

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting August 10, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

Staff Present: Christy Acord (call-in) Derik Janousek, Scott Nichols, Teresa Parsons, Jennifer Trail

Others: Lt. Steve Burnett, John Guthrie (Idaho Fish & Game), Margaret Stewart, Corrin Stoddard, Sammy White

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

McFarland: Roll call.

 A Susan Case X Dani Martinez X Ken Thompson

 X Billy Galloska X Mayor Monty White

****LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT SUSAN CASE IS ABSENT****

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Thompson: I'll make that motion.

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Mayor White: Under the Idaho Open Meeting Law, we had to make an amendment to the agenda, and we checked with the attorney and in adding the Fish and Game was an emergency because they need to take some action out there, so we were able to amend the agenda. I Mayor Monty White move that the governing body, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-204, amend the agenda for this meeting as follows, ADD:

DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] John Guthrie of Idaho Fish and Game: Update on the Depredation the Deer are Causing to the Winery and Grapes. ADD: DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION

ITEM] To Allow Idaho Fish and Game to Discharge Firearms at the Y Knot Winery, 1289 W Madison, within City Limits. Depredation the Deer are Causing to the Winery and Grapes. Good Faith Reason Item Not Included In Posted Agenda (Required): Emergency Item: To Allow Idaho Fish and Game to Discharge Firearm Within the City Limits, due to the fact that the deer are causing damage.

Galloska: I'll make that motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Thompson: I'll 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 decisions can be made on public comments. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. *SEE BELOW*****

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

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2021.
- B. Accounts Payables for July 2021.
- C. Payroll July 2021.

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

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] John Guthrie of Idaho Fish and Game: Update on the Depredation the Deer are Causing to the Winery and Grapes.

Guthrie: Thank you and I'm terribly sorry that you had to go through that to amend the agenda and that I was late but thank you very much for making it happen. The last I was here I think I gave everyone an overview of the issues at the Y Knot Winery. At this point it appears that the winery is not going to be changing hands in the near future, the Magic Valley of Fish and Game has decided in conjunction with the winery owners that we're going to move forward in our plans to try to reduce the resident deer population in that area. At the previous meeting as I discussed the departments plans is to utilize different methods to reduce those deer, using drop nets, so those are the type of nets that are erected. There's like a little magnet on them with a box, the deer walk underneath the net, and the deer walk underneath them, and we go and tackle the deer, put them in a trailer and take them to their new home. The second option would be chemical mobilization with the guns. Then the third option would be Fish and Game sharp shooting. So, again as we discussed last time it appears that there's like thirty to forty deer in the area in proximity to the winery, there could be more, I'm not sure, it moves back and forth seasonally. Our Fish and Game staff at the winery last year counted ten to twenty that were repeatedly on the winery grounds. Our goal to start with is ten to twenty ears. Those offenders that are coming to the winery every night. Again, I feel like I am being very redundant, our plan would be o trap and relocate as many deer as possible and the deer we are unable to capture would be euthanized by Fish and Game staff. All meat from those deer would be legally retained from the field and all legally acquired edible meat that we donate to a food bank. Fish and Game, we do have a legal obligation to assist landowners in preventing depredations and un-lethal techniques such as trapping and then trans locating are highly preferred and it's even more so preferred to use hunters. There are specific incidences where lethal methods are needed. We try to use general public, but at the winery with being in the city limits public method is not safe. We're moving forward and tomorrow our plan is to meet with the winery owners at the winery preparing some of our drop nets, setting up bate try to lure those deer so we can easily catch them. Considering that this deer herd, this relatively deer herd is relatively small such substantial damages and losses to the Y Knot Winery. In considering that the Y Knot property is located in Glenn Ferry city limits the department is requesting at this time to support the use of firearms to sharp shoot at the winery property which is on city limits for purposes to reduce the deer herd. If these efforts are successful or not, success is going to be hard, it's not going to be a win or lose, but Fish and Game are going to monitor changes in that herd. Also, in our last meeting there were some really good comments like how we can better use hunting in the past to try to reduce the amount of animals which is probably the reason why there are so many deer now. There is a good amount of land in that area that's outside of city limits I think in the future moving forward we're going to really try to look for other opportunities in what we'll be doing other than what I'm proposing in trying to reduce the deer. Depredation hunts, perhaps we can structure specific generals or change the unit fifty-three hundred to reinclude that area. It's gonna be a work in progress, perhaps the winery can change hands and the new owners are very interested in building a wight foot tall fence that would be ideal, but the current owners are not and it's their property, so we accept that. We will continue to work with the hunters to find more long-term solutions, but the issue for us is the deer coming into the winery right now. Yes, we can do emergency changes to hunting seasons, but the fact is that's eight months from now. We need to take action at this moment which is why we're starting with our nonlethal actions and what I'm proposing that the council consider us to use firearms within the city limits on Y Knot Winery property.

Mayor White: I researched this with Geoff Schroeder, our attorney, and the prohibition about firing a firearm within the city limits comes with a comment that we can issue permits to actually anybody that the council so chose, but of course Idaho Fish and Game has asked us to do that. I guess what I'm saying is

that's within the councils preview to issue basically a permit to the Fish and Game to use lethal options. I guess I'll start it off. I would prefer that we try the nonlethal first and if that's not working then you guys got a plan then we have you go through the plan starting with the nonlethal issue. Any comments from the council?

Martinez: That was my question, have you tried the nets and that's not working so you're going lethal or you're going to try the nets for a week or ten days and if that doesn't work then you'll go....

Guthrie: It's a big region that we cover and what we'd like to do is try the nets first, but I think that our.... You know there's only so many nights that we can have the staff out there in the middle of the night able to handle that many deer over and over. We can't pull fifty people out of the region every night to be working on this. Our thoughts were to be working on this to get the most bang for our buck is to make sure deer are coming in and to catch as many as we can on that first night and go a second night, go a third night perhaps then after that ideally move to lethal. I wish that I can devote my entire summers to this, but there's a lot of private landowners and a lot of deer and elk that get into trouble and also these deer, not a day that goes by that these deer area causing more and more damage to this winery.

Martinez: Sounds like a good plan. You'll coordinate that with the law enforcement so when someone calls in saying they hear gunshots

Guthrie: I do know that we want to do this like with the council's support. If there could be something very brief like two sentences, that would be great. Also, I'm assuming you would like updates could I email them to you Teresa?

Parsons: Yes.

Guthrie: And the police department as well.

Parsons: I can email you the Lieutenants email address.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] To Allow Idaho Fish and Game to Discharge Firearms at the Y Knot Winery, 1289 W Madison, within City Limits. Depredation the Deer are Causing to the Winery and Grapes.

Galloska: I'll make a motion that we can give him the permit.

Martinez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-eyes

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] From Public Comment 07/27/2021: Stray Cats and Chickens.

Stoddard: I brought it up at the last meeting, wondering if there's anything we can do with the stray cats and chickens because I live where they all congregate for some reason, I'm pretty sure my neighbors are feeding them. They're all living in my side yard, and I'd like it to stop if I can. We're hoping to be able to do a lot of landscaping over there, but we won't if... I mean I'm sure that's understandable, they're going to do damage to our landscaping. Right now, we have the chain link fence, but that doesn't keep the cats out and apparently it doesn't keep the chickens out either.

Mayor White: Are chickens roosting on your property?

Stoddard: I don't know what that means, sorry.

Thompson: Are they sleeping on your property?

Stoddard: No, they're coming on my property during the day from what I can tell is that they're roosting across the street from us and a little bit up the hill. I live across from the grocery store.

Mayor White: Not that this has anything to do with what we're going to help you with, but I received a petition the last time I heard about this with almost three hundred people on it to keep the chickens. Of course, the citizens don't understand the petition, I cannot enforce a code because somebody wrote a petition. But we can remove the chickens, but we can't go onto the private property to cease them.

Stoddard: I understand cause I remember when the petition went around cause I was really excited then. But I assumed that worked cause nothing happened.

Mayor White: We tried to catch the chickens but we we're having a very hard time catching them. Cause we couldn't go on to where they were roosting.

Stoddard: I'm happy to give my permission for someone to come on my property and.... And I'm happy to, I don't want to do anything that's going to upset my neighbors.

Mayor White: You've tried live trapping them then?

Stoddard: Ya. And the chickens I could probably be like.... if they're chickens, but it's more the cats that are the worst to be honest and they are breeding like crazy. We probably have like six, seven kittens on our property at any given time.

Mayor White: We do have a problem with feral cats, we understand that. It's city wide.

