

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting March 23, 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 23, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

Staff Present: Lori Freeman, Johnny Hernandez, Derik Janousek, Kristian McFarland

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

McFarland: Roll call.

Susan Case Dani Martinez Ken Thompson
 Billy Galloska Mayor Monty White

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Mayor White: We do have a quorum tonight.

Before we get started, we are bringing Kristian McFarland in and she is being trained, it is our next step, so that we will have three (3) people that can do the different things and Kristian will be available, run a couple of meetings, she will come in and watch the meetings being run and she will run a couple of meetings that way if we ever have to she can run meetings for Teresa or Lori. We are also training her in payroll and payables, so that we have three people trained verses two.

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Case: I motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Galloska: 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 March 9, 2021:

B. Accounts Payables for March 2021:

C. Library Board Minutes for February 9, 2021:

Thompson: I motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Galloska: Second

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Dena Marchant: Donation to the Animal Control/Spay/Neuter of Cats:

Mayor White: Dena's mother got sick; Dena is taking her to hospital. Best wishes to her mother, and so Dena is not present tonight so we will put this item off.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: Alcohol Beverage License:

Mayor White: This is transferring Corner Market Alcohol Beverage License to Brock and Samantha Lenz.

Case: I motion to approve the alcohol beverage license transfer for Southside Market.

Thompson: Second

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Janousek: Mayor we have three people online that cannot hear anything.

Freeman: Yes, I keep getting dropped from internet.

Mayor White: We are having technical difficulties.

Freeman: This is an older laptop, I am aware that this happens and so is our IT guy, laptop is good just needs to be updated.

Mayor White: Text those three people back let them know, and that we are sorry about that.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: City of Glenns Ferry/Elmore County Security and Joint Powers Agreement for FY21-22 (Roll Call Vote):

Case: We voted on this last meeting.

White Mayor: We made some changes, that is why I wanted to bring it back to you. The county is asking for 3% raise and we already talked about that. Then the attorney wanted to change some of the wording in there, some little minor changes.

Case: I would like to know what was changed; it is not jumping out at me.

Mayor White: We can put it off and do it next time.

Thompson: I make a motion to table this item.

Case: Second

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: Joint Powers Agreement/City of Glenns Ferry and King Hill Rural Fire District: (Roll Call Vote)

Mayor White: We did discuss a little bit about benefits and stuff for the chief, as you know Chief Janousek does both the city and county as Fire Chief and he does work for the city and prior to that I talked to people, there is a lot of cities that do the same, normally it is the Superintendent of Public Works, then they are the Chief but here it is Derik is a crew member and the Fire Chief. We talked about some roles and responsibilities. Are there any questions that you have about the way the rural and city are interacting?

Thompson: I make motion to accept Joint Powers Agreement contract.

Galloska: Second

McFarland: Roll call vote, Councilwoman Case-aye, Councilman Thompson-aye, Councilman Galloska-aye.

Mayor White: Motion carries.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White Recommendation of Kris Vowell to the Library Board:

Galloska: I make motion to Mayor White's recommendation.

Case: Second

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

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: Proclamation: Week of the Young Child:

Mayor White: I was contacted by the Week of the Young Child organization, they wanted to know if I would declare a proclamation:

Whereas, the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) and National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the Week of the Young Child™, April 10-16, 2021; and

Whereas these organizations are working to promote and inspire high-quality early childhood experiences for our state's youngest citizens, that can provide a foundation of learning and success for children in Glenns Ferry, Idaho; and

Whereas teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children birth through age eight, who make a difference in the lives of young children in Glenns Ferry deserve thanks and recognition; and

Whereas public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures and to the prosperity of our society.

Now Therefore, I, Monty White, Mayor of the City of Glenns Ferry, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2021 as the

Week of the Young Child™

in the City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho and encourage all citizens to work to support and invest in early childhood in Glenns Ferry.

Thompson: I motion to accept the proclamation with Mayor's signature.

Galloska: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-eyes. Motion carries.

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: Covid Resolutions:

20-01 Declaring Local Disaster Emergency in Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus:

20-02 Temporary Closure of City Office and Buildings:

20-03 Extending Local Disaster Emergency in Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus:

20-04 Staged Reopening of Glenns Ferry City Hall and Other City Property to the General Public

Following the Temporary Closure Due to the COVID-19 Virus:

Mayor White: We jumped out early and did some resolutions back in 2020, and I think now with the reopening guidelines that the governor issued here a while back, and he has a reopening plan that these resolutions are no longer valid or needed so therefore I am recommending that we motion a resolution tonight to repeal Resolutions 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04.

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White: Revoke Resolutions 20-01, 20-02, 20-03 & 20-04 (Roll Call Vote):

Case: It would be my happy, privilege to make a motion that we repeal 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04 and say good-bye to them.

Mayor White:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, DECLARING RESOLUTION No. 20-01, RESOLUTION No. 20-02, RESOLUTION No. 20-03, AND RESOLUTION No. 20-04 REPEALED AND VOID.

WHEREAS, the health, the wellbeing and safety of the citizens of the City of Glenns Ferry, Idaho is the highest priority of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Idaho has issued reopen Idaho guidelines and protocols, and the City of Glenns Ferry is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho, the Resolutions are no longer needed; and

WHEREAS the City Council and Mayor believe that the citizens of the City of Glenns Ferry are more than able to protect themselves, their businesses, and families.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Glenns Ferry does hereby declare.

1. That the following Resolutions of the City of Glenns Ferry be repealed.
 1. RESOLUTION NO. 20-01
 2. RESOLUTION NO. 20-02
 3. RESOLUTION NO. 20-03
 4. RESOLUTION NO. 20-04

Galloska: Second

McFarland: Roll call vote, Councilwoman Case-absolutely yes, Councilman Thompson-agreed absolutely yes, Councilman Galloska-with excitement yes.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-eyes. Motion carries

Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

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

B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek:

Janousek: We are busy training.

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

Mayor White: I sent to all city council, Johnny, the proposal of the sewer lagoons, you have it in your packet so you can study it and we will have it on the next agenda.

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

Hernandez: Slide Show: New bathroom location in our shop, our sewer line collapsed under the building and we were able to re-route.

There is a valve that controls the other half of the plant that went out, we were troubleshooting but called in Jeff Cook to get a second opinion. These valves are from Canada and those valves are being expedited as we speak, should be here Thursday. Our water plant is at 50% and it still makes enough water for us. That valve is about \$1400 and then to expedite \$600 but if the other half fails then we have no water.

Derik is fabricating a grate for the drain over by the Dollar Store across the street there's a tunnel that goes under and dumps all the water to the Fairgrounds which is okay because it dumps that water into the grass, but there was a hole in the design because the covert is below grate, so we had to excavate 3 feet and put gravel in and add water so that the pressure could push it up and out.

Mayor White: Is that going to help behind JTS?

Hernandez: Yes, it's going to help. I got permission from the Fairgrounds. I told them this wasn't working, and we are going to make some adjustments at minimal work and expense.

Thompson: The state put it in then?

Hernandez: Yes.

Derik working on the valve. That's when we called Jeff Cook in for a second opinion and we were correct. There's our IRWA apprentice program that me and Scott have been doing. It's our Zoom class, that's why I had purchased the TV. We're there four (4) times a month for three (3) hours. A lot of trainings and information that other cities have encountered.

Used the street sweeper to clean out debris over by the Fairgrounds. It goes down and across the street. We have had City Hall flood before. There wasn't a rain gutter there, all that water was dumping off from roof and into the back area which caused more water to flood. Had a company come out and put in a rain gutter so the water will shoot out to the street to help not flood City Hall. It was \$500. The rain gutter behind us here dumped into the backside, had then patch the hole and redirect it so the rain gutter would shoot out into the street. About 50% of the water on the fire department will dump out to the front into the street. It's going to help, but not going to solve the problem.

Here, we did the excavation for the Fairgrounds and that's where the water is supposed to come out. We shot water into the covert to test it out. We'll be able to clean it out and service it. We'll be able to pick it up, it's very sturdy. There you can see the gravel we put in.

There's the water leak we worked on yesterday. I have a sample here on the table of what's going on with our infrastructure. Monty visited the site. Derik is grinding on the pipe; you have to be careful because the pipe is thin.

Mayor White: Here awhile back we spent a lot of money on a trailer so that the guys could have all their tools. I went out and inspected it they had all these tools in there and it was very clean, they don't have to take twenty (20) trips to the shop. I just wanted the council to know that we spent the citizen's money wisely. I pulled up onsite and I was very impressed, everyone had their hard hats on, reflective vest. They looked like a professional crew with their safety stuff. All the stuff we buy them, we're not just buying them just to spend money. Johnny has a method to his madness and so does Derik. This stuff is working and getting a lot done.

Hernandez: We're just grinding the pipe down, there's a lot of rust. The way it works if it has a pin hole or a crack, there's a band we put around it, but if the pipe is not cleaned off it won't seal. Our pipes are very thin.

That's a perfect example with the dirt ball with the root. That's a piece of the pipe right there. I have it here on my desk if you want to see it. That is pipe in that root ball, and it is in a lot of areas in our town. I'll be honest with you guys, we're going to have a disaster soon, where people are going to be left without water, maybe for days. It is coming. Kansas is bad, Owyhee and Harrison and there's a possibility of something fails people will not have water for days.

Case: Do you have a plan, a solution?

Mayor White: We're putting in for grants right and left now, we don't have a lot of money left.

Thompson: Do we have any reserve?

Hernandez: We have money to buy some pipe, but the problem is to do the work, it's not that easy. We can have the pipe, but if the pipe fails, by the time we dig it up. Say it's in the middle of winter, we can't be out there we'll freeze to death. There's a difference from doing a street or a pipe fail. We need to come up with a plan and when I say we I mean all of us because I don't control it. I'm not the CEO here, if I were the CEO, I would have a plan. Here it's grants money, so we really need to have some plans designed soon and get something shovel ready.

Case: Is that the engineer that does the plans?

Hernandez: We really need to get the ball rolling by next year and get some infrastructure start being replaced.

Mayor White: We're trying to get some shovel ready plans in place so in case we're ready and we score a grant or infrastructure money comes from the federal government....

Case: And if we don't get a grant?

Mayor White: We do not have the money to replace all of this, no.

Hernandez: That's the scary part, what you just asked, is the scary part.

Thompson: The thing is though, we do need to realize that maybe at one point we will need to replace a lot of pipe and plan for that, even if we have to pay for it out of our own pockets.

Mayor White: Between the water plant and the infrastructure underground that we need, you've seen the plans and how much it's costing us, like that 8" water line est. at \$140,000.

Hernandez: Which one the loop?

Mayor White: Up here for the school....

Janousek: \$175,000 to go a block.

Mayor White: We are going to have to come up with some money.

Galloska: We need to get our priorities set, back that up with a plan and then we start getting the grants. If we're working on the grants before we have all this other stuff in place, I think it won't work out.

Hernandez: We should invest in having plans designed and have them ready so if the opportunity does come up, we have plans in hand, we are ready to go.

Case: What do you need from us to get the plans rolling?

Mayor White: Nothing really, it is up to me and Johnny and the engineer to get these shovel ready plans and then it is up you guys, bringing it before you guys for our funding proposals.

Case: Is Keller looking for grants?

Mayor White: Yes, and Christy is on it too. We have to have a plan before we can do anything. The people on the grants, the first thing they are going to say is, "Where is your plan?" "How much is it going to cost?" We are trying to get shovel ready projects on the shelf, then all we have to do when a grant comes up is update the numbers. It takes time and it takes money. It cost money for Keller to design it and supervise that project and do the right bidding, so we don't get into trouble with the state.

Hernandez: Another thing council needs to think about is inflation, are we keeping up or is that gap becoming too far out of reach.

Galloska: What are the barriers that we are causing, or the council as a whole is causing in the years past and how do we get out of the way and start moving towards that direction, frankly I am all for getting on top of this infrastructure stuff, it is a problem.

Case: I have to see numbers.

Hernandez: You cannot get numbers until you have a plan.

E. **Clerk/Treasurer** – Teresa Parsons: Absent

F. **Development** – Christy Acord: Absent

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail: ***attempted to attend remotely, with each attempt internet connection dropped**

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 16. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor: Please look over the sewer lagoon packet.
Case: The Rec. District does not have everything ironed out. When I have something concrete, I will bring it to you. I am moving forward; I just do not have any answers yet.
Galloska: Brad Stokes challenged me to a cooking challenge. I will let you know what we have come up with and when.

Item 17. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Case: I motion to adjourn.
Galloska: Second
Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Approved by the City Council: _____ / _____ / _____

Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer