

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

Members Present: Susan Case, Johnny Hernandez, Luke Guy, Kenny Thompson, Mayor William Galloska

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Scott Nichols

Others: Donn Carnahan, Kurtis Workman, Brittany Guy, Cindy Mitchell

Online: N/A

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Susan Case Johnny Hernandez Luke Guy Ken Thompson
 Mayor Billy Galloska

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Mayor Galloska: While striking Items 13-15.

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

- DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Employee Expenses: FY2022 Per Diem Rates for Idaho & IRS Mileage Rate Change: July 1 – December 31, 2022.

GOOD FAITH REASON ITEM NOT INCLUDED IN POSTED AGENDA (REQUIRED):

- Mileage Rate was already on the agenda. Just found out there was a change for Per Diem Rates from the State of Idaho Controllers Office as well. The two coincide with Employee Expenses while traveling on City Business.

Case: I'll make the motion to Adopt the Amended Agenda with the exceptions noted.

Guy: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: 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.

Cindy Mitchell: My name is Cindy Mitchell and I live at 193 W Harrison Ave. I just wanted to say I am a home-grown Idaho girl; I grew up in Pocatello and I invested my retirement here because I used to deliver ice back in the 90's and I discovered this place. I invest into the community, what my concern is the house across the street where I live. It's a fire hazard, it's a shame, it looks like the city is totally irresponsible. I've talked to neighbors, and they say it's been like that for years. It's only going to take one spark and that thing is going to go up in flames. I just can't figure out for the life of my how that is allowed to go on.

Case: Is this city property?

Cindy Mitchell: Yes, it's on the corner of Owyhee and Harrison.

Nichols: Twyla Andersons property.

Mayor Galloska: I'm sorry I have to this is public comments, so we have to wait for her to finish.

Cindy Mitchell: It's an eye sore and it's an embarrassment. Let the fire department practice on it, put it on the market and let's make this place look better.

Mayor Galloska: I appreciate that. I apologize council, but during public comment we can't make a discussion.

Case: Wait, just asking. We've always been able to no motion, but we've always been allowed to engage, or we don't get a full picture of what they want and what they need.

Cindy Mitchell: I'm afraid for my life. I mean if it goes up in flames that's my retirement is there, you know.

Case: We've always been allowed to engage, no motion, but we've always been allowed to engage in questions and dialect.

Mayor Galloska: Right, I was saying during the time she has the three minutes you have to give her the time to speak, and we can discuss but we can't make any motions or decisions.

Case: I can ask her questions; I just have to wait until she takes a breath?

Mayor Galloska: Sure, that's all I was saying.

Cindy Mitchell: I'd just like to see this a welcoming community and that kind of stuff makes people not want to come here. It can be a welcoming community with people investing in it or it can be a ghost town and that's what it looks like right there, it's gross.

Case: My understanding is the city doesn't own this piece of property or we do?

Thompson: No, it belongs to Twyla Anderson, and I don't know if she sold it or not.

Case: So, this is for our code enforcement person.

Thompson: There's a few things, that I shouldn't be saying, but anyway it's a commercial piece of property and it was a junk yard which is now illegal it can't go back to being a junk yard again. I don't know what the answer is, this is something that needs to be

Cindy Mitchell: How does she get away with that?

Thompson: Well, because nobody's really enforced it. Before you moved in there it was full of auto parts and cars.

Cindy Mitchell: How long has it been like that? I've been here a year and nothings been done.

Thompson: It's been for about twenty years.

Cindy Mitchell: That's what everybody says. That's what everybody says, and it doesn't make any sense.

Thompson: It's a long story and when we're not in the council meeting, I'll tell you the story.

Cindy Mitchell: Well in the meantime, it's dangerous.

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022.

B. Accounts Payables for June 2022.

C. Library Board Minutes May 2022.

Case: I will make the motion that we accept the Consent Agenda.

Guy: I second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Personal Policy: On Call Duty/Holiday Update.

Mayor Galloska: There's some things that we've been talking about. Part of it is there's people that are on call all week long and it's a mis nomenclature when it says weekend duty. We wanted to change that to bring it up to speed with what actually happens. Secondly, we have other employees that are on call on weekends, and they weren't being compensated because they weren't public works in the same manner, so we need to carry that across the board with all employees. For instance, our animal control who is called out just like our public works. So, while we're striking weekend go back to on call, striking public works and putting it for all city employees. Striking out public works department and putting employees of the City of Glenns Ferry while on call instead of saying weekend because if they are called out in the middle of the week, they still get that \$12.50 if it's after hours.

Case: Do they get the \$12.50 just because they're on call or only if they get called out?

Mayor Galloska: No, if they are called out.

Case: So, do they get anything if they have to stay in the area and be on call or it's only if they get called out?

Mayor Galloska: Scott, how has that worked in the past?

Nichols: They do not receive the \$12.50 unless they've been called out except for the Friday and the Saturday. The actual weekend including a holiday. Like the 4th of July coming up is a holiday, the on-call employee would receive \$12.50 for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and then if they get called out Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday night cause then their weeks over they should be compensated because in the past it was not.

Case: Because it should be compensated. My question is that they only get the \$12.50 if they go out and have to work?

Mayor Galloska: During the week. Now if it's on the weekend they get it.

Case: What is they're out for four hours? It's far more than \$12.50.

Mayor Galloska: In addition to their hours.

Case: Ok, I just wanted to make sure.

Mayor Galloska: This doesn't change anything for their hourly, it's just making sure they are getting that extra compensation if they get called out after hours.

Nichols: There's a lot of these that just doesn't say, and it needs to actually say what they are doing as opposed to leaving it for assumption or guess.

**Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Resolution: Revised Personnel Policy.
(Roll Call Vote)**

Mayor Galloska: The federal list has now changed to eleven federal holidays. We need to change this in our Recognizing that we have eleven holidays. We also while we're doing this, it falls on Saturdays, but we have Fridays that are off. They're weekends for the employees. We included Fridays in that section. Also, it's going to be on the preceding Thursday because we don't work on Fridays. It would have to be recognized on Thursday instead of Friday. Scrolling down, you see where we've added the Juneteenth holiday that is the new federal recognized holiday. Here we crossed out the last time it was updated June 27, 2017, and added June 28, 2022, today's date.

Case: "I motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, ADOPTING A REVISED CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY PERSONNEL POLICY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE be adopted"

Guy: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

Parsons: Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilman Hernandez – aye,
Councilman Guy – aye, Councilman Thompson – aye

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Sidewalk Repair: City Code 8-2-4.

Nichols: We bring this to you for multiple reasons. A. It's written in Glenns Ferry City Code. B. We had an incident where a citizen tripped and fell over an unsafe section of sidewalk in front of the mini mart, which is their dog park area east of the pumps. That individual tripped and claimed he didn't go to the hospital and that everything was fine he just wanted to bring it to our attention. As it's written we need to bring this forward to the council before we implement any written notice to the owners that they need to repair their unsafe sidewalk. The reason why it looks like that is that's where the semi stopped on when they went into the mini mart and then when the last passenger when over it, it sprang a leak and wrecked that whole area.

Case: Is any of it for the city to have to repair or is it on the property owner?

Nichols: According to the code it's the property owner.

Case: I wasn't sure if it came out to the street.

Nichols: No, just to the curb.

That is on the business loop 84. We have yet to turn in our MOU for ITD. They've given us a new one for a better understanding on who's responsible for what. It would have C. under sidewalks if it's the city's responsibility to repair it or S. for the state if they were responsible. As the road goes, it would be a

shared situation, we could cut the road, do our repairs but the state would have to be involved on the back filling to make sure it is to their code. Which is way above our city code. It doesn't look any different from the one from 84' it's just a little bit more user friendly. I talked them into sanding at least from Bannock to all the way to the freeway.

Mayor Galloska: Unfortunately, how our codes are written right now this supersedes anything until they take over that sidewalk.

Nichols: If that MOU says the state will be responsible for the sidewalks on the business loop, we're in limbo right now for who is responsible to fix it. Do we fix it and just deal with it, or do we get that MOU sent to Mountain Home, they put their stamp of approval on it and then that is the rule, the law? Only on business loop 84. If they agree to repair sidewalks on 84, we would just call them and tell them we have some damaged sidewalks are your responsibility to repair then they'll just come in and repair it, no questions asked.

Mayor Galloska: As far as I understood it, that MOU does not include that right now. Is that correct?

Nichols: It's been a while since I've seen it, I'd have to refresh my memory and look at it.

Mayor Galloska: The other side of it is if we start saying we want to repair this one, you're going to be repairing everyone along that loop.

Nichols: We as the public works, we need to get something done to that sidewalk. Yes, there's a plethora of sidewalks that need to be addressed as well, but this one has an injury report and a lot more traffic on it.

Mayor Galloska: The question is do you guys want us to fix it or send a letter and demand that they do it as the code says.

Thompson: I don't want the city doing it because we're setting a precedence and then we're doing everybody's.

Nichols: Correct. If you recall last year, year and a half, we went to firehouse two and repaired that section of sidewalk and got a lot of grief. That one belongs to the city. Unfortunately explaining it to most of the citizens is hard to get that point across.

Case: What I'm wondering is and this is a question for the attorney. If it's unsafe and if they get notice and it's not fixed in 30 days, the city will do it but we're going to bill you. That's what this will do?

Mayor Galloska: Yes. The way the codes written it can't just come from me, it has to be put forth by you guys. Now I can send them the letter and once you give a motion of approval otherwise, I got to sit on my hands until you do so.

Thompson: *I make a motion that we do as we need to do.*

Guy: *I second it.*

Mayor Galloska: *All in favor, all – ayes.*

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Employee Expenses: FY2022 Per Diem Rates for Idaho & IRS Mileage Rate Change: July 1 – December 31, 2022.

Parsons: Here's the document that I found on the Idaho Controllers web page, and it says that Elmore County should be \$17 for breakfast, \$18 for lunch, \$34 for dinner.

Case: I don't have a problem with the numbers that wasn't what I was going to bring up.

Parsons: This is also dated to the fiscal year 22' so, it would actually be back dated to October 1, 2021, which is the start of this fiscal year. This other document is from the IRS showing that starting July 1, 2022, it should be up to 62.5. This is what our employee mileage looks like and I just added notes, so it was more clear.

Case: My point here is that rather than revisiting this every time is that it's written as, it will match GSA standards forward and then we won't have to revisit this. Then you're not having to redo. You'll just put in the number each time. There has been times that the government has said, gas has went up but there's been times that they've said that gas has went way down and everybody's milking it.

Case: *I make a motion that the City of Glenns Ferry have their per diem and mileage match GSA by city and state by perpetuity.*

Thompson: I'll second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 11. MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] TO SUSPEND RULES AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE ADOPTION WITH SINGLE READING BY TITLE ONLY. (Roll Call Vote)

Mayor Galloska: This is an item that we've been dealing with for about a year and a half now without vendors coming into town. They're basically having to double insure is how the agent explained it to me. You require an insurance for all these vendors where they're paying millions of dollars in insurance so if anything happens to customers that they have to pay that and we're also requiring a bond on each of their persons and also on their unit so it's double insurance. The attorney has been looking at it and finally brought this forward to me to drop the bond but maintain the insurance and liability.

Case: The only thing I would say is, there's no reason to double insure, however, while they're here the city should be and it's a one second call to your insurance carrier, and you say for this time period the city will be a loss payee and they'll get a certificate.

Mayor Galloska: Sure, and that's part of the requirement as well. On their certificate of insurance on the bottom corner it holds the city as a certificate holder, and it's required.

Case: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, Adopt Ordinance. Amending Chapter 6, Title 3, of the Glenns Ferry City Code by Repealing Section 3-6-8 Relating to Bond Requirements, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.

Thompson: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

Parsons: Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilman Hernandez – aye,
Councilman Guy – aye, Councilman Thompson – aye

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Adopt Ordinance. Amending Chapter 6, Title 3, of the Glenns Ferry City Code by Repealing Section 3-6-8 Relating to Bond Requirements. (Roll Call Vote)

Case: I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: AN ORDINANCE ON THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, IDAHO AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 3 OF THE GLENN'S FERRY CITY CODE, BY REPEALING SECTION 3-6-8 RELATING TO BOND REQUIREMENTS AND RESERVING THE SECTION NUMBER FOR FUTURE AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE be adopted.

Guy: I'll Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll call vote.

Parsons: Councilwoman Case – aye, Councilman Hernandez – aye,
Councilman Guy – aye, Councilman Thompson – aye

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(f). To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. (Roll Call Vote)

Strike from the Agenda

Item 14. Executive Session: Time Start: _____ Time End: _____

Strike from the Agenda

Item 15. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Authorize Mayor and City Attorney to take legal action discussed in executive session. (Roll Call Vote)

Strike from the Agenda

Item 16. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

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

Lieutenant Burnett: Absent.

B. **Fire Chief** – Derik Janousek:

Janousek. Absent.

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

Carnahan: Talked to the mayor and we're going to get the water line in with the DEQ tomorrow and get some quantity take offs and get with Scott to order some materials.

Thompson: Which water line?

Mayor Galloska: The fire loop is what we're working towards. We want to go ahead and get the take off so we can start getting the materials, so it doesn't take us an arm and a leg.

Carnahan: I see that we got an email from DEQ, we applied for four grants, two planning and two construction ones. They've indicated that they'd fund the two planning grants and that's requires fifty percent match. I did not come prepared. I didn't see that until I left, but I can update you on what we applied for and how much that is and what your match may be. Then we have a choice of accepting it as presented, you have to apply to get the grant, so we have three choices, I guess. Accept is as is, we can reject it and not take them, or we can do some modifications. I think we want to do some modifications. That water grant part of that money in there was to create electronic status of your water and sewer lines and the city found some GIS data and were able to revert that into, I think with Google Earth and so we don't need to do that now. I don't have any information to give you tonight. Does the city want to even take on these grants or not?

Mayor Galloska: I think we need to look at them at least.

Carnahan: Right, it never hurts to update it and so it's money we're planning and its construction in the ground and I know that's preferred. I think the other studies are about that ten-year range so it's a good idea to update that and I know that DEQ suggests that but it's up to you guys if you want to spend the money on that or not. I can get that information to you before the next meeting and then maybe have another discussion on what you guys want to do or not.

Mayor Galloska: Council, what do you all think? I think it should at least be discussed.

Thompson: I agree, we went as far as we went. We might as well.

Carnahan: K.

D. **Public Works** – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: We have been working diligently to prepare the parade route down business loop 84. As well as the business area on Idaho Street for the street dance that will be here for the parade. Matter of fact they will be in the street sweeper at four a.m. so that we can keep our fingers crossed there's no vehicles in the way. We will be ensuring that the city parks water will completely be shut off from the third to the fifth even though we will take a big hit on it, it is festivities that make the city. We can deal with the concerned citizens as why we let it go for so long. We are working with the valves in the city park to alleviate the brown spots and the ball field. We've had gofer problems in the ball field and the cemetery chewing through the wires because they are just a direct bury. They are not in conduit. We are fully aware that there are horrible spots in the cemetery, and we have utilized the expertise from JTS Farm Store, and they put their expertise to and found out that there were multiple stations that were chewed to the point that they were shorting out, shutting the pump off and just trickles water until the station that is good turns on. Now that is pretty much the entire south half of the cemetery. To get that point to the citizens is a tough row to hoe, we are doing everything we can with what we have to work with. Our excavator did arrive, we have not been billed because we are waiting on a smaller size bucket and Campbell Tractor's is that they won't release the invoice until everything you ordered shows up and is checked off then they'll safely give us the invoice for that. We purchased a trailer, a dual axel trailer to haul it around. We are doing our best. According to our priority list that's not at the top of it. That might be your priority in your world, but in the world of public works it's not and we present that as politely ad professionally as we can.

Case: When you repair it up at the cemetery, do you put it in conduit?

Nichols: We will be putting it in schedule 80 conduit to keep goffer, mole, rabbit from chewing on the wire.

Case: I know in places where the weather gets very hot that the crews are allowed to start work as early as five in the morning. Do you allow for that, or do you just work seven to four, eight to five?

Nichols: We do allow with permission only if you wanted to come in early or stay later, you need permission for that, but we have to keep in mind that there is a noise ordinance so if we are out there creating havoc, then the citizens will But as far as

Thompson: In public works you have a certain amount of public you've got to work with.

Case: The hard part in town is really don't really have a way to get information out to everybody. It's not like we're Twin Falls and we have a tv station or a daily paper. So, the problem is it turns into the telephone game and by the time it gets back to you it's

Nichols: Kurtis has taken over the Glenns Ferry Times and Seasons and he is doing a bang-up job getting that on the website if we currently miss out on the paper cycle. On the Glenns Ferry Times website. The newspaper website. We have been working close with Kurtis and myself that is public knowledge gets fired to the mayor and Kurtis.

Case: What is the website?

Kurtis Workman: The website is glennsferrytimes.com, it is down right now but we have taken possession of the Facebook page that was Seasons and Times. So, we do have that as well.

Case: How often will the paper come out?

Kurtis Workman: I originally intended to stay monthly for a couple of months, but by popular demand we're going to, the next edition comes out July 6th which puts me on two weeks planning right now. That unfortunately is going to have to be the schedule for a while. Right now, the logistical issues of getting it from where we pay, print to here and into mailboxes in time is a hurdle I have to

Case: Are you trying to do this by yourself?

Kurtis Workman: Yes.

Mayor Galloska: When's your deadline for this new date?

Kurtis Workman: Today. There's a little bit of leeway because of this holiday. It's going to be stuck at every other week until I get more local printing source. Cause right now it's a three-day transit from here to Homedale.

Case: What I was thinking was and someone would want to. Like we have at Rural is if you want to be on a blast system, a text blast, you give us your cell phone number or your email and anything that's really important goes out to a distribution list. It's no more than doing one test it just goes to everybody that wants to.

Mayor Galloska: Is that available to the city through RTI do you know?

Case: It's really something that is set up internally and you'd have a group list, and I would get their signature on it, and you just keep adding them into that pool and when you text it goes out.

Mayor Galloska: I do that, but it costs me to send those messages.

Case: That I do not have the authority to answer that. I can run it by Mark and see how you get this done.

Nichols: As long as we can communicate to the public, we can all work hand in hand.

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: I was updating the city's webpage today and I need every council member to reread over their bios to see if there's any changes and if I haven't received a picture or a bio yet if you can email that to me so I can update the council's section of the webpage.

F. Development – Christy Acord: Absent.

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail: Absent.

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcer – Jackie Shenk: Absent.

Mayor Galloska: She has had one barking complaint this month, five dogs in the shelter, one dog that is now home was fostered and now home, six dogs at large reports, one dog attack, three missing dogs, two welfare checks, and five cows out. As far as code enforcement she had nine code violations, three calls for code violations, six self-initiated violations, six warning letter that she wrote, one violation phone call and one citation that was written.

I. Airport Manager – Brian Reid: Absent.

Mayor Galloska: As you know the airport is on a quarterly schedule now so there was no meeting for the airport.

J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan: Absent.

K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Absent.

Item 17. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Guy: N/A

Hernandez: Scott to, you guys are working on budget, for you guys to consider a cover for the, we've been upgrading the equipment kind of like the Highway District. An awning, this equipment is expensive and it's not something we can change every five years. We have harsh weather, four seasons. The

hydraulic hoses get brittle, the seats get tough and start cracking. Consider something like that.

Case: N/A

Mayor Galloska: Scott brought it up earlier that we got a trailer, part of the reason behind that is roading that equipment also takes off it's life and I think Scott, you told me it was fifteen minutes from Campbell to the yard. High speed is not high speed.

Nichols: We did not order a set of spare rubber tracks to go with it so if we can keep it off the asphalt as much as possible that would be great.

Mayor Galloska: Talking about man hours and all kind of things when you're talking about trying to roading a piece of equipment across town.

Item 18. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Parsons: 7:49 pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 07/07/2022

Approved by the City Council: 07/12/2022

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED