

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting February 28, 2023

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, by Mayor William Galloska.

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

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Jackie Shenk, Scott Nichols, Lori Freeman, Billy Knox

Others: Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Kurtis Workman, Donna Carnahan, Harry Knox, Karen Hall, Jill Laib, Nathan Jones, Rex Hamilton

Online: Chelsea Inmon, Christy Acord

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

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

***For the Record: Councilwoman Inmon: Joined in online.*

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Guy: So made.

Case: I 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.

N/A

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

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2023.

B. Accounts Payables for February 2023.

Case: I make a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Guy: I second

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

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

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Harry Knox: Revitalization Heritage Pathway Project.

Knox: In 2018, I think it was March with Mayor White, we came before you the city council and asked if you wanted the revitalization committee to move your pathway project forward. That was approved. We knew basically what had to be accomplished and that was in order for our pathway in Glenns Ferry to be certified as a state sanctioned a walking and bike path it had to be finished. The consultation with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and other it was advised that we dissect the entire global vision in to three phases. Through the advice of parks and rec and with the help of Julia Oxarango Ingram

who wrote the grant for you, it was submitted and approved and COVID hit. We all went to the basement. We did not know whether your grant was still in place until I think it was June or July of 22'. We knew that we had a big task ahead of us doing our public outreach and our political outreach. We tried to give all of you the opportunity to take a tour and Kenny I welcome you a tour anytime just call me; I give them regularly.

Thompson: I've done it already Harry.

Knox: The outreach has been beneficial, it got lots of attention but along that path a lot of questions as well. I think rather than to get into the history of the pathway I think we're just going to fast forward to where we are today. Because that's the advice I've gotten short and sweet Harry, don't get into the battles and the history. So, finding out that we had \$60,000 that it did not go away during COVID, we thought we got to get to the city first thing September 22'. Mayor Billy takes the tour and we have tried to get everyone else involved along the way as we've gotten to this point here today. The grant being approved has a short fuse on it and that's what we need to address. We're told that we need to have this grant underway and hopefully completed by the end of May. The grant involves sixty thousand dollars. The scope of the work is really very simple. There are four components, and we can do this. We don't need to farm it out to Morrison Knudson or anybody else, we can do this. The components are a trailhead. Those of you that are familiar with it will see that between the dump station of the state park and the corner of McCallum's property for the trail starts there's a cow path. That isn't acceptable even the state park said we like that you're going back to phase one, get the first leg finished. Second component of that project is the trail surface. We've done quite a bit of research on that including consultant with the Hagerman bike walk people. It just keeps coming back, pavement, pavement, pavement. We can't make those decisions for the stakeholders. We view the stakeholders as you the city who have applied for the grant. We feel the school is an integral stakeholder and we feel the rec department is an additional stakeholder and we're really getting closer to holding hands with rec with the project going on at the city park. One of the components was, do we want a driving range netting or don't we. We believe that decision can be made once we get the cost estimates in on the asphalt of the existing trail. The existing trail goes from the dump station, we don't want to be taking off from the dump station. Trailers dumping gray water at the same time we're inviting tourists to take off on a path downtown. The theory is maybe we should put our kiosk and our parking lot between the dump station and the corner of the McCallum property. There are pictures of kiosks that we have taken, one at the Malad Gorge State Park, the Mallad bridge that used to be a fountain. Components, number three is signage. Our recommendation is that we first go to our local sign maker, Lance Hampton that lives here in Glenns Ferry. The two signs that you see on the pathway now, he has done those for revitalization. He would love to take the tour and do a walkthrough so he can establish what type of language needs to be on these signs. These are the four components trailhead, surface, do we want a net and signs. I want to take just a minute to explain the revitalization role in this whole mix. We feel that we have delivered under the approval and assignment that you gave us. We can't make these decisions. We're an autonomous volunteer group of citizens passionate about this community. We will work for any entity with good cause if we believe in the project. We're there as facilitators. Let's face it Glenns Ferry's too small to afford a city planner, we're feeling that role for you, or we feel we are. Phase two, we're looking at the project map, the scale model of phase two is over here. Let's stick with phase one for a few minutes. Here is the state park dump station and a very short distance to get to the corner of McCallums. The \$60,000 needs to be spent from here to the dog kennel. Five routes were determined provided to Mayor White and then he passed them onto the engineer. The engineer has selected a path, the black area here is flood plain prone. For those of you who were here when we had the last 100-year event it wasn't pretty it washed out a section of trail right about to the dog kennel there it had to all be replaced by the city. When we looked at the five options one was to go up here, but the 2010 grant said none of the trails shall be located within city areas. Second route was on each side of the creek right there, it would take a hell of a lot of material to build that up to make it flood proof. The fourth option was up through here, it's an unvacated alley. The fifth option

was to go from the dog kennel up to the railroad and from there to the crossing of the creek. Some of the old timers, there was a pedestrian crossing adjacent to those two tracks. The tracks that are there are idled, they're no longer functional. Obviously there is a lot of concern, is the railroad going to give us an easement to go from there and cross the creek or are we going to try to get cooperation with the property owners here and cross the creek on the old railroad concrete. That is really phase three we're talking about here; we're talking dog kennel under the tracks and so on. It doesn't all have to be done at the one time. Phase two is the walking bridge across the creek. The walking bridge and the underpass were all taken out in 1985 to the best of We're not about pointing the finger at anyone why it happened, the only thing I get is nobody wanted to maintain it.

Thompson: That's pretty much what it was.

Knox: Since we've taken that out, we're now encouraging our school children to walk instead of taking the bus. Board of trustees at the school said, we will bus our students, but they don't bus them to the swimming pool all summer long and now we have the improvements we're looking at over there. We have the pool, we have the city park, we're doing improvements. We need this bridge more than ever. In your packets you will find pictures of people walking across the track, when you look at the flow, where do these kids go? This whole section of our community walk across the tracks here. Do you think they go to the only pedestrian crossing in the community, no. When we did our pedestrian study encouraged by the Looking Glass Academy that was here, we discovered that there a ton of people that are crossing the track, two main lines to get over the creek. It was also discovered that our K-12 students are building their own bridge every summer or every time it floods out. I own this piece of property right here, there's nothing in this project that benefits me at all, but I see people park their bikes all through this region in here. People come in with their motor home and their bikes strapped on the back, they bring their bike, they ride in the sand, they get through the cow path, and they get to here. They park their bike; we have seen people carry their bikes across the tracks. We need to offer our tourists more safety and that is the focus of this project. Of course, mobility and of course the economic benefit of bringing 200,000 visitors to downtown. Basically, it's safety and it's time we all faced it. One vehicle pedestrian encounter every three hours in the United States of America and the Ohio derailment thousands of them a year. Building the foundation for what faces us in the future. I'm going to get into phase two and then I'm going to try to wrap it up.

Thompson: It's about time.

Knox: Phase two, right there is the bank and our streetlights. We don't know yet without looking at the electrical schematics if we can come on down, but the vision is bringing lights on down to this underpass. The interesting thing about phase two is it is 100% entirely upon the city's right of way. I called Guarantee Title, and nothing has ever been vacated. If you wrote the check tomorrow you can have a bridge, that's how easy phase two is. Once phase one and phase two are in the railroad is boxed in, I think that's some leverage. We determined that there needed to be a point person going forward. The mayor said he would take care of that. I will defer to him if he chooses to disclose who that point person is. I believe that we can meet that deadline of May 30th. We can round up the material that's needed, make a MOU at the state park. The state park should have put that in in 2010 and when they granted the city to put the path in, but they didn't. So, it's remained unfinished, unusable. Try to take a wheelchair down it. I'm going to open this up for questions to members of the audience and you as the council and mayor is that....

Mayor Galloska: We can do that limited only because it's not a public hearing, but we will open it up to the council and if there's a few questions we can entertain a few.

Thompson: I guess the thing that I'm not seeing here is by May it has to be, or we lose the grant is that what you're saying Harry?

Mayor Galloska: Phase one, it's actually June, but May is our target date because we don't want to wait until the last day and not make it.

Guy: That has to be done?

Mayor Galloska: The scope of work that the grant was under has to be completed by those dates.

Thompson: Who's going to do the work, we need to figure that out.

Knox: I'm going to defer to the mayor on that.

Mayor Galloska: So, part of that is that we're talking to Keller. If you recall a few council meetings back we already got Keller doing the portion that we set in stone before I was even mayor that they were supposed to do. We've got that scope of work set out and they're working on those designs and ready and talking with the state park to find out if they are out of design out there, so we don't have to reinvent the wheel here and keep moving forward. Right now, the MOU that Harry's talking about is in the state parks hands. We already passed it on to our attorney to check so if it passes there then they'll send it back to us so we can get it in front of you to sign so we can keep moving forward. The other thing is Harry and Jill and also councilwoman Inmon have been collecting any data as far as where we can start gathering stuff from so we're not out waiting until the last minute so we can get materials that aren't going to cost us anything and some volunteers to bring in that kind of thing. Just trying to put all those pieces together.

Knox: With that I have found the masons out there in Buhl, in Wendell and one in Hagerman. The stone is rhyolite and one of them in the pictures is lava. Both of them are area stone and readily available. We'd really be getting a push if we can't get into Nate's quarry down in Owyhee County then we'll go up to Camas Prairie, I'm getting indications it's up there. The idea is to match what is on the interpretive center that's already there.

Thompson: It looks to me like the time frame is getting pretty small. It looks to me like talking time is over and doing time is here.

Knox: We can get it done, but if we were appreciably along the avenue of completion you do what's called filing an amendment with the state parks.

Mayor Galloska: We have to show good faith effort towards finishing the project and that brings us to the netting part, the netting is still kind of because it is part of the scope of work, if we don't want it then we're going to have to get an amendment to take it out of the scope of work. It is there and being in the scope of work, the grantor is basically going to say, this is what you said you were going to do you've got to go after this or at least put a good faith effort after it. Right now, we're still in discussion on that, but trying to keep pushing forward without waiting on all these things and push forward the things that we can.

Knox: I've got another analogy; someone walks in and donates a pile of stone for the project. You going to turn it down and put it out to bid and throw money away, no. That's the way revitalization role and we did it in the downtown business district as much as we could possibly do, we do. With communication we can make that work. I have called Jim Gluch superintendent of the Glenns Ferry Highway District and he has indicated to me that the city has a pit. There will be a need for some fill. Not a lot if we put the kiosk between the dump station and McCallum's corner. Scott do you have a key to that city gravel pit.

Nichols: Yes.

Knox: We can access the quantity there and see if it will fill the bill.

Nichols: Correct. It is polluted in iron, so it'll be red in color.

Knox: Jimmy did offer if you don't have the material readily available that he would be able to do an MOU with the city and bring material from his pit. There is a public pit in King Hill, and I say it's a long haul. If we can get it right here close. He even said there's a hell of a pile over here by the library.

Nichols: Used to be there's not anymore.

Guy: I agree with Kenny, we're kind of running out of time, we need to get shovels in the ground is the main thing. How can we quickly start doing some things.

Knox: The shovels in the ground Luke.

Mayor Galloska: I think that we need to get the low hanging fruit, we can get the signs and the dirt. Once we have an MOU then we can put shovels to the dirt.

Guy: I more or less meant get things rolling, get asphalt here. May is right around the corner.

Knox: I asked Jim Gluch; can you recommend the paving companies you have had favorable experience with. He said absolutely and names two or three of them. I can remember Central Paving. We have that resource right there; we don't need to be fooling around.

Guy: Have we been in contact with them?

Knox: Just had a visit with Jim two days ago.

Thompson: The problem with paving companies, is there busy. They already have contracts to do all kinds of work. They'll have to fit in.

Knox: We'll have to get right on.

Mayor Galloska: This is where Keller has been an issue because Keller doesn't want to go with paving they want to go with packed gravel and the rest of us want to go paved.

Case: Project versus money available, have we worked that out.

Knox: The project was \$60,000 that included \$13,000 from the city and \$47,000 from the state park. The \$13,000 was delivered to the city two years ago, we trust it's still there.

Thompson: Better be.

Knox: We raised \$25,000 and \$7,500 came from the rec and what do we have Teresa.

Parsons: \$2760 from a grant, \$380 from Desert Sage, money that was promised from our general fund, \$7500 from the Rec District, All Class Reunion and Community Health Academy is pending. We've only spent \$758 and that was signs.

Guy: If we're going with the kiosk it's a standalone thing right?

Knox: Yes.

Guy: Well, why can't we do that?

Knox: We need the MOU to get started out there.

Guy: Ok. We're just waiting on the state park basically.

Knox: And the next thing I'm going to bring our masonry guys up and with the design from Keller.

Thompson: Is Keller on the ball?

Mayor Galloska: Keller is on the ball. In fact, I just talked to Donn yesterday. He is trying to get a design from the state parks that's already in place. Why redesign it, it will cost us less if they don't have to redesign it. If they have to redesign it it'll cost us a little bit there out of that \$12,000.

Thompson: How long have they been playing with it?

Mayor Galloska: A couple weeks.

Case: Is the kiosk a portion of the \$60,000?

Knox: Yes.

Case: Have you thought about making founding members of businesses that they would have their name out there and they could advertise in that kiosk forever if they would donate toward the kiosk.

Mayor Galloska: I'm not sure you're allowed to do that; I'm going to ask Christy Acord and I think she's online. The reason for that is because it's state parks so you're not allowed to advertise for businesses.

Knox: How many people know when Glenns Ferry's first cemetery was, it's on first avenue at the top of the hill. There are two headstones of calvary soldiers that were killed by Indians down here on the river. Guess who else is buried out there, Bruneau John.

Mayor Galloska: Unfortunately, because this is outside of the spectrum of the agenda we have to move on.

Knox: I'll wrap it up this way, we need to be thinking about the points of interest we want in our kiosk to invite the people to see our beautiful historical points of interest. With Billy's help we will be rock'n and roll'n on this and move as fast as we possible can.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Review Glenns Ferry City Code 5-3B-1: KEEPING OF ANIMALS RESTRICTED.

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Case: I make a motion to table that item.

Guy: I second

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Recommendation from Planning & Zoning: To Amend the Official Zoning Map by Rezoning a Certain Parcel from Commercial (C) to Multiple-Family residential (R-3) in the City of Glenns Ferry, Elmore County, Idaho. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Mayor Galloska: Lori are you bringing that, I'm sorry is KT bringing that?

Freeman: No, you've got it in your packet so if you got any questions.

Parsons: I emailed it to you.

Guy: So, what's the purpose of this. Like are people wanting to live there in a commercial area?

Thompson: It's where they're putting the new park.

Hall: Karen Hall, north of Glenns Ferry. I met with planning and zoning and they approved the recommendation. It came to you and now you guys need to ok it or whatever procedure you do.

Mayor Galloska: Just so we answer this question, what is the purpose behind it?

Hall: It's for the property in order for us to move forward with the park that we want to put out there, it has to be rezoned to the R3.

Thompson: I make a motion that we approve this.

Case: Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Mayor Galloska: Adopt Ordinance. Rezoning Certain Portions Real Property: Commercial (C) to Multiple-Family Residential (R-3) Amending the Zoning Map. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: I move that in accordance with Idaho Code § 50-902, the Council dispense with the rule, Adopt Ordinance. Rezoning Certain Portions Real Property: Commercial (C) to Multiple-Family Residential (R-3) Amending the Zoning Map, by title only, so that the council may consider its adoption at this meeting.

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

Case: I move that this ordinance, the title of which reads: AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY, ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO, FROM COMMERCIAL (C) TO MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) CLASSIFICATION; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GLENN'S FERRY TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE be adopted.

Thompson: I'll second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote

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

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

A. Sheriff Office – Sheriff Hollinshead: Absent.

B. Fire Chief – Derik Janousek: Absent.

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

D. Public Works Director – Scott Nichols:

Nichols: Not much to report other than mother nature is not willing us to continue out at the fire loop that we are putting out at the airport. I know we set a start date and finish date, but we're dealing with mother

nature in Idaho. We're holding off on that until the weather permits us to go out there and safely work without tearing anything up.

Mayor Galloska: How far have you gotten out there Scott?

Nichols: We have not stuck a stick in the ground but we have uncovered the stub that the previous city employees put under the road years ago. We found the two-inch line that supplies water to the airport, and we found the valve that turns the two-inch water off cause we excavated it with the excavator. We did excavate quite a ways due south down the access road working hand in hand with the fish and game officers to ensure that during our weekend that it's safely blocked off and that the road is accessible for anyone who wants to use that road for sportsman's access because they're not keen on redirecting citizens onto private property to get around our work. We can legally block that road off overnight while we work on it during the week. It's just when the weekend comes the agreement as to ensure that things are open and clear for everyone to travel up and down.

E. Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: N/A

F. Economic Development – Christy Acord:

Acord: For the City of Glenns Ferry I have been working on a walk ability project for the downtown area, downtown all the way to the school. I've also been working on updating the visitor's guide for Elmore County. I'm getting ready to leave to go to a couple of trade shows to represent Elmore County and take all my Glenns Ferry things with me.

G. Librarian – Jennifer Trail: Absent.

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcement – Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: We've had one barking dog complaint, seven dogs in the shelter (not at the same time), two were adopted out, three went back home leaving two left. Fifteen dogs at large, one missing, one welfare check and four cows at large. Then I've had a total of four code violations, one violation letter went out and two hours of training.

Thompson: How you doing with code enforcement?

Shenk: I'm doing ok.

I. Cemetery: Kurtis Workman:

Workman: N/A

J. Airport Manager – Brian Reid: Absent.

K. Historical Museum – Donna Carnahan:

Jill Laib: Jill Laib King Hill for the historical museum. Last year and we're going to have it again this year. We had the LDS youth a whole bunch of volunteer adults and some of us on the museum board. It was so awesome and they wanted to come back and help again. Carol Phillips is coming back, she's so great. Kenny came to one of our meetings last year, so what we did is we cleaned the museum last year and paid Mike Aug to buff the floors, but the windows the pigeon stuff, we need the city to please block the pigeon holes so we can get the windows clean this year because it's really embarrassing. We clean and buff the floors and then there's pigeon stuff going all down the floors. We are all so proud of it and we want to be proud of it and I know the city crew's busy.

Thompson: It's almost something where you'd need to hire a (inaudible)

Nichols: Denver bought the wire when we put it up/

Laib: You put the wire up? The holes are all covered? That be awesome if that's done.

Nichols: They should be, Denver bought the wire and showed the guys exactly where. We used a citizens lift to safely get it up.

Laib: This year?

Nichols: Yeah, before winter. I'll double check on that too.

Laib: That'd be great, we just want to get the windows clean. By the way the port-a-potties are working great. Some kids got in there and we had some vandalism, the mayor said lock it up at the end of the season and we did that and then it's been clean. We just received two hundred and seventy dollars in memorials.

Nichols: Any further news on HVAC with the museum?

Laib: We're working on our windows first. We're really making headway with the windows with the grant.

L. Planning & Zoning – Kt Carpenter: Absent.

Item 12. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Case: N/A

Guy: N/A

Inmon: N/A

Thompson: N/A

Mayor Galloska: N/A

Item 13. ADJOURN: 7:50 PM

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 03/07/2023

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 03/14/2023

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer

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