.  
Mayor White: I ran it through the attorney, found that there is no way that the city can use city funds to pay for the county we were trying to bring in for the ambulance but I talked to Bub Corbus, County Commissioner and he said they are not concerned about that as long as they can get in on the same deal we are, so I am in the process of rewriting and sending back to the attorney.  
Case: Was there any problem with... you are only offering it for a purpose of course, to our first responders, is there any problem with not offering it to the rest of the employees of the city. In other words, I don't want to get into a discrimination issue.  
Mayor White: I have not talked to him about that, but he brought that up to me before. His comments back on that agreement I just sent to him, I will address that and if there is then council would have the ability to offer that to all employees if you so desire.  
Case: That would be a different conversation with the Rec. District. But, if I am not mistaken because it goes to the nature of their job, I think it could be a separate issue.  
Mayor White: I am only with the federal system and the federal system is restricted to the fire, first responders, BLM Rangers, and law enforcement officers. They have to pass a physical standard that was passed by the government so therefore they have to  
Case: Does the city have job descriptions for everybody because then it would be within the job description that you have to lift a person, use this or that, climb whatever.  
Mayor White: We do, every employee has a job description.  
Case: So, it might be just in, it would not be offered to a general employee it would really only apply to the firemen.  
Mayor White: I do know that if the city offers a certain interest to one employee they have to offer to all employees or however the standards are set, most the time it is to a full-time employee.  
Case: I think as long as you don't word it as a benefit that's where I'd be a little concerned that you'd have to offer it to all. I don't know if the Rec. District would have a problem with that anyway. If you want me to have that conversation I certainly can.  
Mayor White: I think we will have you continue to have the lead, so we don't get confused and I will write the agreement and work with the attorney.  
Case: Okay let's put the ball in my court, I will talk to the Rec. District and if they are minimal to offering to all city employees. I will get back to you.  
Mayor White: Alright we will get back to that. Thank you.

**Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] City of Glenns Ferry/Elmore County Security and Joint Powers Agreement for FY21-22.**

Mayor White: The sheriff and I have discussed this, and the county is offering a 3% raise which is, I don't really have a problem with it, I did some researching, and their cost are going up. I am still not comfortable, I don't think me, and the commissioners are understanding each other based on, we are not fighting or anything, but we are discussing, I am hung up with there is a basic work down here that the county will do whether we paid them a dime, in any area that sheriff has jurisdiction on they do a certain basic work, then we want to pay for extra. So, in other words the city council should be able to say to the sheriff, we can only afford \$100,000 and the sheriff tells us that this is what I can do with that money. We cannot ask them to do with what they are doing now for less money, that's not fair on its face either. If we have a budget crisis, we still have to provide protection for our citizens but what does that look like? What I am saying is if we didn't do anything the sheriff would still have to do some work down here. The Sheriff is not going to drive by a drug party going on in Glenns Ferry because we didn't pay them, they are going to take care of that. What we are asking for is additional patrols, additional presence, and additional work. So therefore, it is hard for me and the county commissioner, not the sheriff the sheriff understands this real well because we've had quite a conversation, and it's not that I am opposed with anything that has gone on, I think the county is doing a great job, what I want to do is set us up so that maybe next budget cycle maybe we can only afford X number of dollars, you guys are going to have to make the hard

choices about what we cut. I don't know what with this economy or what is coming at us in May and June and that is where our disconnect is, is when I start talking about basic services, they say well this is what it is, here it is, whatever we are paying them plus 3%. But as far as 3% goes and what they are asking for right now, without renegotiate and just keep going. I do not have a problem with the 3% if you look at all the budgets across the board 3% is probably a legitimate request from them, to continue to get good service because we are getting good service in my opinion.

Case: That 3% is only about \$5,000

Parson: 3% of 170,000 is \$5,100

Mayor White: I can continue to talk with the commissioners and see if they can understand what I am talking about.

Galloska: Part of the disconnect that is going on across the country, everybody thinking when you are talking law enforcement budgets that you are automatically going to think about either cutting or something along those lines and I will say for myself I will never go along with that kind of thing. I appreciate all that they do but you have to figure out where is our money going and why are we paying something that should be provided to the entire county.

Mayor White: There is a basic service that they do throughout the county. What we want is additional, what's on top of that.

Thompson: My question is, are we getting the additional?

Mayor White: Yes, they have responded to everything I've ever asked them to do. I think we have got a great relationship going on between the fire, the sheriff, the citizens. I haven't had a call about something with the Sheriff for nine months.

Case: Now, we don't have guarantees, we just sort of shoot out what our goals are as far as the extra presences that we want.

Mayor White: What I was getting at, if we have a budget crunch, which everybody is saying here it comes, I don't know I am not an economist, if we have to start cutting back I want to position ourselves the county commissioners will have to understand we are not mad about the services we are getting, we just can't afford the service, and here is what we can afford and then what can you do sheriff for that amount of money. Anyway, that is where we are at and I am proposing that we approve tonight, we will except that contract at a 3% raise.

Case: I make a motion we accept the contract as presented.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor: All in Favor.

Parsons: Roll Call Vote: Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilwoman Martinez – aye, Councilman

Thompson – aye, Councilman Galloska – aye

Mayor White: Motion carries.

**Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: SWIRCD: File Grants Under the City of Glenns Ferry for the Old High School Project:**

Acord: City of Glenns Ferry belongs to Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation Develop Group, you pay registration fee for them every year, \$75. It is a team of grant writers; they are based out of Boise. I belong to the group. They help us with grants and all kinds of stuff. BLM, Fish & Game all sit at the same table. They are a 501C3, a grant management group. They are able to fund some different things and manage the grants that we apply for. I have start a 501C3 which takes up to a year to be approved through the state and through national. For the old high school project, which is going to be Elmore County Training and Learning Center. We have started a 501C3 for that to manage and run the school and for us to file some grants to help renovate the building to take some of the burden off Dorwin Smith we are asking if we could use the Glenns Ferry to file grant through SWIRCD.

Case: At \$75.00 a year?

Acord: Yes, you (the city) pay \$75 a year to belong to the group.

Mayor White: We will need a motion to agree to let them file under the City of Glenns Ferry.

Case: I make a motion to allow them to file under the city for these grants.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor: All in Favor. All -aye

**Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: GEM: File Grant Under Idaho Department of Commerce for Installation of a Fire Suppression Line for the Old High School Project:**

Acord: The reason why this is on this agenda right now is this GEM grant is due March 15<sup>th</sup>, so I am trying to get all of this done. Fire Suppression Line which Dorwin Smith is trying to get the old high school project done. It is going to have a welding trade school in the bottom floor of the old high school so what we are doing is trying to put fire suppression sprinkler system into the building, in order to have it all up to code, making sure everything is kosher. We had it engineered, who gave us a ballpark figure \$143,000 in engineering cost is about \$18,000. So, considering that the roof is going to be about \$45 to \$48,000 and \$100,000 for each and every single thing we have encountered so far, Mr. Dorwin Smith is putting a lot of money into this building. So the City of Glenns Ferry, in order to bring fire suppression line down that is designated just for the old high school in case it burns down we are not expecting the city to pay for it, the Department of Commerce offers a GEM grant to help businesses with those kind of costs like that but in order to make it happen and that why I need to file the grant through the Department of Commerce for the City of Glenns Ferry and they do it through municipalities in order to put the line in.

Thompson: I'll make a motion that we do this.

Case: I'll second.

Mayor: All in favor. All -aye.

**Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: [ACTION ITEM]**

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

Lieutenant: January 36 total events, 16 calls for service, 20 self-initiated with 4 case numbers.

February 57 total calls, 18 calls for service, 39 self-initiated, 6 criminal cases.

**B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:**

Janousek: I don't have much. Went to a grease fire.

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

Mayor: Me, Johnny, Christy, and I are still working on property boundaries at the Airport. I have authorized to get that survey done, we cannot go forward without it, because there are questions as to where the line is.

Irrigation system master plan. Trying to develop a wastewater irrigation plan. That way, my vision is we will have phases, when we knock off one phase we will move on to the next phase.

I want shovel ready project sitting here, because I do not know what congress is doing, senate is talking of another infrastructure bill coming out, even if it passes, we do not want it to pass us by. That is why I am developing all these plans, I am trying to develop a water plan, a sewer plan and so we have it all phased out and sitting there so all Christy has to do is pull that project off the shelf, dust it off, get better figures and submit it, instead of what she has been having to do. That is my goal. Donn is right in the mix of all this.

**D. Public Works – Johnny Hernandez:**

Hernandez: Cells at the Water Plant replaced. Scott and I are in the apprenticeship program every week for about three (3) hours. Roadkill deer we've had to pick up. Our sewer line in the shop collapsed we had to relocate our bathroom because we have to reroute our pipe for the bathroom now, the outside wall so we trenched outside and rerouted it. It took us about a week, and we are still working on the bathroom interior now. Working on some leaks yesterday and today. Leaks, we have a lot of people call and are upset because their water is off, we do not plan these things, they just happen, unfortunately a lot of valves are not operational, not in good condition. Normally we could isolate but because our infrastructure is not up to par, in valves, we have to go out six to seven blocks and it effects a lot of people. It is unsafe to work when you've got 5-7 psi from a one-inch line or a broken hole, it could cut you, blind you, pierce your skin, it is not safe, so we have to do this. I ask people in the community to work with us, it is just part of it. I am not here to sugar coat it; it is what it is.

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

**F. Development – Christy Acord:**

Acord: Boat dock project, last year we started painting the gazebo, updating, and fixing up the boat docks. This past weekend we had some senior's students from Glenns Ferry High School go down; we go back on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Painting the second gazebo and the bathroom. Signage. AARP Park, working with Mr. Hance, he has some students building the musical instruments and beat wall, everything is found

or donated. Old High school Project, excavator the whole front berm to make it ADA accessible at grade level. City has a strategic plan, a comprehensive plan, those plans have to be updated constantly in order to get grants, if not, city will have to fork over \$250,000 for a brand, new plan. It is easier to update then to get a brand new one.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: Everything is going really, well. We are back to open; our circulation numbers are back up. Working on putting different kinds of kits together for people, there are chrome books they can check out, or GED study kits, educational pre-school kits, and we will do teen kits. It is going really well you almost need more time in the day. We have appreciated have Councilwoman Case come to the last two meetings. The board is trying to work on by-laws, 1980 was the last time by-laws were updated, so the board is working really hard to get an updated set and have some guidelines to follow to make sure we are doing things the right way.

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

Mayor: We have a person who has given us some money for the spayed and neutered program for the cats that are running around, and Dena has been working with them. Dena will be able to take those cats to the vet and have them spayed or neutered and be paid for out of that fund. This is the way Dena indicated to me that this is the way to get a handle of the cat problem and I thank the person who gave us the money to do this.

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

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

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

**Item 12. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor: Short update on Covid, took my second shot today. I sent out a note to everybody on the council and, a lot of our employees are falling into that next phase.

Martinez: COVID, where I work, they did the post COVID patience **\*\*\*inaudible\*\*\***

Thompson: I drove down Idaho Street, behind JTS, that needs to be graded. It gets a lot of traffic people going to the Family Dollar and the horse dentist.

**Item 13. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]**

Case: I make a motion we adjourn.

Thompson: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes. 7:49 pm.

Approved by the City Council: 3/23/2021

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Monty R. White - Mayor

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Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer