

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting May 25, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

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

Others: Monica Janousek, Wren Hernandez, Connie Stopher, Christy Zito

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

McFarland: Roll call.

Susan Case Dani Martinez Ken Thompson
 Billy Galloska Mayor Monty White

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Case: I'll make that motion to adopt the 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 May 11, 2021:**

B. **Accounts Payables for May 2021:**

C. **Library Board Minutes for April 13, 2021**

Martinez: I'll make the motion.

Case: Second

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

**Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Executive Session per [Idaho State Code 74-206 (1) (a)]:
(ROLL CALL VOTE)**

Mayor White: Folks we are going to go into executive session. It won't take long. It is a personnel matter and we're going to discuss a few things and then we'll come back out. If there's any votes that need to be taken, we'll take them out here in the public.

Case: I motion to go into executive session for Idaho Sate Code 74-206, subsection 1, subsection a.

Galloska: Second

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: Aye

Martinez: Aye

Thompson: Aye

Galloska: Aye

Mayor White: On the record we've started the executive session at 7:02pm.

Mayor White: Executive session ended at 7:26pm. There was no votes needed. We're going to move on.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Tabled from 04/13/2021 Meeting: Christy Acord: Shared Parking Lot: City of Glenns Ferry/Eastern Elmore County Rec Dist/Elmore County Training and Learning Center. Pending Joint Powers Agreement from 05/11/2021 Meeting.

Mayor White: Christy, on the parking lot. I talked to the attorneys, and we just have to draw up a quick agreement that we will share the parking lot. I had it put on the agenda to see if the council had any concerns and then I'll draw that up and get it back to the council and I'll sign it. Is there any concerns about sharing that parking lot at the museum with Eastern Rec District and Mr. Dorwin? Part of the reason for this is that with financing you have to show parking areas.

Galloska: It will benefit the city?

Mayor White: It will because eventually there's plans to pave it.

Case: Were there any concerns from part of the entities involved?

Mayor White: Not that I'm aware of.

Acord: Is the agreement going to be for a designated number of parking spaces or....

Mayor White: It'll be open first come first serve. On the weekends when the rec is playing basketball, they'll need them and on the weekdays the school will need them.

Case: It'll be ADA compliant; I'm assuming?

Mayor White: I assume.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Lot split Application Cindy King/Steve Alderman: RPB0049025001C.

Freeman: It's not plated out, if you go through it, it shows what it looks like.

Mayor White: Council has to give him permission to split?

Case: Doesn't the attorney have to be in on this just to make sure that we're not violating any codes?

Mayor White: Normally.

Freeman: I'm not sure.

Case: I know we've had lot splits that have gone through the attorney and has always weighed in and let us know that we haven't infringed on any existing codes.

Mayor White: I haven't ran it by him, I've seen this today. We can certainly table it and have the attorney review it if you'd like.

Thompson: I don't have a problem with it, if it's just the splitting of the acreage into acre lots. It's not like he's building a house on it.

Case: He will.

Mayor White: I talked with Lori today and I've talked to Steve, I'm recommending that we go ahead and approve it tonight, but that's certainly up to the council.

Galloska: Can we approve it pending on the review of the attorney?

Mayor White: Of course.

Galloska: If we can do that, I make a motion.

Mayor White: We have a motion to approve the lot split application of Cindy King/Steve Alderman: RPB0049025001C

Thompson: I second it.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Connie Stopher: Executive Director Southern Idaho Economic Development: Quarterly Update.

