

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting January 25, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

Members Present: Susan Case, Kenny Thompson, Johnny Hernandez, Mayor William Galloska (online)

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Derik Janousek, Jennifer Trail (online), Christy Acord, Scott Nichols, Geoff Schroeder (online)

Others: Darrald Bean, Robin Carr, Carol Carr, Steve Alderman, Harry Senecal, Donn Carnahan (online)

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Susan Case Ken Thompson Johnny Hernandez
 Mayor William Galloska

****Let The Record Show That Councilwoman Case Ran The Council Meeting****

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Thompson: I make a motion to adopt the agenda.

Hernandez: I'll second it.

Councilwoman Case: All in favor, all-ayes. Motion carries.

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 January 11,2022.

B. Accounts Payables for January 2022.

C. Library Board Minutes for November 9, 2021.

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

Hernandez: Second.

Councilwoman Case: All in favor, all-ayes. Motion carries.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Darrald Bean, RHU, REBC. The 2022 Health Benefits Renewal.

Bean: General discussion.

The premium for 2021 is the renewal rate and we had a twelve-point seven rate increase on this grandfathered plan.

Thompson: Are we budgeted per month?

Case: I think we budgeted for an increase but not that much.

Parsons: It's all split between the different GL's general fund and allocations. We stayed about the same as it was last year.

Case: Fifty-three sixteen a month? What it's looking at is seventy-two hundred a year increase. We are in record inflation. I cannot see making employees in the situation trying to come up with four times the

amount for a deductible. Where going to end up losing employees and when you lose employees your liability insurance goes up. If the budget allows which I think we can make it allow, I cannot see us taking away from employees.

Thompson: I think we need to go ahead and do it. I don't like the increase, but...

Thompson: I'll make a motion to leave it alone.

Case: And with the plan we have now.

Hernandez: Second.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Hernandez: Aye.

Thompson: Aye.

Case: Aye.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Keller Associates: Council Approve for Community Meeting, Water/Sewer Infrastructure Bond.

Carnahan: We write up a draft of the power point presentation, if we can get comments back from the council by February eighth and then February twenty-second have an open house before the council meeting. I wanted to get your thoughts on that.

Case: I think we can get all our ducks in a row, as far as presentation wise. Those dates work for you. Will have time to get everything together?

Nichols: We can make those dates work in order to get the ball rolling forward.

Thompson: Are we passed the time to apply for grants?

Nichols: We are passed that, but we applied for four. We made the time crunch work.

Hernandez: I make a motion to accept those dates?

Thompson: I second it.

Councilwoman Case: All in favor, all-ayes. Motion carries.

Councilwoman Case: Donn will you be here for those meetings?

Carnahan: Yes.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Xeriscape.

Acord: The City of Glenns Ferry belongs to Southwest Idaho RC&D, the same group that has given a lot of money and the mini excavator and brush hog for fire prevention. This is kind of all tied together; we were looking for projects and discussion came about for water usage in Glenns Ferry. The expenditure of unpaid water, the city pays for this water nine thousand one hundred and eleven dollars and seventy-six cents for water from May to October. That's four thousand-two hundred and ninety-eight gallons of water according to Scott's calculations from meter reads that this city pays for. There's four different areas in town. We were trying to figure out how to save the city money and conserve water and also to dress things up a bit. The gateway sign is a beautiful sign, but we want to make it stand out more. Another property is the wagon on the chamber corner. We thought about moving the wagon to a covered platform to the gateway just like we have at the State Park. I asked Southwest Idaho RC&D if they'd be willing to take on a project like this and I reached out to Idaho Firewise and to see if we could get someone interested. The biggest reason was water conservation. They are interested in doing it. They're going to talk to their board and let me know if they can design to help us with conserving water in those spaces. The one space behind city hall was proposed for a dog park. The dog catcher and the mayor are working on that. The other one is the entryway to the airport, it's a fire hazard right now. Clean it up and advertise the entryway to the airport. The next one is the Gateway Park; we want to light it up and put that wagon on a platform with a roof and a gateway around it. The Railroad Park, we water all the way past Jean Mullen's house. How can we save the Glenns Ferry City taxpayers money? It would be a collaboration between Idaho Firewise and Southwest RC&D and the City of Glenns Ferry. I'll bring it back to you once we hear from them.

Thompson: What happened to the welcome sign at the other side of town?

Acord: That's going to have gravel around that since it's only the welcome sign. We're going to dress up around it.

Nichols: We currently spend fifty-seven hundred and sixty dollars to water that. Just water. We can still be beautiful with less spending.

Acord: Since we already have pop up sprinklers, it is really easy to adapt to spot water. We're not buying rock from anywhere; we're surrounded by rock.

Hernandez: With the wear and tear on the water plant it isn't necessary. It is dangerous to mow that Railroad Park with the cables and it's a lot of time.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jake Kunsky: City Water Outside City Limits: RP05S10E313045.

Schroeder: The only thing is what we need is the application to annex with as much filled in as he can so that we can put that as an attachment to the agreement. All we need is from the council is that they are authorizing the mayor so he can sign that agreement when we have the attachment done.

Hernandez: I motion the mayor to go ahead and sign for this.

Thompson: I'll second.

Councilwoman Case: All in favor, all-ayes. Motion carries.

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

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

Sheriff Hollinshead: Absent.

B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek:

Chief Janousek: N/A

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

Carnahan: N/A

D. **Public Works** – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: (slideshow) Starting with the Knox burial, giving you an idea of what mother nature throws at us. The next slide is the new leaf rake that we purchased. This is going to speed up the process and lower the amount of time raking leaves, burning, etc. This is the backyard of the shop with new fencing in. Here is our new colored digital sewer camera. We'll be able to save money on the subcontractor Sweets to come in and do that same thing that we can now do way cheaper. It can go down close to three hundred fifty feet. Councilman Thompson mentioned if we met the deadline for our Idaho Department of Environmental Quality letter of interest and those were submitted, signed and turned back in so now we're just at the mercy of them to review them. It is for the fiscal year of 2023, but it is a substantial amount of money. On the zero scaping we're not trying to reinvent the wheel, we're just trying to save the city and the taxpayers as much money as we possible can. All of the water that's used behind city hall, the Railroad Park, the Gateway Park, the trees, the little piece of grass next to King Hill Irrigation are all watered by manufactured non-revenue water. You look at it as, it's a non-revenue water, that's good, but someone has to pay for that water. In the long run that money in savings can put elsewhere.

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

Parsons: N/A

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

Acord: I've been working with Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce. I just need one thing when I go to shows not a bunch of brochures for Elmore County. Tourism board and Mountain Home Chamber agrees, we are partnering with Mountain Home news to create that. We are developing the Elmore County visitors guide. It will have demographics and locating information, what Elmore County has to offer, names of places like Glenns Ferry City Hall and phone numbers. I'm going to work on updating the Glenns Ferry City website. One of the websites that I pull information from had Glenns Ferry's population on it as two thousand one hundred and twenty-five, it had our median income at fifty-two thousand and I didn't know where they were getting these numbers from. I had to call the Idaho Census and our numbers now on the back of here are pretty close to correct. Here's this handout it'll probably be on the website for Elmore County, Glenns Ferry. Oh, and White Cloud in thirty days will have the dishes set up to offer Glenns Ferry service, on the water tower.

Case: They said specifically it was only for King Hill, they were not going to offer internet services in town.

Acord: They're going to have to come back here and talk to you guys because they said in thirty days. Just to give you a heads up. We are trying to bring all the broadband companies together to figure out where they reach and to try to get broadband out to help areas in Elmore County for helping with homeschool and things like that.

Nichols: I thought the agreement for White Cloud was strictly for outside city limits.

Acord: Their supposed to come in and approach city council.

Nichols: I could be speaking out of school, but I thought the agreement was you could use the tower as long as you didn't conflict with Century Link and RTI.

Acord: That's something they can look at with the city attorney is look at the agreement that was set in place. I know I was just asked by a business. I reached out to White Cloud to see if that was what they were thinking about and they told me thirty days.

Case: On the hallmark, if it's capitalized its copyright infringement, if it's not capitalized it is not copyrighted for the census.

G. **Librarian** – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: N/A

H. **Animal Control** – Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: Absent.

I. **Airport Manager** – William Galloska:

Mayor Galloska: I haven't met with the airport people yet. I'm going to have to schedule that.

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

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

Item 12. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Hernandez: When we talked about the impact fees, did that get tabled after we voted for it, is it still a go?

Case: As far as I know it's on the go, we approved it.

Hernandez: Have they reached out to us?

Parsons: No, Mayor White stopped it.

Case: The impact fees? I did not know that.

Hernandez: How does that work, if we vote on something the mayor can veto it?

Parsons: He just put a stop to it. I haven't heard anything from them.

Case: We need to get the wheels in motion again.

Hernandez: I had someone approach me about it. It's bad communication.

Janousek: The reason is because the city can't really use any of that money for anything. We can't use it for infrastructure, the fire department, it was kind of a waste of ten thousand dollars.

Nichols: The silver lining was if you approached large entities and you didn't have an impact study your application went toward the bottom of the stack or completely out of the stack all together.

Janousek: I believe Geoff Schroeder said they can't use the money to replace the infrastructure. Only if you're thrown out here in the middle of no where and you're putting in a new water line for a new housing development.

Nichols: Only like the fire loop for the airport cause that's not previously existing, it's brand new as opposed to going down Commercial Street and putting in something that's already existing.

Janousek: If you're putting in a subdivision, a developer is putting that all in anyway.

Case: I think we'll put this on the agenda and proceed with this conversation. Let's get some information from the attorney, the impact study group and then we'll put it on the agenda.

Case: The Christmas decorations. I'm talking about the red bows, the swags, and candy canes. Can that stuff come down?

Nichols: The Christmas decoctions excluding the sway are now directed to Christy Acord with the Chamber of Commerce.

Acord: We're going to start removing all that this week.

Item 13. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Parsons: 7:59pm

Approved by the City Council: 02/08/2022

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED