

**City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting August 23, 2022**

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

Members Present: Susan Case, Luke Guy, Ken Thompson, Mayor William Galloska

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Geoff Schroeder, Christy Acord, Jackie Shank, Jenn Trail, Juanita Garza

Others: Donn Carnahan, Kurtis Workman, Bob Janousek, Mary Janousek, Lynda Smith, Scott Smith, Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Casey Chuba, Sandra McCrory, Steve Alderman, Lt. Burnett, Annette Payne, David Payne, Keri Cook, Eric Marx, John Solosabal, Kyan Jackson, Gentry Kunsky, Robbi Barrutia, Kevin Clark, Angela Clark, Michael Davis, Frank Case, Joe Sanchez, Cindy Mitchell, Margaret Stewart, Jim Zimmerman, Felipe Villarreal, Joanne Lanham, Rex Hamilton, John Lampignano, Kandace Titus, Marlee Mason

Online: Unknown Guest

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**Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:**

  X   Susan Case   X   Luke Guy   X   Ken Thompson  
  X   Mayor Billy Galloska

**Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**Case:** I would like to table Item #13, please. I actually asked for it to be on the agenda and I would like to table it.

**Thompson:** I make a motion to adopt the agenda as changed.

**Guy:** I second.

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

**Item 4. BEGIN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:03pm**

**Mayor Galloska:** Now we begin the Public Hearing for Purposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Time is?

**Parsons:** 7:03pm

**1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 (FY23):**

**a. Explanation of Hearing Procedures/Presentation by Mayor:**

**b. Mayor Mention Written Testimony Received and from Whom.**

**2. TESTIMONY TAKEN:**

**Mayor Galloska:** At this time, I will call all those who have signed up to speak. Not in favor of the proposed budget, and that is Bob Janousek will you come to the podium to the microphone please.

**Bob Janousek:** That's not what I signed up for.

**Thompson:** Yes, it is.

**Mayor Galloska:** That is what this is for. Ok, so you are not wanting to speak on this.

**Bob Janousek:** No.

**Mayor Galloska:** Alright, we do not have any others on the list for the public hearing. At this time, we have not received any written testimony for, uncommitted, against, that is 0 for all categories.

**3. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: (No Motion Needed). 7:04pm**

**Mayor Galloska:** I will now take, uh... close the hearing... Correct?

**Schroeder:** Just one more time, does anybody in the audience want to testify on the City's Purposed Budget?

**Mayor Galloska:** Ok, I close the public hearing for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Time is?

**Parsons:** 7:04pm

Item 5. **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.**

**Mayor Galloska:** Read public comment rules.

**Lynda Smith:** Lynda Smith 38 E Garfield, property owner, business owner and taxpayer. As a taxpayer we contribute to the city staff payroll and health benefits. As a voting citizen we elected the city council and the mayor to be our voice. I know I'm pretty redundant but I'm going to say that each and every time. I did want to thank Luke Guy and his wife Brittany for cleaning up the weeds at the Railroad Park on Commercial. Also, there was another citizen, and I don't know if he wanted to be addressed but he also cleaned up the weeds in front of the fire station #2. Appreciate that, thank you. I had a question about last meeting. Susan had done some research and she had gotten ahold of the install company for the cemetery pumps, and you had gotten an offer for consultation for free and I just wanted to see if we could follow up on that to see if we did get them to come out, what was the outcome. If we did not accept their consultation for free, why did we not accept it. Lastly, I see that we're trying out subcontracting on the lawn care and I just want to reiterate as always, I hope that all contractors that are hired by the city, that they are checking to make sure that these companies are licensed, insured, and carry workman's comp. That's all I have.

**Steve Alderman:** Steve Alderman 246 Madison, 150 Arthur, 249 W 1<sup>st</sup>, 301 W 1<sup>st</sup>, 242 E 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. I'm not one to complain publicly, but I wanted also to say thank you for having me to the council, mayor, the good people of Glenns Ferry. It's good to see so many people here. But when the same issues arise year after year something has to be said. Let's start with planning and zoning lot splits, it's kind of a joke. For some reason we have this huge application that we have to fill out for a lot split we have to pay for surveying which is five to ten thousand dollars ahead of time before you guys even tell us if we can have a lot split. Let's not put the cart before the horse, let's get a lot split approved then get the survey and the legal description all that and have that recorded. It makes sense. Seems everything needs to go through the attorney to make a decision through the city council. Do we have number on how much money we spent with the city attorney in 2021?

**Mayor Galloska:** Not off the top of my head.

**Steve Alderman:** It seems that what you guys are hired to do or voted into the city to make decisions for us, make the right decisions for the city, let's not always refer to the attorney to make those decisions. Let's save some money and make the decisions ourselves. City codes let's make them up to date. I'd like to see a five-foot set back instead of a ten-foot set back. I've already talked to the fire chief; he is fine with the five-foot set back just for the fact that he wants to see a ten-foot between structures to fight the fires. If you have a five-foot setback on both sides of the property, that's your ten feet. What that creates is more property for ADU's, more property for infills, parking off street, it's just a good idea because we need to get some of the stuff out of the streets and out of the yards and into garages. If we can have a five-foot setback people can put garages in. I'd also like to see a five-foot setback from the alley. Right now, the code states a fifteen-foot back yard. That means nothing for the garage, the garage can set right on the alley. It's difficult for a truck to drive back there. Let alone for a concrete truck, a framing truck, or a truss truck. They can't drive through the alley's let alone a fire truck. If we can five-foot setback in the alley's that's a twenty-foot alley. Sure, we have telephone poles we've got to go around, but that's another subject at least trucks can kind of go around that stuff. ADU's, I know the planning and zoning is discussing ADU's. I'd also like to see them discuss off street parking when they're talking about their ADU's. Bonuses for over the garage ADU's, that's what Ada County does. Bigger ADU's for square feet if

they allow it over a garage. That can get some of the junk out of people yards and hid in their garage. It creates off street parking. Gets cars off the streets and onto the property or in the garage. That's it thanks for your time.

**David Payne:** My names David Payne 966 Old Hwy 30 in Glenns Ferry. October 2006, we bought property here in Glenns Ferry. We moved here in the summer of 2008 because we wanted to live here. We petitioned the city to landscape property that sat in front of our, between our and Old Hwy 30 when Mayor Lanham was in, and the council approved that request. We put in landscaping, we've watered, we've taken good care of it for the last thirteen years. I think it speaks well for what we are capable of in this community. Volunteering in the community has been a major part of our lives since we've moved here in 2008. We've become involved in Economic Development in 2009. We've heard stories of city employees, department heads and elected people who don't do things, to put it bluntly in the best interest of the residence or the community. I've seen departments heads deny services or permissions solely on personalities and that's wrong. Your personality has nothing to do with whether you should get a service or not. I've seen the city not do what made sense because of fears of the city's attorney that don't live here. I can site some examples, be happy to do that after the meeting if you'd like. To piggyback on what Mr. Alderman said, I'm involved in a lot split case that has been delayed again and again. Submitted on the tenth of August. I got a call from the city yesterday that they had questions, so it wasn't going to be on tonight's agenda. It's a simple lot split. I reiterate the ridiculous requirement that you spend thousands of dollars that you have the privilege of asking to split a lot from this body. I dare say that there's not a member of this council who can read a proposed record of survey or a legal description and make sense out of it. Why is it a requirement? When I ask the city staff, where do these requirements come from, and the answer is I don't know. Why is it required, I don't know, it just has always been here. I pointed out that that is the most ridiculous answer possible that we've always done it that way and so therefor it's right and that is not right. I'm concerned about how things are done in this city, and I understand, I wasn't here last meeting and I understand there was a lot of things brought up to highlight some of these types of things. Things based on perceived or even real or legal restrictions that just don't make sense and I again go back to the lot split restrictions. When there's a detailed drawing of what you want, that should be sufficient. In my opinion I'm concerned that the city employees don't always represent the interest of the city. Many times, the starting answer is no, and we'll negotiate from the no answer. Again, that's wrong. The answer should be, if it's a no answer, how can we get what you need and what's good for the city. I have a lot more, but my time is up, thank you.

**Cindy Mitchell:** Cindy Mitchell 193 W Harrison. I moved here and brought my retirement money here, invested it here because I used to deliver ice here in the 90's and I thought this was a beautiful little city and I am here to complain about the house across the street again. I haven't seen anything done and it scares me. Fourth of July with all the fireworks going off and ashes were falling like within a block within that house and there's an older lady, I'm old too, but her roof I took pictures and I'll bring them back next time and show you, if that starts on fire all those houses around it are vulnerable. It's a nuisance, it's a hazard and I just want to know if somethings going to be done. I wanted to say too, the fire department could use it as a practice burn or whatever you call it. Controlled burn. Because it's a hazard, it's not worth anything so take care of it. Is anything going to be done.

**Mayor Galloska:** Unfortunately, I can't speak to that specific property because it is a property owners address, and it has to be dealt with outside of council.

**Cindy Mitchell:** Ok, are there rules about that kind of stuff?

**Mayor Galloska:** You can come in and talk to me during the week.

**Cindy Mitchell:** Ok. What's your time?

**Mayor Galloska:** I'm here eight to two just about every day unless I have other meetings. Call and I will be here.

**Cindy Mitchell:** Ok, thanks.

**Jim Zimmerman:** Jim Zimmerman. I live at 172 E Snake River Ave. I just want to bring up a question concerning our fire hydrants. I get a discount on my insurance because I do have one in front of my house. In any city I've ever lived in, they check them out, at least run them to see if they work. I'm just curious, I know a lot of my friends are too. I know it's been brought up in the past and from what I understand there really has been no clear answer on it.

**Mayor Galloska:** I do know that the flushing was a question that I asked the department head and that is supposed to be being done so, I would have to check to verify that it has been done, but they are supposed to be flushing them every so often.

**Jim Zimmerman:** I was just wondering if maybe they were afraid to do it because of our infrastructure or, I've never seen it done.

**Mayor Galloska:** I would have to specifically check on yours.

**Jim Zimmerman:** As she said, if your house catches on fire it would be nice to know if they work.

**Mayor Galloska:** I agree, absolutely.

**Jim Zimmerman:** Thank you.

**Item 6. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Consent Agenda.**

**A. City Council Meeting Minutes for Aug 9, 2022.**

**B. Accounts Payables for Aug 2022.**

**C. Library Minutes July 2022.**

**Guy:** So made.

**Case:** Second.

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

**Item 7. ITEMS MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

**Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Resignation of Juan "Johnny" Hernandez from the Glenns Ferry City Council.**

**Mayor Galloska:** Is more for your information. I received two weeks ago today the resignation from Juan "Johnny" Hernandez from the city council.

**Item 9. DELIBERATION/DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Adopt Appropriation Ordinance for FY23. By Title Only. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**Case:** I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, **Adopt Appropriation Ordinance for FY 23**, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.

**Thompson:** I'll second it.

**Mayor Galloska:** Roll Call Vote.

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

**Case:** I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: AN ORDINANCE, TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,982,733 TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; SPECIFYING THE OBJECT AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT AND PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, THE AMOUNT OF \$679,314 IN PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED AND ASSESSED UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY LAW: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. be adopted.

**Thompson:** I'll second it.

**Mayor Galloska:** Roll Call Vote.

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

**Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Kyan Jackson: Proposed New Community Garden Location.**

**Kyan Jackson:** Hi council, last time I came to the meeting I asked if I could move the location for the community garden to the grass lot right behind city hall and you asked that I ask the neighbors permission and I did. Those that I did not talk to I had the fire chief speak to for me and I got a letter of support, but the only concern that they had was the grass. In this picture you're going to see that we are going to be keeping the grass and everything else will be on top of it. I did get permission from the neighbors, and I would like to ask you if I am aloud to put my community garden there early spring of this next year.

**Thompson:** I have one question, after you build it all who's going to maintain it, who's going to take care of it?

**Kyan Jackson:** I'm in the process of putting a committee together right now. I have two-three people that would like to be on the committee and they are in charge of watering and the upkeep. It should last us a long time as long as we have a committee.

**Thompson:** I think it's really nice and I don't see anything wrong with it. I'm just concerned down the road, two or three years what's going to happen to it. Like some of the other things that are going on around here that aren't being taken care of.

I plan on checking in with the committee, having meetings, making sure everything is going good. I believe as long as we have a community garden committee and they have certain tasks like restraining the benches, restraining the gazebo, weeding water maintenance. I believe it will last us a very very long time.

**Thompson:** Thank you.

**Guy:** What fruit trees are you planning on planting?

**Kyan Jackson:** We don't have the exact trees that we want yet. We're still looking because some of the ones we want are illegal in the state. We have to be pretty picky with our fruit trees right now. As soon as I get a list of all the fruits, vegetables, flowers, everything I will come back and get everything approved with you.

**Guy:** I think it's a good idea I think we should move forward with it.

**Bob Janousek:** Robert Janousek 89 E 4<sup>th</sup> Glenns Ferry. I've lived up there for over forty years. Our neighborhood is terrible. Our side is pretty good and that's why I like that green grass because I can look out there and watch the people coming, running their dogs every night. You look across the street and everything's dead except for Phil's. I'm kind of opposed to this and I didn't know what it was. I thought it was going to be a garden like what was out at the cemetery that died and looked like crap. I'm a little better about this. I didn't know anything about this, no one approached me on it. If she can stop up there one of these days, I have a brand-new patio cover that's where I sit and watch the dogs at night and then maybe I can get a little more acquainted.

**Kyan Jackson:** I apologize for that, I was not able to get ahold of Bob, so I talked to Derik and Monica and ask that they speak to you about it, but I'll be up there.

**Guy:** I make a motion that we move ahead with the garden.

**Case:** I'll second.

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

**Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Donn Carnahan, Keller Associates: FY2023 DEQ Drinking Water and Wastewater Planning. Tabled from July 12, 2022.**

**Carnahan:** If you remember we submitted four applications, two construction grants, two planning grants and DEQ has offered the city two planning grants at fifty percent match. We met with DEQ a couple of weeks ago or a little longer. Unfortunately, councilman Hernandez did attend that, and I was hoping he

could provide his input on what he heard. To recap on what DEQ told us is that it would be better to do these grants, but you don't have to. If you remember the construction grant that we didn't get, we are the last one of the top not funded application so it's a high likelihood that next year we would rise further and then on the water we ranked pretty high but down a few. To cut to the chase, DEQ has asked that we respond by September 2<sup>nd</sup> to say if we want it or not and if we say yes then by September 30<sup>th</sup> we need to actually submit an application. So, really there's four options for the council. One reject it and say we don't want to take any of this grant money, we're not going to do it, we'll just reup next time and see what happens. Two is we can accept both of them and proceed forward. Three you can accept one of them and maybe you only want to pick the water or pick the sewer and do that grant, update that and don't do the other one to minimize the cost. I know that was councilman Hernandez's concern, is that there is a cost associated with these and is that worth the money. Again, DEQ said you don't have to, it would set the city up better if we did complete those. Totally up to the council's discretion if you want to do it or hold tight and wait.

**Guy:** This is just for surveys that we've already done in the past and they haven't helped us at all. It would be basically spending money to have plans that show that we're slightly worse than last time we got this survey and not get anything done.

**Carnahan:** They're a facility planning looking at demographics and they look at the needs and projections and where the deficiencies are and a capital improvement plan and a cost of what....

**Guy:** From what I understand we already had these done in the past and they haven't done anything for us, basically.

**Carnahan:** I mean, in order to proceed forward to get funding they will help to be updated.

**Guy:** If we get funding, we can get the grant I'm sure for the....

**Carnahan:** Yeah, it's totally up to you. DEQ can say if you have an updated plan, it looks more favorable because they know that the information that we are providing them, they call a letter of interest is accurate and current. You don't have to.

To me it seems like you're spending money to spend money because we already had the survey's done so they can imagine it's a little worse. It's not like the pipes have changed or anything. I'm assuming anything the city has done is recorded so we know where the parts have been repaired. I think this last one was done eight years ago or something like that.

**Mayor Galloska:** I believe it's 2014.

**Guy:** It hasn't helped us, at least in my opinion it hasn't help us I'd like to save money for actually getting shovels in the ground and getting things fixed and not spending money on surveys on things we kind of already know.

**Thompson:** But we have to do those don't we?

**Carnahan:** They have to be done soon or later. I get it, it's money that's not in the ground so if that's what you guys want to do that's fine.

**Thompson:** That's the thing I think is frustrating, we're having to do paperwork and get nowhere. We're going somewhere but.....

**Carnahan:** I don't remember the time frame before I was on board, but the city did get, DEQ offered some grants, a little forgiveness for some storage reservoir and some upgraded piping and I think it was a pretty large project and for some reason at that time the city did not pursue that. Those studies did benefit that application for that project. We had a couple of meetings with the community, is there any support, is there no support and we didn't pull everybody, but what we heard from everybody is there is a need. I didn't hear anybody say these aren't our needs and there were some that called action. This is going to help us proceed forward if you want to do something.

**Mayor Galloska:** Just so you have all the information, I know that region four, when we talked to them they suggested we do upgrade them. I'm not saying we should or shouldn't. That we do need to upgrade the proposal because otherwise as Donn was just saying, you're behind the ball when you start and yet

*we want shovel ready stuff, but we need to have the correct information, up to date information before they even look at it and say yeah we can do this or no we can't.*

**Case:** *Do you have an estimate of the city investment cost to get this survey part done?*

**Carnahan:** *When we applied, we applied for one hundred and twenty thousand dollars for the water and two hundred thousand dollars for the sewer. If you recall the city's IT person found a bunch of files that had the GIS information with the sewer information, and we had a lot of that in the proposed application and so that can be cut back from. If the city did want to pursue it we can get together and figure out what the city wants to apply for, and it can probably be a fair amount less. Probably in the order of about fifty thousand dollars for each of the studies or you can do one of the studies maybe.*

**Guy:** *That would be out of the city's found right?*

**Carnahan:** *For the amount of the fifty thousand dollars study the city would have to contribute twenty-five thousand and DEQ would match the other twenty-five thousand.*

**Case:** *Would this put us in good stud for a grant for shovel ready projects then?*

**Carnahan:** *Be careful about the shovel ready because we're not designing anything that's shovel ready, but it would show DEQ that we know what our system is and the deficiencies as accurate costs as we can get.*

**Guy:** *You want the city to spend fifty thousand dollars on updating the plans.*

**Carnahan:** *I don't want the city to do anything they don't want to do, I'm neutral on this. We have plenty of things going on. We're not looking for more work.*

**Mayor Galloska:** *This was asked for by the council to look into it and then see where we're at so that you can make a decision as to where you want to go with it.*

**Carnahan:** *The past there has been some frustration, we want to go do it. So here is a chance to go do it or if you don't want to ....*

**Thompson:** *We can just put the plans back on the shelf for another year.*

**Carnahan:** *Yep. The cycle is in January when you want to submit the new letters of interest. You can reapply at the same token, but what will have changed next year?*

**Thompson:** *Pipes will be a year older.*

**Guy:** *I guess I'm confused because it was a while ago when the old plan was an end, and it didn't help us get shovels in the ground.*

**Carnahan:** *It did qualify for a water grant, but the city didn't choose to pursue it.*

**Guy:** *I wasn't around at that point, but I'm just trying to, if we're going to be matching grants, try to save as much money as we can it seems we just keep falling a tad bit short and we don't get any grants to actually fix anything.*

**Carnahan:** *Part of the thing you have to bear in mind to is with DEQ's point of view is, if you apply for money and you reject it, next time they may be a little less likely to .... Maybe I don't rate these things. But it is a possibility. You've applied, you reject it, apply next year, you get it, maybe you're not ready to move forward. At some point you have to decide maybe we ought to just stick with what we got or let's do something.*

**Guy:** *I much want to do stuff; it just seems like we keep paying for schematics and what not ....*

**Carnahan:** *And that was before my time.*

**Guy:** *I'm not trying to beat you up or anything.*

**Carnahan:** *It wasn't our studies we did.*

**Guy:** *Personally, if it was my money and I kept spending money and surveys and stuff and nothing got done, how much worse is the survey going to say. We already know it's bad. We're going to have to replace a lot of stuff.*

**Carnahan:** *I don't disagree.*

**Case:** *We can't use those surveys because they have to be updated, is my understanding. Is that correct?*

**Carnahan:** *DEQ's recommendation is every five years you update those. It's ben well past five years.*

**Mayor Galloska:** We're at eight years.

**Carnahan:** It's a tough decision and we're happy to do whatever you guys want or not.

**Thompson:** The thing that bothers me most is the water system. The fact that we have a ton of pipes that aren't worth a hoot in this town.

**Carnahan:** There's still a lot of two-inch water mains. Some of that stuff is over a hundred years old. Going down Commercial that stuff is leaking. It happens once or twice a year.

**Guy:** I'm thinking in my opinion maybe a half measure, get water surveyed. If that helps us get a grant next year maybe then maybe we can move on next year. Cause I doubt, is it often that you get the sewer and the water in the same grant? Or is it usually one or the other?

**Carnahan:** I think they rank them separately. I think your odds are independent of each other. The question would be, is the city at the capacity to do they want a finance bod for two projects at the same token or maybe it's the whole question, do you rip the band aid off quick. Or do you do it a couple times slowly? You don't have to decide for the construction or bonding now.

**Guy:** Anything that we do I'm hoping leads towards fruit in the future of getting things done. My thinking is divide and conquer. The water seems to be more or less the water seems to be in damage and maybe we can get that surveyed and that allows us to get the grant next year, as you said we are pretty close. Then the next two years, cause obviously that takes a lot of money and we want to recuperate and keep the city running at a deficit or anything like that.

**Carnahan:** I think that's a good strategy with the sewer so close, I'm hopeful with next year we'll move in even if we don't do this study, but it still needs to be done as part of the project later on. It's not like that'll be wasted, but the water is more critical we feel. I think that's a good choice to put the money in the water if you have to choose between one or the other.

**Case:** I apologize, I am just really divided in this because I was under the notion that we were going to move on the water and the sewer as quickly as possible in which case we need those surveys, and we'd have an opportunity for a grant. I am torn because he is making excellent points. From what I have heard from Scott, Johnny we had to move on both. Am I incorrect on that?

**Thompson:** In my opinion the sewer is less important than the water.

**Case:** And you think it can be put off for five years?

**Thompson:** I think they've found some answers as far as the lagoons and in that kind of area. Yeah, maybe put them off for a while, but like you I don't think we can put it off forever. The other thing that we need to consider is if we're digging up the city streets to put water lines in, we want to be putting new sewer lines in at the same time.

**Case:** That was also my other thought, is I didn't know if it could be done at the same time. But it makes sense, how many times do you want to tear up the roads to do this. It just seems logical to do both at the same time, but again I need somebody that knows more than I do. It seems to me you'd only want to dig the roads up once and do them both as opposed to the inconvenience for the city to say, ok, we're going to dig it up and now in two years we're going to dig it up again and that's more cost to do the same work. I mean it's a lot of money, I have to say I'm more in the mind to say all or nothing. Do them both or don't do them. I can't see tearing the roads up twice.

**Guy:** That's why I asked, it's pretty rare for us to get granting to get both at the same time.

**Carnahan:** Not that it's rare. In some cities they do it and some don't.

**Thompson:** My thought is what size are the cities?

**Mayor Galloska:** Remember this though, the paperwork is not being done just for grants. It's also what we're going to use if you're doing other funding sources. We have to consider that as well. Not that I'm saying to go that route, we'll have to use that anytime we're going to tear up those roads to put up water and sewer. We'll need the planning already done.

**Case:** I think we really need to commit to getting it done. We don't want another five years to go by and we just blew fifty thousand dollars. We have to really commit in finding a way to really get this done. We're



going to have to chase grants, figure something out. To me it seems there'd be an awful lot of expense to digging, it can't be free to dig up a road and it just doesn't make sense to me.

**Thompson:** It just adds to the expense of doing the project.

**Carnahan:** With all the federal money, stimulus, investments, and all the different things DEQ has more money than they've had for thirty years or so. It is a good time to get some, nothings guaranteed obviously.

**Guy:** My only thing is the survey's that are eight years old, they're hundred-year-old pipes. I just don't see is it just a bureaucracy thing where you just you have to have updated things in order to do things?

**Carnahan:** It's not coming from me cause if it was my choice I would say let's not update them. I wish Councilman Hernandez was here because he heard it from DEQ and he would carry more weight than I do. I welcome you to talk to him maybe offline or afterwards to see what his take was.

**Case:** I did talk to him about that, and I do recall that they do need to be updated and that was kind of a whole sore spot with that 2014 was that a whole lot of money was spent, a whole lot of time was spent, a whole lot of volunteer hours were done to let that just collect dust. What I'm saying is we need to commit to both and just actively pursue it or just not do it. I don't see doing it in two phases. Even though I respectfully say I very much understand his points. I want to know that the rest of the council is behind me. I don't want to see us drag our feet.

**Thompson:** I'm in favor in doing it. Just go ahead and do both of them and we'll see how we fare here.

**Case:** The flood gates are opening from DC. We don't know for how long before that tap gets turned off. Right now, believe it or not with it being an election year the money might flow a little more even though it's a midterm. Sometimes if things change the money tightens up a little bit.

**Thompson:** The other side of that is the state of Idaho has a 2-billion-dollar surplus. They may be able to give a little money on the side over her.

**Mayor Galloska:** And again, that's nothing we can guarantee.

**Thompson:** If we don't make the effort, we're not going to get it.

**Case:** I don't want to wait until the water fails. I think we're just buying time until the water fails.

**Kurtis Workman:** Kurtis Workman 741 N Commercial Glenns Ferry. I am switching hats here for a moment and hope I can help the council for a bit. American Falls completed an \$8.5 million dollar Tiger Grant with the same concerns that Councilwomen Case had and that there were options to replace water then replace sewer and possible at a different time replace storm sewer. The effected thing at the council at the time I was not a member of the council at that time but did inherit the project afterwards during my term. We overwhelmed the granting agency with information and plans. Previous councils had taken the approach of update these surveys, update these plans, update these maps and just hope that an update would qualify for a grant. The switch in the idea of what they did to receive the Tiger Grant was to take the new survey and build an entire project. It got paired down quite severely, I will say that. But they shot for the moon at that time and paired down. But to Councilman Guy's concern what we found in that instance was to give these granting agencies a much larger more developed plan than we have old pipes, we need to replace them, here's the standard way to replace them. We created an entire plan. We have old sewer, we have old water, it's better to not and one of the most convincing things that DEQ found from our argument was double asphalt means more oil in the environment. When you tear up a street once, reoil, lay it down, tear up, reoil, lay it down. I offered this comment just for the sake of saying it might be worth and this is purely my opinion as an individual and as a resident, not as a member of the media to update the surveys and make that big plan. Commit to that and not just say we know where the old pipes are at this is what we want to do to replace them. I think that might be a gold star on the forehead of Glenns Ferry in terms to these grant applications and Mr. Carnahan can probably speak more to that process. Just as an option and what I have seen in practice. Thank you.

**Case:** I don't want to be here in the meeting if the water or the sewer ever fails. I will resign my seat first. I want to see us move on this before something happens. We've talked about it forever, but when I actually saw the physical, what we call pipes, they looked more like rusted lace then I see the more urgency of it. I

*feel like we should go ahead and do this, but we are going to have to satay on top of this. Have a whole project and get it done in one fell swoop.*

**Thompson:** *I agree with you.*

**Guy:** *I agree, your points are more valid if we're trying to get both done at the same time. If we're going to do it, we might as well pull the trigger.*

**Case:** *I make a motion that we get the surveys on the water and the sewer taken care of.*

**Thompson:** *I'll do that.*

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

**Mayor Galloska:** *Roll Call Vote.*

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

**Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Recommendation: Appointments of Juanita Garza to the Library Board, Term Ending 01/31/2023 & Nichole Koonce to the Library Board, Term Ending 01/31/2026.**

**Thompson:** *I make a motion that we approve these.*

**Guy:** *Second.*

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

**Mayor Galloska:** *We'll have to swear Mrs. Koonce in later as she is not here at the present time. "Please raise your right hand and repeat after me"*

**Mayor Galloska/Juanita Garza:** *I, Juanita Garza, of Glenns Ferry, Elmore County, Idaho, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of the Glenns Ferry Library Board of Trustees for the City of Glenns Ferry in the County of Elmore, State of Idaho, according to the best of my ability. I so affirm.*

**Mayor Galloska:** *"Congratulations Library Board of Trustees Juanita Garza"*

**Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Susan Case: Cemetery Committee. TABLED**

**Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(c). To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**Schroeder:** *The purpose of the executive session is for the acquisition of real property not owned by a government entity so that's authorized under state code. I just briefly mentioned to the mayor, I want to take a minute and I'd be happy to answer questions. I know this is not on the agenda, but we have two members of the audience raise some issues and I thought I would address them real quick. Particularly if the council has any questions. First of all, the first gentleman that spoke regarding updating the city code to five-foot setbacks instead of ten or creating more property for infills allowing lot fills, the p&z commission I believe, if it's not a regular agenda item will allow public input and I'm not sure if you've been to a p&z commission meeting. They are eager to take on projects like this and it would be well received. Further legal advice for the city council and for the p&z commission is that amending the code to that extent to change the setbacks and lot fill requirements is what's called a legislative act where it's not a specific land use thing. The city council and the p&z commission can meet jointly in order to consider those so that there aren't any surprises going from one entity to the next. With regard to accessory dwelling units, the p&z commission is currently working on that. It can get really hairy with definitions and stuff like that and so my advice would be once they get a proposed ordinance together, the two bodies meet at the same time so that the city council is aware of what the p&z commission is doing and you're more than likely to get an outcome in terms of approval. We've had this happen in*

another city that I represent. I've lived in Mountain Home for thirty-two years; I've lived in Elmore County for thirty-two years. I cut my teeth in land use law as an intern for Moore Smith Buxton and Turcke when they represented this city, and I started down this path helping the city revise its comprehensive plan. It's kind of what prompted me to go to law school and become an attorney. In fact, the process of adopting this city's comprehensive plan in 2012 was during the period between my two terms with city council. Working with this city's city council and its p&z commission had inspired me to run for the city council again. I missed serving on the city council. I've learned a great deal about land use law. I learned a little bit about it as a city councilman in Mountain Home when the city of Mountain Home was sued for a land use decision that they made. When it comes to questions about whether the attorney is being referred to, to make decisions, that's not correct. My role is to advise the city about the legal ramifications and decisions that they ultimately have to make, and I sometimes have to render a legal decision that says you may not do that, or you have a ministerial duty that you must approve something that's been submitted to you, or you have discretion. The reason that's important that they seek legal advice when the city stuff has a question is that this city's ICRMP coverage does not cover land use decisions and so if you make a mistake and are sued and lose, the city foots the entire bill for the litigation. That's why city staff occasionally defer to me. All the members of the staff have my cell phone number and they're free to call me twenty-four hours a day seven days a week just like the Mountain Home Police Department if they need a warrant cause I'm the prosecutor there. Regarding Mr. Payne's question about a lot split, I have and every meeting I attend, and I represent sixteen different cities across the state, I bring my laptop typically if I have internet access and I have to refer to city code and I don't memorize it, I believe and I got the application emailed to me yesterday and I reviewed it a little. I discussed it with the mayor a little bit before the meeting and I have some clarity on the steps about whether or not a survey is required and the findings that the city council must make prior to approving a lot split. It appears to me that city council can make those findings without an actual survey in advance, but in order for the county to be able to record it and use it. You and I can be in discussion about that. Lori and I have a follow up phone call. In turns of the cost, I don't attend p&z or city council meetings unless the mayor or the city council believe that there's a legal question that requires my attendance. In the past city attorney staff has been traveling to every single meeting, I haven't been doing that for a long time and the mayor has my phone number so the legal question comes up dearing in a council meeting, you can call me, and I'll answer it. That saves the city a great deal of money. I don't know the dollar amount, but I don't think we charge. Our firm is well versed in land use law, we have a long history in this state of representing municipalities. I represent a county wide library district in Northern Idaho, I have experience with libraries, land use law and now criminal prosecution. I think we do a good job if the council has any questions on the terms of our contract or how much we charge, I'm happy to address them, but I appreciate the comments of the folks that are here, and I appreciate getting feedback about concerns that they have and I'm happy to address them at any time particularly with the mayor.

**Mayor Galloska:** At this time, we will go into our executive session.

**Case:** I make a motion that we adjourn into executive session.

**Guy:** Second.

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

**Item 15. Executive Session: Time Start: 7:57pm Time End: 8:12pm**

**Item 16. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Authorize Mayor and City Attorney to Take Action Discussed in Executive Session. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**Mayor Galloska:** No need for item number 16 then.

**Item 17. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:**  
**A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett:**

**Lt Burnett:** N/A

**B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:**

**Janousek:** Absent

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

**Carnahan:** We did hear from the Idaho Department of Parks and Rec that the grant for the Heritage Project will be extended. We should receive something in the mail that is just what they told us.

**Mayor Galloska:** That's on the grant I told you we had to ask for an extension. It was, don't quote me on this, forty-three thousand, the rec trail.

**Thompson:** Just out of curiosity do we have something going on there?

**Mayor Galloska:** That was the one that had been started a couple years ago and it got extended during the last term, I found out about it in March and jumped on it. Donn told me at that time it was almost at the end, I think May that it was going to end and at that time we didn't have enough time to make something happen so asked him to file a new extension so we could get on it. I did put out some feelers as far as what we can do and we're not going to sit on it this time again. Now we know we have the extension and we're going to get that work done. I've met with Christy and some others out on the project and looking forward to getting that started this fall.

**D. Public Works – Scott Nichols:**

**Nichols:** Absent

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

**Parsons:** N/A

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

**Acord:** I'm working on the infrastructure project so it's going to be a long time coming. That's a mayor project working on that right now. I wanted the community to know and also the council know that I have been working with the school, my husbands a middle school coach, helper there and the school is requiring its athletes to do community service with the athletic department and with their teams they're going to be pulling community service. Scott and I and a couple of others in town are pulling together community service projects for the school children and we hope we're going to have a lot of community adults that will be assisting and being great role models.

**Case:** Just for the record can you explain xeriscape and zeroscape.

**Acord:** Zero landscaping the portion is just rocks, it's zero landscaping your putting nothing else. It will require zero water. Xeriscape is actually spot watering to where you go in and you're watering a portion of landscape that has rocks and special formations, but you have lines of water where you have lines of water that are actually watering. Things that I'm trying to do here in town are to reduce the amount of potable water that is being utilized, that is being manufactured by our water treatment plant on public spaces within the City of Glenns Ferry. The green space at the gateway entry and the Railroad Park are both watered with water treatment plant water. Which is not good considering how much money it costs you to make that water. Then the wear and tear over time on the water treatment plant. Think of the financial burden for watering two green spaces here in town, it's expensive to do that. You can look at some examples of xeriscaping in town are over there at Alderman's railroad houses where he has the rocks with the tree in the middle, would be that surrounded by grass, but it adds dimension and adds effects to your grass without having big wide green grass. The next meeting, I will be bringing examples to you.

**G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail:**

**Trail:** N/A

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

**Shenk:** Animal control, I have had two barking complaints. I still have the same old two dogs in my shelter. I have had eight dogs at large, two dog attacks, two missing dogs, two welfare checks and four hours of training. Code enforcement, I have had ninety-two calls for code enforcement, eighty-eight which was a team effort between me and somebody complaining. I have had nine self-initiated violations. I have

sent out ninety-nine warning letters they should reach by the weekend, with a total on one hundred and one violations.

**I. Airport Site Manager – Brian Reid:**

**Reid:** Absent

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

**Carnahan:** Absent

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

**Carpenter:** Absent

**Item 18. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Thompson:** N/A

**Guy:** N/A

**Case:** The ceremony for the Anything Pawsable went extremely well where we're going to be putting the new animal facility, it'll be very nice. They shared a lot of information and I have some treat bags and flyers that we need to bring in here. Those people do amazing work, what they get in donations is incredible. When people come up to speak and say their name can people just say citizen of Glenns Ferry as opposed to giving their physical address?

**Mayor Galloska:** I'll look into it. As far as my comments I don't know if council has been able to go out to the cemetery this past week, but they were able to finish up all those sprinkler heads I had them purchase and install. It seems to be putting out a lot of water. I hope that will elevate at least a good portion of our problem out there. The lawncare company is on the job. Our seasonal workers have going back to school and back to their other employment. We're not replacing them. This lawncare company has assured me they'll be able to keep up with what we've got. We do have weed spraying coming in tomorrow, so they'll be hitting all the areas that they are contracted to do which has been done in the past. I hope it's helping the citizens see some progress. I don't expect it to fix everything over night, but we are working on it.

**Item 19. ADJOURN:**

**Parsons:** 8:24pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 08/25/2022

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 09/ /2022

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William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Parsons – City Clerk/Treasurer