Stopher: I am presenting an update on our activities over the last three months. This last year we had to shift some of our activities that we typically do with the businesses in town for improvement. Our visits had been moved to virtual tours and were very successful. We were able to keep Southern Idaho at the top of the radar for business recruitment. We also have been working really closely with Christy throughout the last year on our responses and operation facelift. Typically, we have one operation facelift a year. The Spring 2020 one was postponed so we moved that to the fall and went ahead and did a second one this Spring. In 2019 we only raised a thousand dollars for operation facelift in private money and the rest of the dollars came from our budget. We did seven hundred and fifty dollars per community. With those two operation facelifts combined we raised sixty-three thousand dollars. With that we were able to do a couple of projects in Glenns Ferry. Another thing we've been working on is providing more direct services to small businesses and communities. Some of that is making sure that we're relaying information and doing trainings on social media marketing and also providing some tangibles. These guides, we're doing them for all our rural communities, and they go through all of the steps you need to if you're a new business. Who do you call for planning and zoning information, who do you go to for incentives, who do you see if you need a small business loan, if you're an existing business and are interested in exporting, or expanding or going on trade shows, or marketing? In each of those it highlights the communities and why you should do business in those communities. We'll be working on one for Glenns Ferry, those will be available here at the city and any local offices. It will also be available online on our website and we're going to translate them into Spanish for the Spanish speaking entrepreneurs too. We will update those in the future if information changes as well. A few things that we've also been working on is making sure that there's trainings and information available, so we put a number of webinars through places like IDEC. We have a good example of a project happening in Hansen. We're doing more work in our small communities and doing more business retention expansion, doing more guides so people know there are resources for business and communities of that size and not just gravitate to the bigger communities. Project Elixir is a cosmetic company, we also have a project called Project Fiber that one is an insulation manufacturer that's looking to go into Jerome. They make it out of hemp and industrial hemp was just legalized in the state and we're thinking that it's an opportunity for Idaho farmers to produce and grow it and attract more industry. This year we tried to articulate what that value was for our communities cause we know you all pay into it. We took all those projects that we were able to accomplish this year and divided it into the amount of money that is invested in the organization. So for every dollar invested there was twenty three million dollars in capital expenditures and 3.2 million dollars in new payroll for the year. Last year we discounted fees cause of COVID and we weren't able to go to the trade missions and things like that, and we're discounting fees this year. It'll stay the same amount that you paid last year which I think was nine hundred and thirteen dollars. It'll be approved at our June meeting so that's what I'm proposing. Any questions that is helpful for the City of Glenns Ferry on the services we provide?

Thompson: We appreciate you coming.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Clearsource IT New Proposal.

Mayor White: Clearsource is our computer person, he's changing his model it's going to be about eighty-four hundred dollars versus what we have been paying at fifty-four hundred dollars a year. I must say that we get very good service from the Clearsource people, I think he's a one man show. He wants to expand his business, so he is trying to bring a new model and I wanted to see what the council thought. You want me to do a little more research to see if we can find somebody else or stay the course and program that additional funds and keep our cost on track with Clearsource right now? I don't know if you guys have enough information, I tried to send you what I had. Teresa, do we have to do that right away?

Teresa: He didn't say. I just told him that I would add him to the agenda and go over it with the council.

Martinez: How long has he been doing it for the city?

Mayor White: The last two years.

Freeman: Two or three years.

Thompson: The years before it was no good.

Mayor White: Brian has been quite good for us. Very responsive.

Thompson: Has he been taking care of the water plant all along?

Mayor White: Uh huh.

Case: So, is what he's proposing to do worth three thousand extra dollars a year is my question?

Mayor White: I don't know. I don't have comparisons. But we can do some comparisons for you. With the old company after hiring them we got hacked and paid three times more than what we pay here. We almost got into a lawsuit. I'd be very cautious, and we know what we got, and it's been very good.

Case: Is this strictly support? This isn't software or hardware; this is strictly support that going to cost fifty-eight thousand, correct?

Mayor White: This will be the support.

Martinez: Johnny, have you had any bad issues with them at the water plant, or good?

Hernandez: The water plant has a double firewall so it's a little hectic. We've had issues, but we've resolved them. It's just taken a little longer than I'd like, sometimes a few days or a week. He's helped me out several times with the computer. He's resolved issues where the scada isn't connecting to the internet.

Case: It's just a little vague for what were getting for the three thousand dollars. I've had no problem with Clearsource, they've always done a good job. I'd like to see something more than a vague paragraph. Lineate out what the increase is for.

Mayor White: I'll get with Teresa and if you guys want to table this and see what information we can get back to you.

Thompson: I make a motion to table it until it's more clear.

Galloska: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor White. Glenns Ferry City Code 5-1-1: Concealed Weapons.

Mayor White: I was doing some research and I was shocked I come across city code 5-1-1. Which says that you can't carry concealed weapons within the city limits of Glenns Ferry and that goes contrary of a lot of us and how we feel. I did some research; I'm proposing tonight that we draft a resolution for the next meeting and that we do away with this ordinance and follow state law. I just don't want to set the citizens up, their out there doing something and they come back here, and they have a concealed weapon on them and then they get a citation, then the next thing you know they're suing us for a right to carry under state law. This ones on me and I think we need to repeal the whole thing.

Thompson: I suggest we do that.

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord. BLM Fire Mitigation Through Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Grant.

Acord: Many weeks ago, I met with BLM and Southwest Idaho RC&D and filed for some BLM Fire Mitigation money. They had like sixty thousand dollars granted to them from BLM and since you guys belong to Southwest Idaho RC&D that you pay into, I asked them when they had fire mitigation projects and I tried to keep as many of them as I could from Elmore County and Glenns Ferry. I met up with Johnny and those guys were talking around about the airport way, that was one of the projects and Pine and Featherville had a project and that is going to go away when they raised the damns there was no sense in that. Then there's some other right along Flint Basin Road area, Derik brought that to light and said that's another area. So, we decided eight-foot brush hawk from John Deere/Campbell Tractor would be a good investment for the city and they're going to share it. It'll be Glenns Ferry Highway District, King Hill Rural, and the City of Glenns Ferry will be sharing the brush hawk and BLM said yes. I'm here tonight cause I'd like you to accept the gift of the granted brush hawk from Southwest Idaho RC&D and BLM. It should be into Campbell Tractor in the next few days.

Case: I motion to adopt a resolution of the City of Glenns Ferry Elmore County in accepting the BLM Fire Mitigation through Southwest Idaho RC&D Grant for the City Glenns Ferry and authorizing the mayor to sign the statement of acceptance and the clerk to attest be adopted.

Thompson: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Resolution Accepting the BLM Fire Mitigation Through Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Grant. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: Aye

Galloska: Aye

Martinez: Aye

Thompson: Aye

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

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

Mayor White: Lt. Burnett called and gave me a report, there's one hundred and seven events, forty calls for service, fifty-nine self-initiated events, and eight felony case numbers taken out. They had a pretty impacted month for Glenns Ferry.

B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek: (slideshow):

Janousek: As I said, we've been trying to get everyone towards getting their firefighter one. Which should help insurance rating for the town.

Thompson: How many don't have firefighter one?

Janousek: Everybody but two. -There using the firehose to spring some water. -We did up by the corn dryer cause it's paved. There we're using one truck to boost the pressure to the second truck and that's why. -we had pretty good success with climbing the ladder, had one that needed help down cause that was his first time ever doing it an done that didn't want to do it, he's scared of heights and got part way up it. We also did ladders against the building where they actually had to go over the top and come back on the ladder.

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

Mayor White: Donn called in and I told him we weren't going to need him tonight.

D. **Public Works** – Johnny Hernandez: (slideshow):

Hernandez: -That's the issue that the residents here are having on Second and Owyhee. Five homes on a four-inch line. That was the condition of their sewer line. Those are the roots splitting the line. When I said it was bad, I wasn't kidding. -You can see where that root ran right at the bottom of that pipe and caused bellies, low spots. What it does is that heavy paper towels go down there and causes it to build up and backs up very fast, especially with five homes on a four-inch. Normally a four-inch is for a large size single home, and we have five on that one. As you can see, we intersected at a good spot. Sweets was a good help and installed about sixty feet of pipe and put a clean out for the future. The guys know where it's at and they also dug up another area where there was a low spot and found a flashlight in the pipe, probably from the nineties. -They had a mini excavator up there for the trenching. They're fast. We're not going over our right of way, we just dug up the pipe and removed it and replaced it in the exact location. -That's the meter that reads how much sewer water that comes into our ponds. It went out and we just had it replaced. It's running now. Today its had about sixteen hours on it. They don't make that model anymore, it's probably about eighteen years old.

Thompson: Does it still mark the paper?

Hernandez: Yes, it still marks the paper. We have a physical graph, and we change it out ever Monday morning. Then we do a chart that we fill out and calculate how much fluid comes into the sewer lagoons. -We had someone clip the side of that fire hydrant down on Cleveland and we tried to shut off valves. That line we tried to shut off was one hundred-fifty yards from the valve and the next valve all the way in front of the Dollar Store. Luckily that side was shut off and it worked, but then going down Cleveland then to Lemhi shut it off there and we were still getting tons of water out. We had to go to the next block which is Custer and shut it off there and still had water coming out. We just stopped there and had to let it run overnight. We were there until midnight knocking on people's doors, we were trying to get the water to stop flowing. We did get it to slow down, but the valves are shot, they don't shut down. So, we had to work on that line. -There's the guys working on it, you can see the water is still gushing out. -That's the contraption, the pipe that's feeding that water line is not standard water pipe. I had to dig it up, when I put diameter tap, that reads the outer diameter, that's what I ordered those couplings that you see there. I called Ferguson and told them the diameter, they said there's no water pipe that size. Then I had to tell them it's not technically water pipe, it's boiler pipe that our water is running through. You have to run around to see where you can find the gaskets to work. When you sinch it down it'll shut it. We have to get creative to do these repairs because when they got this pipe on sale they thought it was a good idea to install it like they did and it's worked, but to do repairs it's not that easy. We've been lucky that they've had parts on the shelf, and I have ordered parts to make sure we have them in the future. -There's the valve that would not shut down and it's all broken so it didn't matter. -There's the Oregon Park, they

formed it and poured it the same day. -There is the drain for the fourth street bridge that they installed on Monday. That's the culvert going over the rails. -That's the finish product.

Case: So, is the fix done?

Hernandez: Yes, we need to go back in there and add gravel around it just to add to it so it's not muddy. It's good to go.

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

Parsons: We're gearing up into budget season. The packets have been sent out to all of the department heads. We'll come together with the mayor during the month of June and the beginning of July to start presenting that to the council by the second council meeting in July. I also signed up for the semiannual training that we have every June and September. It's a refresher course for budgeting and payroll and everything like that.

F. **Development** – Christy Acord:

Acord: I was approached by the city crew and then got to go into search for funding of a mini excavator, sort of like what Sweets had. So, we could have two pieces of equipment instead of one, a backhoe for the larger projects and a mini for the smaller projects. Reached out to USDA Rural Development and we're working on that now. We'll bring it back to the council once we get it all done. Our LMI score, low moderate-income score, we set good with the state and federal. Fifty-five percent of it USDA Rural Development will cover fifty-five of the machine. June 15th, we're talking about doing a city-wide clean-up, possibly adopt a street program. A day where you adopt a street and clean the street, paint the curbs, etc. to have everything nice and clean and fresh and ready for July 4th. Working on the old high school and the project, the project is coming along good. They're working on concrete and ADA entry of the building. Soon we are bringing in Porter House Inc, which is the trade school. Bringing them into Glenns Ferry. There is Mountain Home adult training academy and there is Glenns Ferry adult training academy. Glenns Ferry adult training academy is going to be housed in Glenns Ferry School District until the building is renovated over here at the old high school location. The Mountain Home adult training academy is also building a building in Mountain Home. We already have businesses and apprenticeships signed up for our adult training academy programs and we are talking to the representative of Duck Valley tomorrow about more apprenticeships about them also to have their students to come here for training. July 4th activities, the chamber of commerce and I have been trying to plan out the activities, if you know anyone that wants to have a float in the parade have them reach out to me. I have been coordinating with YKNOT for the Fourth of July parade. Ninth of July night is the CHRONO Kristin Armstrong race and between of July 4th and July 9th when all of the All-School Reunion people leave we'll be holding tours of the old high school building and selling bricks to commemorate the attendance of the old high school. Also, I'm doing tours at the museum if anyone is interested, I'm doing that with the All-School Reunion and Steve Hall.

Martinez: Where are the bricks going to be displayed at?

Acord: I'm starting a campaign with the bricks, they're actually on a website. If you go to the Three Island Interpretive Center, you'll see the bricks that have people's names on them, same program.

Thompson: The bricks will be over at the school there?

Acord: Yes sir. You order your brick, and you get everything on the brick. Bricks are going to be fifty dollars and one hundred dollars. The first campaign is two hundred bricks through July to September October timeframe. We're hoping to sell two hundred by then and then the next campaign will be over the holidays. It's to help offset the cost and to put your stamp at the high school. They are going to be in the walls of the ADA entry of the school.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: We've just been really busy with summer programs so we're having all of our registrations, everything right now and then working on a couple new projects.

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

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

Mayor White: Donn got back with me and we're working on finishing that grant for the tie downs and taxi ways and so we're trying to figure out how we're going to meet our in kind on that. There's in kind just like the runway. We'll be getting with Johnny and seeing what we can bite off and what we can use to do in kind. We really have a little bit of money in the airport budget, but we certainly don't have what we need what it's going to take. We don't even know what it's gong to take to do the asphalt out there, because asphalt A. I don't know if we'll get anyone to bid it B. It's hard to estimate because the cost of asphalt is changing every hour. Some people aren't even getting quotes until the day you're ready to go. We had a successful meeting with the airport board. We'll have another meeting as we go along.

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

Mayor White: Museum, they didn't have anything.

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

Freeman: We have a public hearing tomorrow.

Mayor White: For planning and zoning, be careful what you say and do.

Item 16. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor White: We have a visitor here today, is there anything you'd like to say Christy?

Zito: Our tax dollars did not go to abortion providers; I think that was a good thing. We strengthened our sanctuary city law that was a good thing, there should be some property tax relief hearing. I think it'll help smaller cities maybe more than the bigger cities. I know you guys probably hear about it as much as we do on a state level is that people are getting taxed on homes they've owned forever. We'll that state sets the formula and that's all the state does, but it's spending is what makes the difference in how much our property taxes are. And so, citizens because there's only so much you can do as a city council and only so much the legislature can do, citizens have got to decide what they want from government. Do they want the government to take care of all of these things, if they do they're going to have to pay property taxes. If they want to spend their money, the way they want to spend it, they don't want to give it to the state, the cities, and the counties then they're going to have to do without a lot of these services. So, we've got to decide how we want to be taken care of and what we want to do with the money we earn. I think that's going to be a public relation thing that we all need to work on. I think people sometimes just don't get that our taxes are based on spending. I don't think a lot of people don't know that there are nine hundred, probably over nine hundred taxing districts in the state of Idaho. If you look at it that way and start thinking about that, it might help. It might help the bigger cities rather than the smaller ones. Let's take Boise, do we really need like a thirty-million-dollar library? We need to really look at things like that. Does the state, city and government need to be the ones to provide the baseball fields or are some of these things left to private entities and private entities will do it, we see it all the time. They're just left to be able to do it without the state having to do it.

Mayor White: I'm excited about the fourth of July. Last year we weren't able to do much, but I think everybody is just excited and ready to go. I would encourage the council if they can help celebrate getting back together. Do you have anything?

Case: We really need something on the agenda to bring numbers together for water and sewer., infrastructure, but we need to know the exact impact, so we have all our ducks in a row when we present to the city. And it needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Mayor White: We'll we try to get some numbers together for you. I'll call Donn and have him come and give a presentation for you so we can start and how much it's going to cost. We tried early on, and we really never got any traction on that.

Case: And grants don't exist for this sort of thing?

Mayor White: We're supposed to get about two hundred and sixty thousand dollars in that infrastructure.

Martinez: Isn't there other places we can use that money?

Mayor White: Ya, there's a million places we can use it. But if you guys want to explore more we can get together and start putting that kind of stuff together and we can have a public hearing.

Case: Do we need the numbers first?

Mayor White: Oh sure. I think we have to come in with a package and spell out what we're going to do.

Martinez: Can we have a timeline on this?

Mayor White: I'm not tying myself down because I'm going out of office in January.

Thompson: It takes time, it'll take Donn time to put it together.

Case: What I'm saying is, if we get it on the agenda we can vote so that the.....

Mayor White: You know that anything you guys want we can put it on the agenda.

Martinez: Let's put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Case: To approve the engineer working on it and numbers both.

Thompson: There's one other thing we need to address, I think is the fees we charge for our services.

Case: That's going to be the end result of that correct?

Thompson: That's a different thing there. I'm saying like the fees we charge to the cemetery, to dig graves or whatever.

Case: Building permits.

Mayor White: We've been compiling those numbers and what the hang up is, is trying to get them all shuffled in there and if it goes over a 5% raise, then we have to have public hearings and everything else in there.

Case: In any one area?

Mayor White: Yes.

Case: Like the water and sewer 5% doing the...

Mayor White: The way I understand it, if it goes over 5% increase per year, it has to have a public hearing.

Case: And when it comes to building permits, you can revamp the way we access fees?

Martinez: Or do we have to have another city meeting for that because it's going to be 5%?

Case: It would revamp the whole process. It would be off cost and square footage. As opposed to just a flat fee.

Mayor White: We ran some numbers on that program that they were talking about, and the numbers came back and correct me if I'm wrong, but it was five thousand dollars a year per license.

Thompson: For the program?

Mayor White: Mmmm Humm.

Acord: So, the program that we were looking at as far as Johnny goes is called IWORK Program. The IWORK Program is a program that provides a tracking system for public works and for Lori and different people like that, for grants, for management, for pavement, system management, sign system management, you actually put your max and everything into this to where the boys would be able to be on their phone. They have a link somewhere they're able to pull a map up on their phone and map that out. They're able to do work order, no more sticky notes. It would be an actually dated work order etc. That system right there to get everything installed and all the maps installed was ten thousand dollars for the first-time installations and then five dollars a year per organization. So, Johnny would be five-thousand dollars a year. If we tact on permits and coding, five thousand dollars a year for that. I know if I have to pull maps out of Johnny's drawer, out of the corner, out of the back-room office, it takes a ton of research and I know he does too manpower, time etc. To have everything set up in the twenty first century.....

Mayor White: They've done a great job to put that together, but here's the deal, everybody in this town that I talked to when I was running for mayor said cut taxes. And I've cut taxes every year since I've been here. You can't cut taxes and pay ten thousand dollars for a computer program. I guarantee you; you can't do it. I would challenge anybody to do it. Do we cut property taxes, or do we do what Christy says and we decide what central services we got to have? Our budget situation right now in this town does not have the room to pay ten thousand dollars for a setup fee on a computer. I'm sorry folks, but it's not there.

Martinez: Is that one place that the money we're going to get from the grant....

Mayor White: The council has free rain on where it goes.

Galloska: That's for infrastructure.

Thompson: We have to come into the twenty first century at some point, we can't stay back here forever.

Mayor White: I'm just telling you the facts. The facts are I can't keep lowering taxes if we want to spend more.

Thompson: I hate to say this but maybe we need to leave the taxes the way they are.

Mayor White: That's your guy's decision. I prepare the budget; you guys approve the budget.

Thompson: Well maybe we need to quite going along with you and say hey, we need to spend a little more money.

Mayor White: That's fine.

Martinez: If we can start this stuff on the bond, if and when we get the money, the two hundred and forty thousand or whatever, for the infrastructure stuff, can't we use that money toward the computer system and stuff like that?

Mayor White: I don't know, I don't know what the strings are.

Acord: It is for infrastructure. The money coming down the pipe is supposed to be for sewer and water infrastructure and roads. Right Christy?

Zito: I don't.....

Galloska: Isn't mapping the city streets and mapping the systems...

Mayor White: Just a second, we're getting too far off. This is comments and so we can't get it into a debate about this. Now we can place this on the agenda if you'd like to debate the issue and what we need to do.

Thompson: I agree with you there.

Mayor White: Now my comment is, I'll do what the council wants, but I can't cut taxes and spend money.

Thompson: I hate to tell you this, but at some point, you got to realize that we need to have stuff in this community.

Mayor White: I already realize that. I'm only doing what the people have asked me to do. That's to cut taxes.

Thompson: Well, you've done it enough, let's go the other way for a while.

Galloska: Can we put that on the agenda for next time?

Mayor White: Yes, absolutely.

Item 17. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Case: I motion we adjourn.

Martinez: Yes, second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-eyes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Approved by the City Council: 06/08/2021

Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer