

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting October 26, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, by Mayor Monty White.

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

Staff Present: Derik Janousek, Kristian McFarland, Jennifer Trail

Others: Steve Alderman, Lt. Steve Burnette, Donn Carnahan, Heidi Hersey, Margaret Stewart, Sammy White

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Susan Case Ken Thompson Billy Galloska Johnny Hernandez
 Mayor Monty White

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Item 3. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM]: Any Changes to the Agenda:

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.

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for Oct 12, 2021.

B. Accounts Payables for Oct 2021.

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

Thompson: 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] Heidi Hersey, Chamber Request to Council:

Hersey: I have a postcard for your things there. I came to the mayor and asked, we're doing the second time around this year, the chair, we're working on the Downtown Night Market to support our local businesses and on the backside of your postcard are the dates were going to run this event. It'll be on Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving until before Christmas. What we're asking is if we can invite vendors like Pampered Chef, and other people with the inability to ship right now, we're kind of needing to shop and support small businesses within our community. And so, we're looking for a warm safe place for them to set up their tables and sell their wares. We're asking if we can use this hall.

Thompson: What are you going to pay for it?

Hersey: What are we going to pay for it?

Thompson: Sure.

Case: How about good will.

Hersey: We are going to do a donation to the city for any cost for, I mean we'll clean up each time. We are going to have a person on site that will be here to make sure it's only in this space and that it's well respected and we are willing to submit a part of our fee to use the facility for the maintenance of the bathroom materials and cleaning etc.

Case: I don't want to charge them. As long as it's left the way it was found.

Hersey: Last year it did very well, and it was very well received and still we want to be able to open up small little vendor businesses in our community. We are going to hopefully have little trailers behind the irrigation offices. The other point is that we didn't want to go beyond city hall that's why we considered it over the VFW cause we want people in our downtown border. That's kind of the point to supporting our businesses in the downtown area. Any objections?

Thompson: I'll make the motion we let them do it this year.

Galloska: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Scott Nichols: Lift Station.

Janousek: The work is being done on the lift station. Everything is here for it. We tried to find the line that goes from the lift station to Idaho Avenue. As far as we figured out it's underneath the row of trailers. It is undersized for the pumps that were in the ground let alone the new ones. Sweets bid roughly thirty-four thousand five hundred and they are going to run a new line from the lift station in the ballpark field. We can't put the new system online until it's done.

Mayor White: One of the things the council needs to understand too is that me and Scott have talked. Proper codes are followed to dredge that's probably going to put it off, I don't think we'll have the funds to do both.

Janousek: It's kind of like trying to shove everything down a straw.

Mayor White: They found the main line. It wouldn't even work for a trailer actually. So, how big are we going with that?

Janousek: We're going to six inch and it's going to be HDP (inaudible).

Mayor White: It's my recommendation to the council that you give us the go ahead for the thirty-four thousand.

Galloska: Didn't we put seventy thousand away for that Cares Act?

Mayor White: Yes, we did.

Janousek: The original bid was ninety-eight five and that included everything, but the electrical. The cost of JTS rewiring everything and this is a separate estimate to run five hundred and sixty feet is what they figured on it.

Hernandez: Are they going to trench it or pour it?

Janousek: They're going to trench it and then hydro excavate the road. This is only three to four feet, three feet maybe. The original cost of the lift station was one person because we couldn't get anybody else to do it. So, while they're down here.... They're in the middle of it now. The y box is in the ground, it's to that point (INAUDIBLE).

Hernandez: My question is, is it working fine the way it's been?

Janousek: Yes.

Hernandez: But with the growth in the future. There might be more properties so, you might as well do it right now.

Thompson: I think there should be new pumps.

Janousek: It's the old pumps versus the new pumps.

Hernandez: I think we should just go for it, that's my recommendation.

Mayor White: We have a motion to accept the bid for the extension from the lift station to Idaho Street for approximately thirty-five thousand.

Galloska: I'll make motion we do it, it's got to be done.

Hernandez: I'll second.

Mayor White: All in favor, all-ayes.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: MOU/Lease Agreement Glenns Ferry Front Shooters Range. TABLED

Mayor White: This is taken off the agenda tonight, the MOU is still with the attorney. As soon as we get a copy of that back, we'll bring it to the council and you guys can take a look at it.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

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

Lt. Burnett: I'm usually here the first meeting of the month so, even though it's later in the month you're getting a report for the month of September. Total events was one hundred and three. Fifty-one calls for

service, fifty-two self-initiated events and eight case numbers. Just a recap, last month the total events was one hundred and seventeen, thirty-six calls from service so we were up by about twenty, give or take. Self-initiated events we were down last of the month of August was eighty-one and every time I see the case numbers they go down. That usually means less criminal activity. Just real quick, I don't know if you've been following the incidences up in Mountain Home at the schools there with bullying and parents getting on board with it, trying to get things figured out and so, our school resource officer has been working down here to help. She's really been working with the schools here at Glenns Ferry Schools to see where they fall as far as issues like Mountain Home is having. Just so you know, you don't have issues as big as Mountain Home Schools. As things come down the pipe, they are working on things like reporting bullying and different resources that way.

Hernandez: Are there any programs that are coming up in the works for that kind of stuff? Being preventative like kids engaging from different backgrounds.

Lt. Burnett: Yeah, so, I'm not aware of the programs, the resource officer is, she's very smart with this stuff. I'm sure there are. We really looked at too, there's an Idaho code too on bullying in school, it is an infraction. For us it's going about how to prove and to get the.... A lot of the times things get reported as hear say so having to proof and social media that's a dangerous thing for these kids. But that itself can be proof. Bullying online, there's apps like Snapchat, so unless they're saving them or screenshotting them, it's a one and done deal. It's going to be more work to get that proof to go that route, but we are going to do that. Seeing the effects that have played out up there and by no means am I saying that Mountain Home is horrible, it's just some things that have come to light up there recently that have come to a head. We're trying to stay ahead of it.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:

Janousek: (Slideshow Nutrien Building) If we happen to have a fire, we'd have to tear it down. At the top of the those there's six bins that are about thirty feet tall. Cut a piece of pipe that went down in it then went down a little tunnel. Has about six tons of sulfur inside. I had to cut a hole in the side of that to get a little more water inside there. The ladder doesn't reach that tall. That's ninety feet to the very top. So, we had to use their lift. That lift only has a six-hundred-pound weight limit if you put a fire hose attached to it at sixty feet, a lot of weight. They went in from the top of it. If anybody has a chance to look really close at that building, those toppers should be built by two by sixes from floor to ceiling stacked. When it was built, they didn't have nail guns they had to drive four-inch spikes and laced together for six compartments for thirty feet.

Mayor White: We have certain people in town that thinks we spend too much money on the fire department, so I think this proves that we are training and what we budget on the fire department is critical. How are you going to put the people up there to put out this fire? I'm not saying we should just spend money and spend money, but one fatality would wipe this town out.

Janousek: You can see the smoke coming out at the top. In this case Nutrien does have a lead burn policy because of the runoff, but if that building would have caught on fire, it would have been weeks before it was put out. Once you see the lumber that is there, there's no way you can put it out in time.

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

Carnahan: The only update I've got is that Randy Flood that owns the property out by the airport has made contact with them and I just sent him the plans and so we'll wait to hear back from him about how he feels about the project. We can still go through the airport property without his property if we want to but let's see how he feels about the project.

D. Public Works – Scott Nichols:

Janousek: It's just information, Sunday night we had a power bump. We didn't have a power bump we actually lost one of our three phases around seven thirtyish until noonish. That's sixteen hours. This time of year, we lost one hundred thousand gallons of water. But it goes back to the fact that we need the backup generators. It was across the river somewhere it wasn't on this side of town.

Mayor White: We're still working on it.

Galloska: That brings up the question, where are we on our community forum on that?

Carnahan: I would like to have it on our next council meeting before that.

Mayor White: Our next meeting is November ninth. Well shoot for that date alright. You want to have a working meeting is that what you're talking about of a full city forum.

Carnahan: I think a full city forum and get together, and we can have council was wanting to look at it a couple days in advance to kind of look at it and tweak it to feel comfortable with it. We can set it up a little schedule on that for your expectations and get that to you. Also, I need to touch base with Scott to make

sure that fits in with what he's doing, because he was going to supply some of the pictures and some of the pipes and different things. It's nice that Johnny's around so he can give some testimony too.

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

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

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: I don't have too much we're in the middle of Harry Potter week, we had thirteen kids yesterday and eighteen kids today.

H. **Animal Control** –

Mayor White: I asked Kenny and Galloska to hold an interview for the animal control officer and they made a recommendation and she started today. It's Jackie Shenk and so she'll be running through some training, getting her lined up on that. I hope everything falls together and we can get her going here. We get a lot of calls on this stuff.

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

Mayor White: Donn just told you what we're doing, what we're looking at out there. The maintenance stuff out there that we're trying to do this year. We'll keep up on the runway. We want to make sure we seal that in a timely manner so we're budgeting around. We're looking at the waterline and we're going we get that in and done out there. I know Donn is working on that.

Thompson: What about the aprons?

Carnahan: I think our goal is to get that redone and to get that bid out probably in December, January so they can start on it in the spring assuming we get some favorable, so we get bids they're similar in line.

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

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

Mayor White: Planning and Zoning will be holding a public hearing on November third. That's all I can comment on.

Item 15. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Hernandez: N/A

Case: I would like the infectious disease policy on the next agenda.

Mayor White: I'm still waiting on input from you guys of what you wanted to change.

Case: We'll we were discussing it and we decided it was going to long and it was going to be a follow up. I don't want the line "mandatory vaccine" in there, I want that changed. That's the only change.

Mayor White: I understand that the record might already be closed on this, but during that city forum with the candidates, it was stated that we were spending three hundred thousand dollars on law enforcement for the city and that is an outright exaggeration. We pay about one hundred and eight-five thousand when we raised it this year. With the current sheriff we're getting good service. We couldn't even pay two officers for one eighty-five. This is what I did for a living I went in and did the evaluation for the program and just for two or three rangers to tart up a program it was five hundred thousand dollars and that was in two thousand four. For the city if we wanted to have full time coverage, we can't afford it. We can't afford to put pipe in the ground. We can't afford to pay good cops, what are we going to pay them two dollars an hour? I hate when these things come out, there's no basis to it, it's false.

Item 16. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

McFarland: 7:32pm

Approved by the City Council: 11/09/2021

Monty R. White - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer