

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting September 13, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was opened and called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, by Mayor William Galloska.

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

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Christy Acord, Cody Crawshaw, Derik Janousek, Geoff Schroeder, Lori Freeman, Jackie Shenk, Jennifer Trail

Others: Scott & Lynda Smith, Brittany & Thatcher Guy, Monica Janousek, Jennifer Baker, Kurtis Workman, Lt. Steve Burnett ECSO, Jeremy Works, Margaret Stewart, Kevin and Angela Clark, K Chuba, Robert & Rebecca Casebeer, Jose, Elizabeth & Jessica Ortiz, Melanie McLean, Steve Alderman, John R Isenhardt, David & Annette Payne, Jose & Shayne Gutierrez, Cindy Mitchell, Harvey Senecal

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Susan Case Luke Guy Ken Thompson
 Mayor Billy Galloska

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Guy: I make a motion.

Case: 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.

Jennifer Baker: 441 N Bannock Street, Glenns Ferry. I just want to make this very clear, I'm here just to kind of just to float this idea for the city council to think about. I am on the planning and zoning commission and the thing in the newspaper reading about the last meeting it just kind of triggered something in my mind. I'm a bad girl I did not read the last paper until this morning. I haven't really had time to think of anybody about it but want to put out there the issue that a couple of people brought forward last meeting about they were wanting to do subdivisions and they were upset that they had to pay a whole bunch of money for their surveying and property descriptions and all that before they can even start. It just made me wonder if this is something we want to bring up between us in the future putting together a like a questionnaire that private people could get. Something they can get from the city just to help them identify the hard no's. Something they can find out before they went out and did all that stuff and spend all the money and had surveys just something we can put together to help things move forward. That's all I want to say about it, you guys are doing a great job. Just wanted to put that out there.

John Robert Isenhardt: Rob Isenhardt 724 N Elmore, Glenns Ferry. Since last meeting I attended I've talked to a lot of people here in town, there's been a couple things I'm concerned about or want to know what's going on. One was, I talked to the lady across from NAPA Auto Parts, she was out there doing her weeds cause she got a letter from code control. At the same time, the skate park was flooding all over going across the street creating big ponds and running down the street and I know if that would have been my house I would have gotten a code letter for having water in the street. I was just wondering if everybody got code letters that needed one. The other thing was, I was told that we hired out people to cut our grass at the cemetery and everywhere else, but they're using our equipment so are we in full contract money or are we cutting it to a third? Cause all they're doing is working and using our equipment.

Are they going to help maintain it, help fix it if they break it? Also, they threw grass out in the street in the gutter and didn't pick it up, wanted to find out what that's all about. There seems to be a lot of things going on in Glenns Ferry. Like this timeclock. I was wondering what the purpose of this timeclock was. I thought that the city council meeting was to come here and have all you listen to our complaints and, not maybe complaints but our issues and concerns, but when you limit someone to three minutes, and he's got a long list that's kind of hard to complete. Last meeting, I was at Mrs. Case brought up that fact that she was really appreciative of all of us showing up and giving her and the councilmen members our complaints and our concerns and warranted it and then all the sudden we have a timeclock. I kind of wondered what the purpose of that was and why it appeared. That's all I got.

Mayor Galloska: We'll try to address some of those things at the end of the meeting.

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for Aug 23, 2022.

B. City Council Special Meeting Minutes for Aug 20, 2022.

C. Accounts Payables for Aug 2022.

D. Payroll Aug 2022.

Guy: I make a motion.

Case: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jose Gutierrez: 385 S Commercial: Fence.

Jose Gutierrez: I'm over on 385 S Commercial. I'm here because I started a fence application that I turned into the city on April 18th. It says the 17th, but the 17th is a Sunday. Somewhere between there and May 27th my application was approved. I purchased lumber on 5/27. I started 5/28 and then I slowly chipped away at it. I put up a bunch of 2x4's to put up some of the planks on 7/23 and I get a call from the clerk to call the city planner on 7/25 because my fence was not up to code. After I had already spoken to them, and they told me that it was approved so I met with the city planner on 7/25 and he tells me that he was confused by my drawing. Never brought it up to me, he said that he did not have a way to contact me even though he had my application, my application has my phone number in there. He said that he had swung by my house plenty of times, never found me. I mean never once did I get a letter or anything like that and now I am having to either waste, I have if I want to keep my privacy fence, I'm going to have to spend an additional roughly \$300 or cut it down to meet city code which I don't know how to calculate that, but that also would be quite a bit of lumber in the waste. I don't think it's fair whatsoever. Especially cause I did, I acknowledge that I did fill out the application wrong, but it was approved anyway. So, I am hoping to see if I can get a variance or reimbursed for the additional lumber and supplies that I'm having to purchase.

Thompson: We can't give a variance for this particular thing. This is city code, it's code it's what you have to live by.

Jose Gutierrez: I'm just out of luck, due to error by a city employee?

Guy: When I built my fence when I moved into town about three years ago, did they not give you cause they handed me this, this exact thing.

Jose Gutierrez: They did, and I acknowledged that I messed up on my drawing on there. It does say what areas I am doing six feet on, and the city's planners' explanation is that he was confused by my drawing. I don't understand somebody who can be confused by something but then approve it.

Guy: The city planner is?

Mayor Galloska: I think he's referring to the building inspector, Vance.

Guy: I agree with it, that he would approve it even though it was against city code or at least if he had questions then why he approved it. I don't think that was right of him.

Mayor Galloska: So, to bring some clarification, and this is just the way I am understanding it. The confusion at least on the sticky note that you all see on there, that is actually from Kristian who at this time remember applications up to now had never had the building inspector, this was more of where they were checking to make sure they had all the documents right. They called dig line and those kinds of things and so the inspector generally wasn't involved in it which is a change that I made this week because of this kind of thing that shouldn't be going on. Vance tells me and this was the meeting I had with him yesterday because I requested he be here tonight, and he was unable to because of personal conflicts but he came in and met with me and what his statement was and not disputing Mr. Gutierrez at all, but his statement was, I want to give you his statement and of course you have to judge from that but was that he wrote this text if you see on about page 4 or 5 and the only communication he had was from on this permit was from Kristian to him saying all the other stuff, putting all the stuff there and then he writes back, fence it ok as long as the height stays the same. And I think you can, Mr. Gutierrez would also know that they fence originally was that shorter fence. So that was his claim and I'm not saying it's right or wrong, that's just what he told me yesterday. Beyond that I really couldn't tell you as far as what the thinking is. He did tell me he visited which you just said two or three times, and nobody was home as soon as he noticed it was higher. I believe the confusion and I 'm not sure if he told you that, or if you're going by the sticky note, but the confusion was on the case of our clerk and not the inspector on that.

Case: The text went from Vance to Kristian not to him.

Mayor Galloska: Correct.

Case: It sounds like there's errors on both sides.

Mayor Galloska: Absolutely.

Case: I think that it's only fair that we split the difference. If it's going to cost you \$300, I think at this point we have to take accountability for our share of the mistakes. He made some mistakes; I just think that's equitable.

Thompson: How about we doc it out of his pay.

Mayor Galloska: What's that?

Thompson: Never mind.

Mayor Galloska: Hey if I can't hear you this can't hear you.

Guy: I remember when I built my fence and just handing out the thing. That was two or three years ago, and it wasn't even approve or not approve and just follow these lines and if you don't we'll have issues kind of thing. I believe it's just half of your fence that you'd have to knock down to the, cause the rest is considered your back area, right.

Jose Gutierrez: Yeah. It would either be cutting the front part to six feet down to three feet or

Guy: The planks you already have set?

Jose Gutierrez: Yeah.

Guy: You already have the eight-foot fencing?

Jose Gutierrez: No.

Guy: So, all you would be sacrificing is just the top layer of that first area which is not very much lumber.

Jose Gutierrez: Either that or

Guy: I drive by there every day. I know a fence, cause just that primary so that'd be sixteenish posts cut in half? Or cut down to ...

Jose Gutierrez: No, it be roughly ten I believe, but we would have to install another eight to keep that privacy fence to meet city code.

Guy: You'd have to install another eight posts?

Jose Gutierrez: Yea. To meet city code for it to be up to six feet where we have some privacy on that, it would have to move back....

Guy: Oh, so you're saying it would have to move back from the sidewalk?

Jose Gutierrez: Yea.

Guy: I thought it was just the height problem that was an issue.

Jose Gutierrez: No, I would have to cut it and add an additional six-seven posts for it to still have that six-foot fence, that privacy.

Mayor Galloska: Which is different than the original proposed drawing, is what I think I'm hearing.

Thompson: I don't see where that's our issue. If you want a fence there that's your responsibility to put it up. As far as what's around front I'd like to see help you pay for part of that, but you want to put a fence across for a privacy fence, that's your responsibility.

Case: Ok, we have an application, it was approved. A lot of time has gone by. I don't see any initials or him saying ok I'll pay for this. I don't see a letter from the city to him seeing these changes need made, I think it's only right that since both parties made errors, both parties should split the cost.

Case: I make a motion that the city pays half of the \$300 that he says it's going to cost.

Guy: I guess I'm still just confused. So, the front of the street you basically just need to uproot the planks? Are they concreted in?

Jose Gutierrez: Yea. They're two feet in.

Thompson: You still just bring the one down where you hide and put the boards in right?

Jose Gutierrez: What I'm saying is that my privacy fence, I purchased the lumber, until I was approved so if I want to keep that privacy fence I'm going to have to move it back a little bit and add an additional six posts and it's roughly nine bags of concrete. Either that or I'm looking at either way I'm going to be losing one hundred one hundred and fifty dollars of pressure treated wood that I ...

Shayne Gutierrez: I'm his wife, same address. He's saying we're moving the line to like the line to the house. And the reason we didn't do that in the first place is cause our house is not in the center of the property. We did not think that that part was going to be considered the front yard. We want to move it back because we want that privacy. We have two kids and we're on, you guys know that road is very busy. With that very busy campground we wanted to make sure our kids would be safe in the back. We'd have to move it back to keep it six feet is what he's saying.

Guy: That part I understand.

Thompson: I don't agree with that being our responsibility.

Case: We'll I'm going to have to disagree. Because I understand that maybe Vance went out there, but the city should do due diligence and sent a letter and then I would be looking at a letter and saying ok, we sent a letter you should have known, but there's nothing here to back that up.

Jose Gutierrez: My six-foot posts have been there since the 28th of May, and I was not notified until July 25th when I had made more progress.

Mayor Galloska: Just to put everything out there for Vance's explanation for that is he thought you were going to cut them off halfway and again he should have checked and again that was... He said when he saw that rails going up that gave him the clue it's going to be the full height and that's why he went out and made the stop at that point.

Guy: It's fairly common practice to cut them the length after they go up so you can cut a perfect measurement every time.

Mayor Galloska: Regardless that was the statement.

Guy: Yea, I just don't, cause like if it goes back to the old rules when I was building a fence, basically if you read the diagram wrong, which it's fairly easy to read as far as I can see.

Shayne Gutierrez: If your house is in the center property, yea.

Guy: My house isn't in the center, but it shows you the base, the square of your house depends on if it's front or back.

Jose Gutierrez: The thing is to is I didn't start my fence until I got the ok.

Guy: I honestly didn't know until today that this issue had come around that we had an application for fences. I thought it was you came in and got this. I am in the middle stance of this. I do believe Vance if he is the head of this now should have been more up to date with things, but at the same time the diagram is pretty clear is you want a fence in the front you have to follow that diagram, correct? I honesty

wish that we could have a, on a certain issue, your house isn't the six foot fence isn't really going to stop you from seeing any signs cause that's mainly what it's for correct?

Mayor Galloska: I could not tell you what the original intent of that code is.

Guy: That's the way I understood it is like if I build a six-foot tall fence it won't block a sign.

Case: Or site view of approaching if it's on a corner.

Guy: It would make it dangerous.

Thompson: Did you get this diagram showing how you should fence?

Jose Gutierrez: I honestly wouldn't be able to tell you if it was stapled on to the application, yea.

Thompson: If you got this it's pretty easy to figure out what you should have done.

Jose Gutierrez: I understand that, but I'm also saying that I ...

Parsons: I have the original application this is where the staple has been removed.

Thompson: As far as I can see it's pretty easy to figure out how you were supposed to do it.

Jose Gutierrez: Okay.

Guy: And there's no way to apply for a six-foot tall fence?

Thompson: No.

Mayor Galloska: Not as of right now. That may be something that the council considers changing.

Thompson: I think it's a safety issue to do that.

Guy: You'd have to make sure it's not on a corner lot at any sort of time.

Mayor Galloska: I need to ask Councilman Guy if you're willing to make a second or if you are going to pass.

Guy: I don't know cause I built a fence and I do feel for you and I wish we had a six-foot tall especially where you all are. You are on the main street, but it is Glenns Ferry not Boise. How old are your kids?

Jose Gutierrez: Three and about to be one.

Guy: Ok, so you probably have a little time before they can crawl over a three-foot fence.

Shayne Gutierrez: Yea, but I can reach over it and I'm 5'4. That's not what we're worried about. We're worried about people snatching them.

Guy: In Glenns Ferry. How long have you been here?

Jose Gutierrez: I've lived here my whole life.

Guy: And you're really worried about that?

Shayne Gutierrez: Do you know how many people go to that campground from all over the state, all over the country.

Guy: That's fair enough.

Case: It literally says six-foot fence right here and it was approved and that's where I'm confused.

Jose Gutierrez: I did not purchase materials until I got the ok and I made progress with that ok and then I'm being told two months later that it's not ok.

Guy: The cost of it, it's cemented in, but I've removed, I mean it's a pain in the butt, but you can easily dig up the cement.

Shayne Gutierrez: We're right on a cement wall. Our property is raised up right next to the cement. I few take out the cement it's going to take down the cement wall.

Guy: Was the cement poured at the same time?

Jose Gutierrez: No, but it's going to be, they're poured two feet down. Am I expected to now go out and purchase a tractor to take them out or what am I supposed to do now?

Thompson: Cut them off.

Case: But he has to move them back.

Guy: I personally would say, I've worked concrete. You should be able to remove concrete. New concrete doesn't adhere to old concrete that's why you can't fix it that way. It sucks that you have to dig down two feet, but really to save yourself money if you're not wanting to spend that type of money.

Jose Gutierrez: I'm going to have to disagree because I'm going to have to be cutting those down, which is still going to be wasting lumber which I could have bought shorter posts to avoid the cutting down. Either way I'm losing money.

Guy: If you want to look at your labor as money, which you should. But cutting the front tops that's only what you said about ten posts?

Jose Gutierrez: About ten posts.

Guy: Cutting six-foot fences down to three and then you'd still have three-foot-tall posts to use for the fence.

Jose Gutierrez: I could have bought shorter posts for about \$9 cheaper which would have been \$100 I would have saved either way.

Guy: If you would have just read the diagram which was stapled to the thing, you wouldn't have had any of these problems.

Jose Gutierrez: And if Vance would have talked to me I would have had no issue whatsoever.

Guy: I agree Vance was in the wrong, but at the same time you were given the information.

Jose Gutierrez: And I was given his ok as well.

Guy: I am not defending his actions, but the same time you were given the information and we don't have the infrastructure where we're going to go out and inspect, I don't know like I said until this year fences weren't even inspected until this problem came about. It was just you follow these rules and if you didn't you have to make changes. That's where you're at right now, you didn't follow the rules and now you have to make changes. Even if it wasn't an approved process and you had done this you still would have been coming and saying hey you need to knock this down.

Jose Gutierrez: I understand that and I'm saying that I didn't start, and I made progress with the understanding that I got the ok from the city. No one told us anything at all. If he would have stopped by in the two months that I slowly was chipping away at it, I would have happily made the changes, but now I've got money, time all invested into it and now all the sudden I just can't do it anymore.

Case: Am I looking at this correctly and it literally says 6-foot, 6-foot, 6-foot, pointing to where you put 6-foot posts.

Jose Gutierrez: Yes.

Case: And that was approved.

Jose Gutierrez: Yes. Either way I'm losing money. Either way.

Case: Okay, how about this. You find out what it's going to cost in materials to remedy this and I think the city should pay half, up to a certain amount in other words not five-six hundred. I don't know how certain you are on the three hundred because then you threw out a different number so I'm not sure where we are.

Jose Gutierrez: I'm going to have to purchase an additional 6x6 ugh 4x4x8 pressure treated that are \$18.50 each which adds up to \$111, six bags of concrete, one and a half per post which ends up being \$63 and then the additional 2x4's that I'm going to have to purchase. It's not going to cost me more than \$300 to make the change.

Guy: And why is it if you are just moving it back.

Jose Gutierrez: I'm having to purchase all new 6x6's and then at the same time....

Guy: You can dig them out and use the existing ...

Shayne Gutierrez: You want us to use the same cement, move it and put it back and use it again is what you're saying.

Mayor Galloska: You're going to deteriorate the posts if you do that.

Thompson: If he wants to put a fence around the front, he's going to have to put in new posts. Actually, putting new posts in actually makes more sense.

Case: I make a motion that the city pays half of the \$300 that he says it's going to cost.

Thompson: I'll second your deal if we do half.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] David Payne: 968 Old Hwy 30: Lot Split Application.

David Payne: 966 Old Highway 30 and to begin I'd like to the address number was entered in error on the agenda on the application and it needs to be corrected to 966 rather than 968, there is no 968 by the way. My application is to affect a lot split about five feet south of my existing barn. Perpendicular to the north lot line which basically makes it a square. It would split the front lot in less than an acre because to do it, I have 2.09 acres to do an even lot split with the line through the middle of my barn. I'm trying to not reconstruct my barn. It's a simple lot split, until we get a survey I don't know the exact square footage of the acreage there, but it would be approximately five feet or five feet exactly south of the barn.

Thompson: I make a motion we approve the split.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Jose, Jessica & Elizabeth Ortiz: Current Dog Shelter Property. Lot 20, Blk 1, Hartman Add.

Jose Ortiz: 54 N Kansas and we are interested in purchasing the current animal shelter. If it's going to go up for sale we want to take a chance on buying it. We own the old wrecking yard right next to it. So, we kind of figured if we could by that little corner there it would make it a complete corner instead of jogging around the property.

Jessica or Elizabeth Ortiz: In addition to that I do want to point out that if there is a way to purchase that property, we would also be interested in seeing about you all still remaining there if it is sold to us or to have that still be there until you all get the new animal shelter built.

Case: My only question and I do not know this, is the city under any requirement that we have to put it up for sale first? In other words, we can't be approached first. I believe it has to be
And that's why I was going to have to let the attorney speak to that.

Schroeder: So, there's a number of steps, I think we went through this when we were discussing the airport land swap in executive session. **1. The City makes a finding: The city council shall have the power to sell, exchange or convey, by good and sufficient deed or other appropriate instrument in writing, any real property owned by the city which is underutilized or which is not used for public purposes.** You would make a finding to that extent. **2. it shall first declare the value or minimum price, if any, it intends to receive as a result of such conveyance or exchange.** **3. Following a declaration of intent to sell or exchange real property, the clerk of the city shall publish a summary of the action taken by the city council in the official newspaper of the city and provide notice of a public hearing before the city council. Notice of the public hearing concerning the proposed exchange or conveyance shall be published in the official newspaper of the city at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the hearing.** You'd have a finding of surplus and you'd declare it surplus and intent to sell it and declare that value that you intend to receive if any. That's not mandatory, you don't have to get it appraised unless you want to. **4. After a public hearing has been conducted, the city council may proceed to exchange, convey or offer for sale the real property in question, subject to the restrictions of section 50-1401, Idaho Code. The city council shall be governed by the following provisions:**

5. When the property is offered for sale, the property shall be sold at a public auction to the highest bidder and no bids shall be accepted for less than the minimum declared value previously recorded on the record at a public meeting of the council, provided however, if no bids are received, the city council shall have the authority to sell such property as it deems in the best interest of the city.

6. Real property may be sold for cash or on contract for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, with a rate of interest on all deferred payments as determined by the city council. The title to all property sold on contract shall be retained in the name of the city until full payment has been made by the purchaser.

7. The proceeds received from the sale or exchange of property shall be utilized in a manner consistent with provisions of law regarding revenues received by the city.

Thompson: Which we will probably be doing cause it's not value to us.

Mayor Galloska: We're going to start this process to even look at it.

Case: We haven't even agreed that we want to sell it.

Mayor Galloska: And that's why that discussion has to happen so we can say yes or no and make a motion.

Case: We can do it tonight though?

Mayor Galloska: Correct, because we have it on the agenda to talk about that declaration and you can say yes, no, we want to put it to a public hearing. The whole idea is to open it up so you can have that discussion otherwise we have to close it out.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Declare Surplus Property.

Case: Is there any reason the city would want that piece of property? It's in a weird spot.

Mayor Galloska: It's in a flood plain.

Thompson: It's not an area we use unless we need it for the walking trail or something.

Case: I don't see a use for it, why pay taxes on it.

Thompson: I make a motion that we declare it surplus property.

Case: I'll second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Schroeder: Is there a minimum price that you want?

Case: Do we have to establish that tonight?

Schroeder: No.

Case: I would like to look at the tax assessment first. How big is it? There's not going to be comparable either.

Parsons: .07 acres.

Case: All we have to do is come up with a minimum, correct for public auction?

Schroeder: You don't even have to do that. It says first declare a value or minimum price if any it intends to receive as a result in such conveyance.

Case: Do you have an amount in mind?

Thompson: No, cause I have no idea.

Schroeder: We can look up the assessed value.

Mayor Galloska: We can talk to a couple of the real estate people in town. Does the council want to move this to the next meeting?

Case: Yes please.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Update Xeriscape.

Acord: Keep in mind this is just an idea. To reduce the amount of water that is being used on public property that's owned by the city, that's made by the water treatment plant. That's the whole purpose of the xeriscape project is to reduce the amount of water. With the help of Morning Dew Landscape we have put together some drawings just for your consideration. I didn't say I'm going to go stick a shovel in the ground tomorrow. I also have sent pictures that Teresa can pull up. Right there at the exit by the fairgrounds, which I am very surprised didn't catch on fire this year after fair considering all the tall weeds surrounding it. Behind the dollar store is a fire hazard also. I've spoke to the academy about using that for parking behind the dollar store possibly talking to the dollar store to utilize that for parking considering that is a congestion point when you exit the gate at the fairgrounds. This picture is just of rocks, there'd be no grass. If you look along there when you leave this tonight, tomorrow, whatever you'll see about 3-to-4-foot weeds from that point all the way over to Grandma Jean Mullen's house where the grass actually starts. It looks awful and so what I was trying to do at the end of every street you clean that up, you put something like that at the exit of the fairgrounds with a sign thank you for coming or exit or something to identify the exit, keep going down at the end of every street, this way toward the railroad tracks sits two rocks with native plants and you keep going. From the fairgrounds to the beginning of the grass from Jean Mullens home there's 4-foot-tall weeds against the track area. Sterilize these weeds and create a welcome at the end of each street with two or three rocks and native plants. I wanted you to take note of that slope by Jean Mullens' house and the guide wire. The slope and that guide wire cause safety problems for the guys who mow. I live on a slope; I have to mow my backyard on a slope and on y riding lawnmower that

causes a safety problem for me. Railroad tie retaining wall. The suggestion was to cut that slope back to 2-to-3-to-4 feet and to put some xeriscaping plants in there to reduce the slope and spot water the plants that are inside the retaining area. Also, the mayor is working on this, that is from the mowers. Those are the trees along the greenbelt area. That's a ring from them weed whacking and mowing so that needs to be addressed. That's all phase one. Phase two is that I am going to try to do something where the old depo used to be. I'm actually attending a conference next week with Idaho Heritage Trust. I wanted to try to clean this parking area up and make it a historical area that has a three-wing historical thing that actually has a picture of the old depo and pictures of historical downtown Glenns Ferry along with a bench and xeriscape. Christmas tree we can't even sit-down on that bench. Every time that wind blows there's so much junk under that tree, it's hazardous to everybody and everything. That aspect right here is to clean up the tree. Over there at the sage we have native elm trees that are growing amongst the sage. The landscaping rock needs to be replaced. We're talking about cleaning that up with river rock and cleaning up the sage bushes. The reason why is it's the entry way to town. It's the first place that people see going across Commercial to the state park. On the right-hand side of the track, we also have 3-foot-tall weeds going all the way down to the creek area.

Thompson: Part of what you want to do is railroad property and you have to get their permission to do anything. In the past they've been really good about spraying and taking care of it, but they didn't seem to do that this year.

Mayor Galloska: In fact, I sent them two letters and no response.

Thompson: How we address it I don't know what the answer is. The sage and stuff that was somebodys' idea of xeriscape about fifteen twenty years ago and see what happens to it, no body takes care of it, it just goes. If you mow it, it's pretty well nice and green and short. Unless you're going to come out and take care of this all, I'm not in favor of this project you have going here.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Air Force: Use of Airport: October 7, 2022.

Mayor Galloska: I was contacted about a week ago on the 9th by a Master Sargent out of Georgia, they're going to be coming out here and doing some training out at Mountain Home Airforce Base, but part of their training is to look at how they look at the landing zone. They would like to utilize our airport for that, they're not going to be bringing in any airplanes in, they're not going to be bringing in any heavy equipment it's just ten people and the two instructors. They want permission to do so, and I told them that I would ask you tonight and go from there.

Thompson: I make a motion that we allow them to do it.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Elmore County Election - November 8, 2022.

Thompson: I make a motion that we allow Elmore County to have the election here.

Case: I'll second that.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all ayes.

Item 14. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead/Lieutenant Burnett:

Lieutenant Burnett: Month of August, 132 total events, 47 calls for service, 85 self-initiated events, and 9 case numbers. I did break up some of the calls for service to give you a bit of an idea of things that we've been dealing with. Responded to an assist for 2 fires, 2 domestic calls of service, 2 harassment, 9 suspicious persons or vehicles, 2 problem subjects, 4 welfare checks, 1 fraud call and 2 juvenile problems. I did just want to say that these types of calls for service are how they're listed with our dispatch, but a disclaimer that's not always how they appear. So, if I say 2 domestics the information that dispatch gets they tag it the best to their ability, but it could have ben like a family fight or neighbors quarreling. The other thing I did want to report on, we received an inquiry and I know it's been talked about the dog issues here in Glenns Ferry. In 2022 there have been 3 incidences in Glenns Ferry that the sheriff's office has responded to. March 25th worked with animal control on that one, so I don't have any

information on as far as if charges or citations were issued. June 18th there was an incident of a dog bite, there were charges filed and sent over to the prosecutor's office. September 4th the big one, the owner was charged on scene and a citation was issued. The inquire we got asked about why the business owner was not issued a citation or charged, there was nothing that led to the deputies to charge the owner of the bar. That does not discount any civil issues that may arise from it, but as far as criminal there was nothing that the owners of the bar were charged with on that. The three incidences I know for a fact have been pushed forward with the prosecutors or issued at the time of the incident.

Thompson: In a case like that what is the requirement for the dog?

Lieutenant Burnett: When there is a dog bite, Central District Health puts out what's called a dog bite, it's an animal dog bite form, it's actually any animal bite any domestic animal and what it does is it's a process that's followed for rabies. Usually, the process involves if you cannot verify current rabies vaccination the dog is to be quarantined. The issue with this is there is not criminal, so Councilman Thompson if your dog bit somebody and you couldn't provide proof there's nothing criminally that we could hold you to that quarantine. It is something through Central District Health and a way for tracking. I believe in the one case the city did take possession of the dog and I believe that was part of the quarantine process. That is another option if the owner is not able to keep them away from other people or other animals.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek:

Janousek: N/A

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

D. Public Works – Scott Nichols:

Cody Crawshaw: N/A

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: N/A

F. Development – Christy Acord:

Acord: N/A

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail:

Trail: N/A

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcer – Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: For code enforcement I have had 5 calls of violations, 3 self-initiated. I sent out 8 letters and 8 total violations. For animal control I have 4 dogs in my shelter. I have had 6 dogs at large and 2 dog attacks and 1 animal control letter went out because they wouldn't answer the door.

I. Airport Manager – Brian Reid: Absent.

J. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan: Absent.

K. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Absent.

Item 15. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thompson: N/A

Guy: N/A

Case: I'm kind of curious about, did we just completely say no to the xeriscape?

Thompson: No, she was just giving us the information I thought.

Case: Ok, cause there are a couple places with a real bad case of the uglies and I think it'd be nice to just test that out and see how it looks. On the cemetery, which came up awhile back. I reviewed our ordinances which are almost nothing so what I did was I pulled cemetery ordinances from cities of our size or slightly larger, compiled all the information and what they had in common, I wrote those down. What I was going to offer is I can bring a few sets of proposals, bring a proposal, or bring a list of all the things which is a little extensive and everyone can pick or choose what they want. My idea is that there pretty consistent on five main areas and we can put a proposal together that need to be addressed.

Mayor Galloska: Have you got any citizen input on that?

Case: Yes.

Mayor Galloska: When I asked you to lead this I was thinking more toward the thought of getting some citizens involved and putting a committee together that you led to try to come up something that works for both the city and the ordinances.

Case: Just so you know our ordinances does not say that we have to have a cemetery board.

Mayor Galloska: I agree.

Case: I mean I guess we could, I don't have a problem with it, I think it's just going to push further and further on down the road. The things that I found are pretty simple and very consistent from town to town. I'll do whatever work you guys want me to do but I don't want to do a lot of needless work because I already got a lot of hours into it.

Mayor Galloska: Sure.

Thompson: What would be the advantage of having a cemetery board.

Case: I could see in a big city it would be important cause some places have indoor outdoor or places for just crematorium. But when you take rural towns, they're pretty consistent. I don't see a need for a cemetery board unless things just fall through the cracks. I don't see a need for it. It could be so simple to just put out a sign so people will know before they have to check city codes to take some flowers or something.

Thompson: I would think that would be the better way of doing it. Putting up a sign saying this is the rules for the cemetery. We've run the cemetery with the city doing it for how many years now?

Case: But we still need it in our codes to be consistent. I don't think we need a board, but we do need codes.

Thompson: I think there's a lot of stuff in our code already we just need to gleam it out of there and weed it out.

Case: Have you pulled it up lately, cause, I pulled it up. There's nothing there. It's fees, the size of the plot, the marker. It's very minimal.

Rob Isenhardt: I have an uncle in World War 1 and his headstone was provided by the VA. When my aunt passed, she was buried next to him, they took the headstone off which was just a VA marker saying his rank and put the headstone on with my aunt and uncle's name and that stone should have been put as a footer of his grave as a VA for veteran. The family was told that they weren't allowed to put it there. If you look at that cemetery a lot of veterans have footers at the foot of their grave marking that they're a veteran. With that being said who would answer the question of why or who can put a footer at the end of a veteran's grave?

Case: First of all, that actually is mentioned in the codes that I looked up in different cities not in ours. It did mention who could put the flags up, who could take them down, what the propriety was for having them out. I can't address a specific situation because I am not privy to all of the information.

Mayor Galloska: I'm going to ask that we put this on the next agenda so we can fully discuss this item.

Case: Which is fine, am I not doing anything now, am I putting a proposal together?

Mayor Galloska: Bring that proposal.

Rob Isenhardt: Can we put a footer there?

Case: I can't answer that.

Rob Isenhardt: This is the third year.

Thompson: That is for him and the city crew to determine. As far as I know when I worked for the city, if you were going to put something as a footer you had to bury it so it could be mowed over. That's the issue.

Rob Isenhardt: It would have been buried, but they were told it couldn't be put there.

Case: I think what he's referring to is the veterans actually made those and put those out if I'm not mistaken.

Rob Isenhardt: They used it as his headstone until they replaced it with him and his wife's.

Case: What I'm reading, and I can do more research, I have no problem with that, usually the local VFW or some sort of military, they take over that part. The city really doesn't do that part.

Schroeder: Basically, it says, no marker greater than 3 feet measured from the ground shall be erected at the heads of space of the name of the deceased plainly inscribed thereon and then the city council reserves the right to refuse any substandard or odd shaped marker which tells me that any deviation from that for example, what he was talking about would be up to the city council and that is kind of unwieldy. So, Councilwomen Case's comments about amending this. Cause there's exactly three sections to this. As to that 3 foot, in other places it says 3 feet high, 2 feet wide, 5 inches deep. The dimension just says 3 feet.

Thompson: Which we don't pay any attention to.

Case: Which you see what I'm saying, we're only giving one dimension and there should be three. Otherwise, it could be 3 feet in every direction.

Mayor Galloska: I do want you to bring a proposal.

Case: Ok, I'll bring my proposal and all my research and if they're not happy with it, they can look at my research.

David Payne: 966 Old Highway 30. An answer to Mr. Isenhardt's question, the VFW post does maintain a book because there are numerous graves in the cemetery of veterans that are not marked. I suggest that he contact, and I have a phone number for Gary Nelson who maintains the book and Gary Nelson every year in conjunction with the honor society at the school, the VFW and the honors society are the ones that place the crosses and flags on the graves for Memorial Day, get that and if it's not in his book get it added and the flag and the cross will be there.

Case: As to that in my research it literally said that, say someone doesn't have a marker and they want one, they're not going to apply to the city for it. They're going to go to in our case the VFW for it. The actual list numerous holidays where flags can be put out from sunrise to sunset. With timelines and who is responsible which we do not have right now.

Mayor Galloska: I wanted to address a couple of things. One is the equipment being used by the contractor are using it temporarily. That was for expediency. We contracted with a company that has a hundred and sixty clients in Mountain Home and they were coming over and contacted their distributor and couldn't get it for like thirty days and so they're using it during that time. We did sign releases and all the insurance stuff necessary so that it would also cover all the maintenance in the document that we signed with them. The second thing is the grass clippings. As soon as I heard about that it was addressed with the owner of the company and he said it will not happen again. There were several other things that I was asked this week that I want to touch on, so everyone knows where we're at. The rings that you also brought up, the rings around the trees, that is something that Matt's Landscaping is going to be taking care of. They're working on getting me the final numbers so they can get on that and get that project taken care of, so we don't have that continued damage on the bottom of those trees which is detrimental to all our trees. Not just our trees in our portion but in an area we've been questioned on before that trees are dying. I had the arborist go out there with me and look at the city's trees and found out that heavy equipment had cut all the roots below the surface and because of that the trees are all going to probably die. It's unfortunate and detrimental to the area but that's where we're at and we're working on the rings and the mulch that we'll put around the trees and the equipment can't get close to the trees anymore. Another one was the streetlamps, the guys we're looking at them today to get the first set of three on a trailer to be taken to Jerome so that they can be sand blasted, and powder coated, and the electrician is set to come and make sure everything is working and set to put back up in proper order. We'll do three at a time, so we don't take the whole town. Along with some chains over at the AARP Park that need to be powder coated and just put it into the bid. You'll notice that Harvey Senecal has been going around and treating our benches in town. He has done eleven so far out of twenty-five. Thursday of this week I'll take the third of two classes that I will take from Blue Cross that we'll end up with a \$20,000 grant for the city to use as we as a city to come up with. October we'll take our fourth class then in November they'll cut us a check for \$20,000. Looking better around here, I hope you've been out and seen the cemetery and the park. Had the guys replace the sprinklers out there that were plastic and not up to par of what we needed them to do.

Case: The three-minute thing, this is my seventh year on council, and it's always been in effect. A comment was made, this is where you come to voice your grievances and I have to slightly disagree with that. I think we're all available, city hall is definitely available, and you bring your grievances to us if they're not settled then absolutely this is the forum for it. I'm not sure this is the best first place for it because if you want something worked on quickly why would you want to wait two weeks and you can imagine if everybody here could talk as long as they wanted to, we'll bring a bedroll and coffee for the morning cause that's going to go on forever. Maybe everybody doesn't know this, but we do have city email addresses, we make ourselves available, city hall is open regularly and I'm just saying maybe take that path first of talking to us and if we can't help it, nothings getting done, you're frustrated we don't want that then this would be the forum for it. If this is the forum for your very first initial I'm unhappy, these meetings we're never going to get anything done except listen to everybody unhappy. We are available, most people know we have the city website, City of Glenns Ferry. We do not have city provided phones so email or a personal visit unless you know our phone numbers, but city hall is open.

Thompson: This is really a council meeting this is not a public meeting. The public is willing to come and be a part of it, but we're here to conduct the city's business. That's why the three-minute thing is there, for you folks to talk about issues you want that's not on the agenda. We need to conduct the agenda, the business of the city that's why it's called a council meeting.

Case: Or is it's on the agenda, we can take action on it. If it's not on the agenda we cannot take action on it.

David Payne: I just would offer that there are issues that may come up for discussion among the council members that can be laid to rest if the public is allowed to speak to them. I offer as an example, the information that I just offered to Mr. Isenhardt about the headstone. That issue is resolved at this point at least on a temporary basis where among the council members it was not going to be resolved.

Thompson: The other part of that story is you could have told him that after the council meeting.

David Payne: However, you would have been none the wiser.

Item 16. ADJOURN: [ACTION ITEM]

Parsons: 8:14pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 09/20/2022

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 10/25/2022

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

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