Stoddard: They're not scared of anything. Our dog is out barking at night and I'm trying to be a good neighbor, but I don't know what else to do.

Mayor White: First off is that we can supply live traps to you. Trap them on your property.

Stoddard: I'm happy to do that, I just didn't want to have to do it on my own.

Mayor White: We need to find a way to dispose of the cats.

Stoddard: And that was my question, I didn't know cause I know our pound isn't set up for that at all. I didn't know if any surrounding towns are an option to take cats too. Cause I don't want to, this sounds bad, but I don't want to kill a cat. And if that's the only option, I'm like....

Mayor White: The feral cat situation, we don't require a license in this town. The dogs are the ones, that's where the money goes is to the dogs because that's where we collect our fees. I've read the minutes from many meetings, and I think Councilman Thompson will agree with me, it's been an ongoing problem for many, many years. We have an issue over around out part of town and the only real solution that I can offer tonight, is that we will try to do our best to help you elevate your problem.

Stoddard: So, if I can find a place to take them, that's an option? I didn't want to do anything that was going to be against....

Mayor White: I understand that some dairies will take them is that correct?

Thompson: A long time ago. Farmers like the because they eat the mice.

Stoddard: I work in Twin, so I have to go through many towns to get there so I don't have any problem dealing with an upset cat.

Mayor White: Is there anything council can help me with here?

Martinez: We can give her the live traps to do it.

Galloska: Exactly.

Thompson: It's the only option I know of that we can offer.

Guthrie: I cannot agree to this yet, but I do know we have a CO2 gas chamber at our office that we use to euthanize birds.

Stoddard: I get it cause I don't want to be the one who's breaking little kittens necks, that's why I haven't started catching cats, but the kittens there's a lot of them.

Mayor White: Would that work for right now, if the city purchases some live traps and we furnish those live traps to you, and you find a human way to get rid of them.

Stoddard: Ya, if you guys are okay with that.

Mayor White: We're try to do our part. Scott, would you be able to round up and get some traps and get them over to her?

Nichols: Sure. As long as you're the one trapping them cause like we mentioned before, you can't get onto private property.

Stoddard: I'm perfectly happy to put them on my property.

Mayor White: I would suggest, and council jump in here. That you contact the people where these chickens are roosting overnight. If they give us permission to come in then it'll go to the animal warden when we get them, we haven't done that yet, but we can come and get those chickens and find a place for them.

Stoddard: I knew the chickens were going to be a hard one. If you can do the cats that would at least get rid of the kittens.

Mayor White: I want the record to understand that the petition does not mean we stop enforcing city code. Unless the city council changes that code, that we aren't going to go after the chickens then we'll stop enforcing that code. We're going to enforce it, where the chickens are doing damage and the council is still on the books that there's a city code. I understand the people that signed the petition, I know most of them, but that does not affect us enforcing the city code.

Stoddard: I don't know all of our codes and stuff; the neighbors are keeping more wild birds in their backyard and stuff they're starting to sit on the roads, and we have ducks and geese sitting in the middle of the road. I don't know if there's something we can do, but I thought you guys should know that.

Mayor White: The city code does not allow free range, you gotta keep...you have to keep them on your property.

Stoddard: I know that I've almost hit them, and my husband almost hit them, and he swerved the other day. I know they're there, but I don't know if a lot out of people do. They're coming out at dawn and stuff.

Mayor White: To clarify, we'll get some traps for you

Stoddard: Perfect.

Mayor White: And you said you'll get rid of them humanly.

Stoddard: Yep.

Mayor White: We don't need a motion; we need to take care of this administratively.

Galloska: It's in the code already.

Mayor White: We'll try it, thank you for coming in.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] From 2/9/2021 & 2/23/2021 & 3/9/2021 & 3/23/2021:

Fireman use of Eastern Elmore County Recreation District Fitness Center. (TABLE)

Mayor White: With Susan not here, that we should probably table that item again because that was President Case's thing. I entertain a motion to table.

Thompson: I make a motion that we table it again.

Galloska: Second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Water Conservation During Drought of 2021 Irrigation Season.

Mayor White: We had a letter issued that wanted us to help during this draught that King Hill Irrigation wanted me to sign on to a letter that was going to go out about even and odd days for watering. I said that was up to the council. That is definitely a council decision whether we implement and sign on to this with King Hill Irrigation. Were you guys able to read that sign on at this time or do you want to discuss it further?

Thompson: I don't want to discuss it.

Mayor White: I take it you're opposed to even and odd watering days?

Thompson: You just guessed it.

Mayor White: Is there any further discussion other than Councilman Thompsons?

Martinez: Who's going to enforce it?

Mayor White: That's the thing, I don't know.

Galloska: Are they just asking at this point...?

Mayor White: Well, they're asking to sign on with them and all these things would be....

Thompson: Obviously, they're expecting you to enforce it.

Galloska: Probably.

Mayor White: They wanted us to send this letter out together to honor it.

Martinez: Well, it would have been nice if they would have been here to ask questions.

Mayor White: In all fairness they may not have known it was going to be on the agenda. I placed it on the agenda cause I really felt it was a council decision not my decision.

Martinez: I don't use city water to water, so I don't know who it's going to affect.

Mayor White: It would affect our customers on the irrigation side of the city and King Hill irrigation within the city limits. Those people that are on either King Hill or the city with King Hill.

Thompson: Irrigation water.

Galloska: It also adds a burden to our city employees that are going to be answering these phone calls.

Mayor White: Yep.

Galloska: Based on this letter.

Mayor White: Well, sure, we've never had this situation and so there's going to be some education out front and we're going to have a lot of people that aren't going to be too happy about this.

Parsons: You also have the perception of the houses that don't have irrigation that will be watering whenever cause they're doing it on potable water and they're paying for it.

Martinez: I agree.

Parsons: People don't know who's on King Hill irrigation or not.

Mayor White: Do we need to make a motion for the floor. There was no motion for item number eleven is died due to a lack of motion.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Transfer/Receive Vacation: Personal Policy.

Mayor White: We had an issue come up, an employee came to me, and they had a lot of vacation time built up and we have the ability under state law that was researched with our attorney, but we don't have anything in our personnel manual. I wanted to ask the council tonight if you wanted me to draft a policy that would be where that an employee would have lots of leave could donate it to another employee to use that vacation time if they were in a situation where they were out of leave and they were facing illness of something like that. I thought that was good on their part to try to help out fellow employees. It takes a revision or adding a clause for a person to be able to do that. If council wants me to go forward and then I'll bring it back to you can either adopt it into the personnel manual or we can make changes to it at that time.

Galloska: May I ask, this is so they can donate it to an employee?

Mayor White: And it can only be under Idaho code. It can only be vacation; they can't donate sick leave or comp time or anything like that. It has to be their vacation time. Now say an employee had three hundred hours of vacation time, as it accumulated, they could donate one hundred hours or fifty hours to an employee that was running out of sick leave or annual. But it could only be used.....

Parsons: Up to a maximum of eight hours per fiscal year.

Mayor White: But it could only be used after they've exhausted, by state law, their annual or sick leave. If you guys would like me to get with the attorney and draft a policy, then you can take a look at it. If you want to adopt it into the....

Thompson: I don't see a reason why we shouldn't.

Galloska: It's their time so sure.

Mayor White: I will get that drafted and we'll put it in a future meeting so you guys can act on it and see what it actually says.

Item 13. PRESENTATION: By Mayor Monty White: Budget Year 2021-22 Preparation.

Mayor White: We redid some numbers and everything and I've been through it million times, and I can't find any holes. If you have specific questions, I'm not going to go through the whole budget. If you've got specific questions, I will try to answer those concerns, but we have to have it done tonight or we're not going to meet our public hearings, we're not going to have our public hearing on our budget done. If you have some questions, we've got our department heads here and we will pass a proposed budget tonight at the end of that. So, the floors open to the council to ask any questions or whatever you'd like to do. Is there any other questions council? If there's not, I would entertain a motion to accept the propped budget.

Martinez: I have one question. With the code enforcement since our city people are doing that now, is that money moved into their account and paid accordingly or what are we doing with that money?

Mayor White: I'm holding it in reserve, and I went ahead and budgeted for some of your concerns and if it gets to be too much for Scott, we have the ability to jump out and hire somebody to fund it into the next year. Do you see what I mean, it's a place holder in case.

Martinez: But they're going to be compensated for doing two jobs, correct?

Mayor White: Right, but that money would just sit there if we don't use it. If we don't hire a code enforcer, it will go to the fund balance at the end of the year. But it's my only way of ear marking that money so to be available if the future mayor and council decide to go back a different direction. If Scott comes in and holds up a white flag and says, I surrender, we can move forward on a different direction and we have a budget. Does that answer your question?

Martinez: Yep. It answers my question.

Galloska: Are you just concerned, forgive me if I'm reading this wrong, but are you just concerned that he's not being compensated for the job that he's doing?

Martinez: Well, I know that we put that money aside for one, and yet the city guys are doing it so I was just wondering if they're being compensated for doing that job, but yet we still have the money.

Janousek: So, we voted to if he did hours as code enforcer, he could code it to code enforcement.

Mayor White: He could.

Galloska: So, he could draw all the wages then?

Mayor White: Or like I said if we don't use it, it'll go into fund balance and the future mayor and council can take that money out of fund balance and do something else with it.

Martinez: And the same thing with the dog catcher, correct?

Mayor White: Yep. We intend to fill that position. We're still advertising that position. We have some candidates; we will start the process of interviewing those candidates.

General Fund

- Administration
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Department
- Animal Control
- Parks
- Revitalization Heritage Project
- Economic Development Professional
- General Fund Balance Transfer – Airport

Library Fund
Airport Fund
Cemetery Fund
Streets & Alley Fund
Capital Improvement Fund
Liability Insurance Fund
Museum Fund
Trust Fund
Water Fund
Sewer Fund

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Adopt Tentative Budget 2021-22. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Thompson: I make that motion.

Galloska: I'll second.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Galloska: Aye.

Martinez: Aye.

Thompson: Aye.

Mayor White: Motion carries.

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

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

Lieutenant Burnett: I have the monthly stats for you guys. July was a very busy month for us. There was a lot of events, a lot of happenings going on down here. All in all, it was a very uneventful for us as far as major incidents with the All-School Reunion, the street dance, the fair, the Fourth of July weekend, from July's point of numbers we only went up five events for the month. In fact, our criminal case numbers went down by four. Our guys, I'll tell you, so far this year, this has been the busiest month for the self-initiated stuff of making contact with people and doing things on their own. There was eighty events of self-initiated stuff by our deputies. Which again include traffic stops, they do a lot of business checks at nights, extra patrol in these areas and only forty-four calls for services that somebody had called in and requested our assistance. Overall, it was a busy month, but nothing significant that stood out.

Mayor White: I had several calls over the fourth about illegal fireworks, but it was everywhere.

Fourth of July it's a common thing, us trying to run around trying to track people.

They did the best they could they did respond to some of the calls that I directed them to. The deputies did respond, but I don't know if there were any citations.

Lieutenant Burnett: Not that I'm aware of, nothing stood out. We tried to be prepared especially for the street dance, I believe on the third on Saturday, so we had a number of guys down there. A lot of our reserves came out to help with that. We tried to be prepared and it turns out people behaved and just wanted to have a good time.

B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek:

Janousek: Actually, I have nothing to report.

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

Carnahan: A bunch to update on the airport, we're still waiting on the approval of that grant, it looks like it's going to one hundred percent funded by the state so that's good. The water loop, we're still waiting to get the funds on that one. Owyhee sewer line, we've got that design. I need to go over it with Scott and get some questions and get some feedback from the city on that. And then the lagoons, we still need to retest the aerator lagoon and then lagoon one and get that going. So, Scott I have to talk to you after this to get that scheduled.

Nichols: It is scheduled for this Thursday.

Carnahan: Then we appreciate the work session. I think we'll just go from there.

D. **Public Works** – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: The majority of what I've got to say fell flat on its face when the council denied the odd even days for water with King Hill Irrigation, but I'm going to say it anyway. The drought conditions in Idaho continue as the weather warms, the conditions are worsening in other parts of Idaho. The City of Glenns Ferry is hopeful the community will get ahead before it's too late. Twenty-twenty one has been the thirty-sixth driest year on record according to NOAA. Water precipitation was down one point four inches from last year totaling eight point two-five inches thus far. We're taking this very seriously and starting to do some long-term planning to address these concerns which was working with King Hill Irrigation for odd and evens and no Sundays. Along with the most of Idaho, Glenns Ferry is feeling the effects of the dryness, we can see it all over the place. We're in the desert, droughts are normal, they happen, it's a process and climate will change. We are seeing this happen more frequently and it's projecting to be in drought conditions for longer periods of time. The national weather services issued a following statement in May twenty-twenty-one regarding Idaho's drought conditions; below normal spring precipitation and an early loss of snowpack have led to expanding drought conditions across Idaho. The latest seasonal drought outlook May twentieth twenty-twenty-one through August thirty-first twenty-twenty-one indicates that the drought will persist in areas already being impacted by drought. Drought development is likely across the rest of Idaho. Meaning, it's not going to get any better. People should expect to see local ordinance regarding water conservation if drought continues. We need to start reviewing our ordinances right now and looking at ways to have smarter development if you are in an area of town that doesn't have surface water supply from the irrigation district which is a large portion of our town. Which means they use a lot of manufactured water which in turn has a lot of undue stress on our water treatment plant. We also have an irrigation district that provides residence with surface irrigation water, and we should encourage that water should be limited to odd and even days as King Hill is trying to propose. The brown spots throughout town and cemetery are being addressed. I would ask that the council be understanding and supportive in our actions, we cannot do this alone. With that being said, the council agreed to allow a function to go on at the city park, the movie night during the peek watering time. We're butting our heads against the wall, we can't not, not work together as a team. Not once did any one of you look over at time and ask if that was ok, if we could shut the water off for a long period of time at the park, but yet there seems to be a small amount of non-support and the complaints throughout the town on dry spots and the cemetery and the park and other places in town. We are doing our best to fix the issue, we area a very small crew and we need the support of the council. With that being said that's all I got to say on the water and hope you guys can talk to your constituents and nip it in the bud. Moving on to code enforcement, it is a strenuous job, no one wants to do it. I accepted the challenge do to the fact that I wanted things to change. I'm tired of road chickens, I'm tired of stray cats, but I'm really tired of watching home videos of my town as they drive through town to go to the park and see what a disgrace a lot of properties are here in town.

Thompson: I agree.

Nichols: So, with your support we will move forward and there won't be anymore question. I'm going to cite them with the help of the lieutenant and his force, we're going to move forward, we're not going to take any steps back.

Thompson: I will support you any way you want to go. I'm tired of this myself.

Nichols: We all understand that you love your water and you're entitled to it, but as we discussed earlier, we can't grow without growing pains. The leak today on Snake River was due to incorrect mapping. The map indicated that the line was on the north side of the road and as Derik can contest, it was not, it was on the south side of the road. That is why I was hoping that you guys would table any mapping system for us.

Martinez: We did. Susan's looking into something, but she hasn't been here.

She sent off the email of all the different things that she looked for that was a lot cheaper for us to use. I looked through it and there was definitely one that would fit our needs for mapping. We need to, as a group, look at it together.

Thompson: Give us the information so we can look at it.

Nichols: I don't have the website; I'll give you the website of the one that I thought was a good fit for us because it's a crapshoot. We look at map and it says something and as soon as you dig it, the exact opposite. I took on this position, this role to continue the good job that Hernandez set forth and I would

like for it to be a smooth transition, but it's hard to do the job without the proper tools. So, the seepage test Mr. Carnahan mentioned, seepage test two-point o, will be conducted this Thursday for the aeration pump. That was the only one that had a little bit of seepage. Now, please understand the seepage was within the lagoon. The lagoons are not failing. The water is not going into the river except for the pipe that it is designed to go through. We are one of the top five cleanest lagoons that dump into the Snake River. Our removal range is ninety-seven percent of what comes into our headworks and what goes out into the river is ninety-seven percent removal. It is clear as water that comes out of your tap.

Mayor White: Thank you, Scott, I wanted to get that on the record. The rumor floating around town that we were failing and that DEQ was going to throw the mayor in jail and everything else. That is one hundred percent bogus. We are not failing. I asked Scott to bring those numbers up, so that you guys know, so when citizens talk to you, we are not failing. There's nothing wrong down there. It's old we're going to fix it; the council is looking at ways to fix it. Right now, we are a hundred percent in compliance. And to reiterate, the seepage test to test pond one to pond two and to pond two to pond three and so on within the containment of the entire sewer lagoon. We are within specs. Nothing is leaking out it's just leaking from one pipe to the next with faulty equipment. The equipment has been upgraded and the test is this Thursday.

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

Parsons: I've been working on the budget and now I have more paperwork to do cause you guys adopted it, so thank you.

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

Parsons: Christy asked me to let you guys know she's going to be having a "Did You Know" column in the local paper that highlights codes and ordinances. The grant she was also working on for the mini excavator, in order for us to accept that grant a resolution has to be sent in with the grant. That deadline is the nineteenth, which I don't have a council meeting prior to that. So, I'll be hosting a special meeting and I'll let you guys know, possibly next Tuesday that way we can get the resolution and it gives Christy two days to send it in.

Mayor White: The cost of the machine is going to be paid for a by a grant, more than half of it. I think it's right at twenty-four thousand the city has to come up with. This is an opportunity that really needs to move on. We'll have a special meeting, because our next regular meeting will be outside the scope.

Acord: I can add some stuff, but August the sixteenth at five thirty, we're having the parking meeting at the Equine for the museum, the guy from Vitruvian is going to be there to coordinate the meeting. September the tenth and eleventh we're having a sportsman show, down at the Elmore County Fairgrounds, a continuation of the sportsman show that we've had the past few years. AARP stopped by this past week and had a video for the project and we're still working on a few things for the park. One of the great things that Lupe said about our park is that we are still adding to it other than the things that were paid for in the original grant. There's a red ribbon cutting for the food pantry at the Three Island Senior Citizen Center on the thirtieth of August at five pm.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: I don't have anything really. I haven't added up our summer number or anything. We did programs through July, August we're taking a break for everyone to get ready for school and then we'll start program back in September. July was still a busy month. We got the three hot spots to go one in Hammett, one in town, and one in King Hill to start offering Wi-Fi to people. We got those set up, I just have to get the signs up that we'll be Wi-Fi all the time here pretty soon. The bus is ordered, with Franks help. It should be here in November hopefully. I'm hoping Claudia who filled in part time this summer will be our Friday person, but there will be lessons included.

Thompson: Is it big enough you have to have a special license?

Trail: No, because there are no passengers and there are no air brakes, I think are the two things. We'll start working on a schedule, we'll get that stuff figures out so that when the bus comes, we'll be ready to go. We did receive three thousand dollars from the Cunningham Foundation to help cover subscription costs for all of these other, everything takes a subscription now anymore for the technology and stuff. They have supported us, so that was nice. Things are still good; July wasn't quite as busy.

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

Mayor White: We're continuing our search for the animal control officer. I'm going to let it run a couple more weeks and then we'll start interviews. I've asked Councilman Thompson and Councilman Galloska and Lori will be the HR, they'll be doing the interviews and selecting the candidate.

I. **Airport Manager** – Monty R. White:

Mayor White: We had an issue at the airport, airplanes were seen and photographed filling without a containment system. It was reported to me. I did the investigation, and I solved that one. They will be using containment, or they will be seen before this board, and they may not have a license anymore. They've been served notice on that, and I sent them a letter in that affect. They were very cooperative, and they understood where I was coming from

Thompson: There's only two outfits that use it isn't there?

Mayor White: I don't want to get into who specifics, but yes.

J. **Historical Museum** – Donna Carnahan: Not attended.

K. **Planning & Zoning** – Kt Carpenter: Not attended.

Item 23. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Galloska: The only thing I'd like to do is respond to what Scott said earlier and I think it's just kind of a general note. Anytime you see a landmine in front of us raise your hand and let us know. Cause I'm not always thinking three steps ahead like you are, so please if you know. If someone says, hey we want to have a dance and it's not going to work for you, please let us know right then and there. I appreciate your concern and we probably should have reviewed that. I think it would of helped if we would have known.

Mayor White: I don't mean this viciously, but Scott needs to, there's a chain of command and Scott needs to bring it to me and I'll bring it to you guys. It gets too cumbersome for the crew if they've got five bosses.

Galloska: What I'm getting at is I just want to hear the concern.

Mayor White: I understand, but I just want to caution. That we have a chain of command, the chain is going to change, but right now until January. If anybody knows me, I'm in charge until January ninth. But Scott is more than welcome to bring this stuff before the board, and I encourage it as long as he fills me in, and he did.

Thompson: No, I think it's something I better talk with Scott about.

Councilwoman: I'm good.

Item 24. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Martinez: I'll make a motion.

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-eyes.

Parsons: 8:01pm

Approved by the City Council: 08/24/2021

Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer