

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting September 28, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, by Monty White, Mayor.

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

Staff Present: Christy Acord, Scott Nichols, Teresa Parsons, Jennifer Trail

Others: Karen Hall, David & Annette Payne, Dan Upton, Sammy White

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Susan Case Dani Martinez Ken Thompson Billy Galloska
 Mayor Monty White

****LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT DANI MARTINEZ IS ABSENT****

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Case: I'll make the motion to Accept the Amended Agenda.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Mayor: I, Mayor White MOVES THAT THIS GOVERNING BODY, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 74-204, AMEND THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

- **ADD:** DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Danielle Martinez Resignation from City Council.
- **REMOVE:** DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Communicable Disease Policy (ICRMP).
- **REMOVE:** DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Glenns Ferry Downtown Parking.

GOOD FAITH REASON ITEM REMOVED IN POSTED AGENDA (REQUIRED):

- **ADD:** Resignation came in day prior to meeting.
- **REMOVED:** Items still pending.

Case: I'll make the motion to Accept the Amended Agenda.

Galloska: 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 decision can be made on public comments. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. *SEE BELOW*****

Dan Upton: Hi everybody, my names Dan Upton. I'll keep it short. Maybe you've seen some signs around town, I'm running for mayor. I thought this would be a good opportunity to put a name with a face so, if you have any questions on my platform that I'll be running toward I'll be sitting outside for a few minutes afterwards to answer any questions. Thank you.

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

A. City Council Workshop Minutes for Sept 14, 2021.

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for Sept 14, 2021.

C. Accounts Payables for Sept 2021.

Thompson: I'll make said motion.

Case: 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] Danielle Martinez Resignation from City Council.

Mayor White: It's with sadness that I have to announce that Danielle Martinez resigned from council yesterday at four thirty pm. I immediately called our city attorney and with the COVID situation and people can get sick and not have a quorum, it was his recommendation that the mayor make an appointment to the council to finish out the term. That's what I'm doing. I will take a few days to try to solicit people who want to be there, I'll make my selection and bring it back to the city council. My time frame is the first meeting in October to do that. Later on, the agenda, I don't think that's going to work, but we may have to have a special meeting to do that in which we would have to advertise and that would be the only item on the agenda, would be my appointment. Any questions? There is certain things that is going to kick in down the road as we file for the two city council positions. Depending on how this works with my appointment and some other things. There's several options, we may have to go to the governor and new mayor and have them appoint somebody if we still have two vacancies cause there's some things playing that we'd have another vacancy and we could have two vacancies you never know. There's a whole bunch of scenarios if we start playing with this. We're just going to have to have mother nature sort this out, I guess.

Case: Now the new mayor would also have the authority to appoint.

Mayor White: If he has a quorum.

Galloska: That's the problem.

Case: So, if you appoint someone...

Mayor White: I can't anybody, only one because we only have one vacancy right now.

Case: Right.

Mayor White: Mr. Galloska seat is until January eleventh, but then it will become a vacancy, but we will still have a quorum. So, you can go ahead. If for some reason we're down two city council members after the election, then we don't have a quorum and that kicks in a bunch of other stuff. That election, nobody can file and run now. It's a done deal. There won't be anything on the ballot except the mayor. With that I will let you guys know when they have to get together for my appointment, but with the situation where we only have three people, we can easily find ourselves without a quorum and we can't do business. It was his recommendation that I go ahead and appoint somebody until such time that all this sorts itself out somewhere down the line. Any questions?

Case: One comment. I would like to send a thank you card to Dani. She really stepped up and she did a good job and I think we should each write a little.

Mayor White: I was really disappointed in that phone call, not at Dani. She has her valid reasons she's leaving the city and therefore she's not eligible.

Thompson: I make the motion that we accept her resignation.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Discussion: Oct 12, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Mayor White: I will not be here October twelfth twenty twenty-one city council meeting. President Case will have the option, I talked to the attorney, you would not only be acting as the leader of the meeting, but you can still vote without a quorum without me here. But it's up to the council, they can cancel the meeting if they'd like, or we can have a meeting and you can run the meeting, Susan.

Case: I don't know what will be coming up on the agenda so

Thompson: What will be coming up on the agenda?

Mayor White: There's always something.

Thompson: Some of these things we'll be pushing off tonight aren't they on the twelfth.

Mayor White: Yep. They could be on the twelfth, yes. And then there's some other things on the policy for communicable disease that'll be coming up and then if you want me here it'll have to be the meeting after that.

Case: Let's do it the meeting after, I don't really want to be moderator and

Mayor White: So, what does the council want/ You want to cancel the meeting October twelfth?

Galloska: No, I think if anything we move the agenda item we can discuss, which will be the communicable disease.

Mayor White: Ok, then there'll be one other item, downtown parking. That's pretty well gone, I shut that down.

Parsons: Those were my only two pending items for October twelfth that's in my pipeline.

Galloska: I say we have the meeting.

Thompson: I feel that same way.

Mayor White: I will not be here, but I'll have Teresa coordinate with you President Case, to develop the agenda and move that forward.

Case: Ok.

Mayor White: And I'll be here up to, I just won't be here for the meeting, I'll be out of town. This is only the second meeting I've ever missed so I feel good.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] EECRD: Splash Pad and Baseball Field

Hall: I was kind of hoping one of my board members was going to be here with me. We had a meeting awhile back with some state parks and rec people and I think you remember back last year we talked about if you guys did the grandstand, we would do something with the baseball field.

Mayor White: Uh mmm.

Hall: There is a grant available that we could do extensive repairs for the ball field out at the city park. In doing that it would also work with the school that maybe at some point when we got it up to grade that they would be able to use it for a tournament or as an extra ball field or something. We're really anxious to get that done. And another thing they mentioned that was available for a grant was this splash pad park. We've talked about maybe the south end of the pool, that would be determined at a later date. We just want to get permission to get the grant written and apply for those as long as we're taking full responsibility. We would do our own grant; we just need permission since it's on city property.

Case: I'm all for it.

Galloska: I'm absolutely for it.

Mayor White: Scott, anything jumps out at you right there?

Nichols: The only thing that jumps out right there on the public works side is the Elmore County Rec District take full written verbal responsibility for all upkeep.

Case: Wouldn't the liability fall under the city franchise?

Hall: We have the same insurance that you guys have.

Mayor White: We would just need an agreement like we already have.

Hall: Right, we pretty much take on that responsibility.

Nichols: Would it be fenced in; would you extend the pool?

Hall: I have no idea. But I'm assuming that it would have to be.

Galloska: Most of them are not.

Hall: Oh, they're not?

Galloska: If you see them around the country, they're not closed.

Mayor White: Aren't they for the smaller children?

Hall: Yes. I had to go to a class one time when they were having trouble with outbreak of things anyway, I don't think the grant would be awarded until twenty twenty-three if I remember right. But we want to get going on it. We just wanted permission on that.

Mayor White: I think what we'll have to do Karen is get back with and look at the pool and the joint powers and have the attorney write that so the council can make their decision.

Galloska: But it doesn't have to be before the grant writing, does it?

Mayor White: No, I don't think so.

Case: When is your date of getting the grant in?

Hall: I think it's the end of January.

Mayor White: Do we have a little bit of time for the council so they can think about this?

Hall: Yeah, or if you're not thrilled about a splash pad park at least let us do the baseball field.

Case: I actually think it's a great idea and I would make a motion that we do it based on that we get a MOU set up and some sort of plan.

Hall: What do you mean by that, you mean like a lease like what we signed

Case: It's just so that we're at an understanding what you'll do what the city says, you'll do the work, etc. etc.

Hall: Like the pool, the ten years at a time. Yep.

Thompson: I think we should just give the whole thing to you, and you can take care of it.

Hall: The splash pad or the baseball field?

Thompson: The football park, the baseball field. Give the whole thing to you folks, you're the only ones that use it.

Hall: Except on the fourth of July and a few things like that. I'm not going to go there on that.

Galloska: That's a question for another time.

Case: I would like to make a motion that we approve them going for the grant under the condition that say sometime in October as to where it will be, and we have some sort of draft memorandum of understanding.

Hall: We won't have anything drawn up.

Case: I'm not talking architecture plans. I'm just saying where you're going to put it.

Hall: We do plan on having an architectural person coming at some point.

Mayor White: We do have a motion for a splash pad going in on city property subject to an MOU at a later date if the grant is approved.

Galloska: Yes, I'll second.

Mayor: Roll Call.

Parsons: Councilman Galloska – aye, Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilman Thompson - nay

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Scott Nichols: Be Aware, Be Prepared, Show You Care Video.

Nichols: This is a video of just a heads up of what this city does for you. (Video being played about drinking water supply, conservation and aging water systems).

Case: That would be a good PSA to play right before the public meetings.

Nichols: A lot of times we come complacent even if we don't want to, but this is just to bring it to your attention that we fall under everything except (inaudible) we have aging pipes, water and wastewater they break on a regular basis. Be prepared be aware now for the future that's tomorrow.

Thompson: Frankly, I think most of us know where we're at that's the reason why we're talking about what we're doing. This would be nice for the public to realize how serious this is getting to be.

Galloska: This is why we have to go forward with these meetings and let them see it.

Nichols: That will be part of the agenda that goes around the room.

Mayor White: Scott asked me to put this on and I thought it would be good for you guys since you're thinking about replacing this infrastructure as we go forward. It's not a small project by any means.

Thompson: Well, even in the sense that the way things are going right now in some point and time we're going to have somebody build a house someplace and we'll be putting a sewer line in or hooking them up to an old line and we're already in trouble. Like the houses we got over here, we got to replace them.

Mayor White: We tackled that issue over there, we had four houses on one three-inch line. That doesn't work.

Thompson: How's that going?

Nichols: We are still waiting for Keller and Associates, but it's everything they needed from us was checked off and we're just waiting for them to break ground and get everything done and so are the residence. They are being extremely patient with us. It's a three-inch line that serves as one home for

many years and now there's five homes on it. That is not the time to attempt to be prepared when new remodeled homes are being flooded with sewage.

Mayor White: And there's liability to us when that happens.

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

- A. **Sheriff Office** – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett: Absent.
- B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek: Absent.
- C. **City Engineer** – Keller Associates, Inc. – Donn Carnahan, PE: Absent.
- D. **Public Works** – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: (Slideshow) These are just pictures of are project that we're doing at the city shop here in town. It has become once again complacent eye sore for the residence of Glenns Ferry as well as our visitors. This is one of the first things they see when they get off the freeway and approach the stop sign at Bannock and First Street. We have taken our pipe pile, the shelving, we're in the process of building an awning over that so we can protect hat asset, so it doesn't just fade in the sunlight. That's what it looked like before the shop before it currently looks like minus the lean to, here's what the area looks like now. This section here is the staging area for the items that the city has collected of stuff that barely works or does not work at all i.e., Pickup trucks, tractors, backhoes, implements that we no longer have to pull implements, so that is our staging area.

Mayor White: Did you crack seal that?

Nichols: We did crack seal that to try to help that along. We relocated our fuel tanks to inside the security to the backyard to keep syphoning and locked up with locks. This is one of our newer employees, we we're fixing a cut in the street in front of the Moose Lodge putting new asphalt in there at the moment we're using our street sweeper to suck up the ravel so that we're not blocking the entire street with backhoes, dump trucks creating a bigger problem just to fix a problem. This is the crew fabricating pieces for our carport that we're going to cover up our sensitive assets, our subcontractor in the back there helping us to get ready. That is it. I brought this to light, I watched a YouTube video of a family from out of state that stayed at our state park, and they started their video camera at the off ramp and approached the stop sign and the cameras in the front window and I saw the city shop. I don't know those people and they don't know me from Adam, but I was embarrassed. Moving forward and trying to clean the city as a whole, I can't justify telling residence to clean their backyard when my backyard looks like that. We're still looking to put in a new professionally made fence to secure our sensitive assets. We have an entire box of caption cameras to secure around the shop. We want to be proud that we work for the city, and we hope it reflects that.

Thompson: The backhoe doesn't work.

Nichols: The one backhoe won't move; it's had a once over by a certified mechanic on staff. It needs to be retired, taken income from and place it toward another vehicle, piece of equipment.

Thompson: Did you retire the Ford pickup that use to be Johnny's?

Nichols: It is in the blank spot, emptied out, the keys are in the shop.

Mayor White: We'll have to add it to inventory and comeback to the council.

Nichols: I'll have to inventory everything, present it to you guys and you can say, we can't get rid of this item, and we can just put it right back into the fold.

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

Parsons: Closeout of Fiscal Year, third week of October.

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

Acord: I received an email today the mini excavator, the grant agreement Teresa got that I will have paperwork signed by the federal people, but the mini excavator is still in the works. The guys should have it, Pioneer Federal Credit Union sponsored money toward the cleanup for the city shop for operation facelift. That is going to count toward operation facelift, and they are a sponsor for that for painting and a new sign for part of it. My husband is helping build the stuff for the guys. Also, the benches and they are going to be installed at the AARP Park and the basketball hoops concrete is going to be poured. When they finish pouring the concrete over there for the pad, we're going to use whatever is left over for those projects. After inspection by Nate Jones from the rec district for the basketball hoops because that is the reason I poured the concrete in around the hoops. I figured out that it isn't the concrete surrounding it, it's the quality of the hoop that was installed. He said it was too flexible for when the guys come in and do their jump shots, so we poured concrete around it anyway because it was a trip hazard. The benches are going to be bolted into the concrete pads. Working on a gym grant for the fire loop. There's a couple other

projects within the county but other than that those are the things for lens Ferry right now. We've been coordinating with White Cloud about the tower out in King Hill, everything is a go for that tower for broadband and that tower has to be built by December and they are going to be installing the dishes over here on the water tower also. I've asked if they wanted to paint a bobber on it while they were up there and got shot down so, I tried.

Case: I believe they're mounting the equipment up high on the water tower. So, you can't really tear it down. The other thing is, I clearly remember them saying that they were going to build a fence around it and as I was driving by, I was thinking there's not a lot of room between that water tower and the edge of the road. I would be interested in seeing some plans before they put the fencing in.

Nichols: The security fence will be fabricated to go over the concrete pillars and it was brought to their attention not to go anywhere near that road.

Case: I was just thinking three sided as long as they had access coming into it.

Nichols: I told them they cannot go past the beam. It's the pillar that is right up against the road.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: I finally got the hot spot over to King Hill, so I guess Christy we'll see how your broadband thing goes we can move it somewhere else, but for the time being there's free Wi-Fi over at the King Hill Church that extends out toward the parking area. I need to get a poster made. Our programs are consistently going, we've had more preschool program and at the Friday tween program the last several weeks. That's been really nice. During October is the global cardboard build challenge. We got a grant from the Idaho Stem Action Center, and they sent us building supplies, so Friday during the tween program kids are going to work on building cardboard arcade games and that last Friday of the month when it's the chambers trick or treat the kids will have their arcade games on display for kids to come try out. Bus update, I met with an RV furniture designer guy and that was fun. He gave me samples and I think for the wrap for the artwork on the outside of it I think I'm going to open it up to community artist teens, adults and have them submit drawings and we can have things on the wrap of the bus that are community based.

H. **Animal Control** –

Mayor White: We're in the process of scheduling interviews. We will soon get that schedule out; Lori is having a little trouble getting everyone matched up. We'll get there.

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

Mayor White: We have a car out at the airport now. We're developing a policy how its used, a draft. We'll have the attorney look at it, I'm taking it to the airport advisory board then I'm brining it back to you guys and have you look at it to approve. In the meantime, we haven't had any call on it yet. We've got a lock box ready to go out there so they can get the keys out. We're moving forward on it, it's just taking a little time to draft, we've never done this, so we've looked at other policies of other cities that have these, we've talked to ICRMP, where to process the license plates and we haven't gotten them yet. We're working on that. The person that's on call on the weekends I think it kind of fits in. Once they take the reads on the water plant stuff and make sure the car is still there. Make sure we can get them through the gate, we keep that gate locked so we'll have to have a double key system. Get in the gate, get the car and get out.

Case: We might want to put something on it to say airport courtesy car.

Mayor White: We've got to talk to the operators out there. Make sure we're not parking where they need. There's some things we're working on, the car's here, excited to have it. I've talked to the attorney's, talked to ICRMP, the insurance, supposedly we're all good. Everybody else does this and part of that will be in the policy that they'll have to have insurance and so forth. I just got it on my desk I sent it off to the attorney, then the airport advisory board and then I'll bring it to the city council for final approval.

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

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

Item 25. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Case: N/A

Galloska: I solely have a question; we had discussed the impact fees last time. I thought it was going to be on this agenda and it wasn't.

Mayor White: It was, and Donn didn't have the information back yet.

Thompson: Will he have it for the next one?

Mayor White: *I don't know. He's working in it that's what he told me. He's supposed to email that stuff directly to you guys. That was our conversation when I read our minutes. He was going to forward that to you guys so you could study it. I'll touch base with him.*

Item 26. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Mayor White: *We don't have to have a motion, so the meeting is adjourned.*

Parsons: 7:46pm

Approved by the City Council: 10/12/2021

Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED