

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting November 14, 2023

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, by Mayor Billy Galloska.

Members Present: Brittany and Thatcher Guy, Travis Thompson, Nathan Jones, Dustin Fink, Jack Long, David Payne, Jordan Thomas, Darran Oldenburg, Steve Alderman

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Derik Janousek, Jon Ficken, Christy Acord, Jackie Shenk

Online: Carol Long

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

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

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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.

Nathan Jones: 2240 East Maple Drive, King Hill property owner on 1st Street and Commercial Street. I pay taxes but I unfortunately don't have the ability to vote. Last time I was here I spoke to the council about hiring a full-time fire chief and the process. Most I'm concerned about the process. Before I get to that I'd like to say, I went to the last campaign get together and I spoke to each one of these people and I asked them, did we take the 3% and they answered yes. I said, did we lower fees they said no we didn't lower any fees. So. We raised taxes. I'm curious, interested, sort of insulted in my opinion the letter the mayor wrote saying we cut the budget is not factual. You raised our taxes, you cut the budget. In my opinion the budget had grant money in it that showed a large amount, it got spent and the budget was reduced on its own. I'd like to point that out. Going back to my original issue at the last meeting. I went and looked through all of the minutes, since no one could answer my question about the process of hiring a full-time fire chief. To councilman Inmon's credit she says right there, what is this increase in the fire department's salary and wages. Mr. Mayor you may have vailed an attempt at saying we could go to executive session, but you started talking about turnouts and the chief started talking about turnouts. We passed a budget, and you created more government without the city council's input. Perhaps you would have had the votes if you would had put it to a vote, but you didn't. You threw councilman Guy and Councilman Inmon under the bus in my opinion. No transparency there. So, from what I can see is you raised our taxes, you've increased government by creating a full-time position, and I'm not too worried about this year's position as full-time fire chief, I'm worried about 4 years from now when the fire departments budget is \$200,000. That's probably where it's going. There's only \$100,000 what 2 years ago. You spent \$40,000 and the next year you spent \$35,000. That's all I've been wanting to cover. I have been doing some research with Teresa on the trust fund budget. I would like to make a suggestion Mr. Mayor, perhaps we could have instead of these throw-away (inaudible word) meetings, why don't we have public discussion of how a budget has actually run in this town for our past members and our new members. Thank you.

Jack Long: Jack Long 675 East Garfield. I wanted to thank the voters of Glenns Ferry for getting out and voting in this last election. Well over 50% of our register voters showed up in an off-year election. That

should tell everyone in this room that they're engaged, they're ready for change, they're ready to move this city forward. It should tell us that they're also not very happy with the way things are going. No longer will voter apathy rule the day here in Glenns Ferry. With that said I wish to congratulate the newly elected city council members on their victory. I'd also like to thank those that voted for me as well and I'd like to ask them why they didn't drag about 7 more people to the poles, that would have been nice. All joking aside it's time to get to work. If I can be of any assistance to any member of this city council future, present or you Mr. Mayor call me I'm ready to go tot work. My time sitting on the sidelines in this town has come to an end. This town means too much to me because I call it home. Thank you and once again congratulations. Let's get going.

David Payne: *David Payne I'm a resident of Glenns Ferry. First of all, like Jack I do want to thank those who got out and voted. Particularly those who voted for me. I don't know if anyone here did. If you did, thank you, I hope to honor your trust and for those that may not have voted for me, I hope to earn your trust. I specifically wanted the (inaudible word) that came out in the October 17th newspaper. Once of the political letters in which up to that point and time there hadn't been no mud slinging everything was amicable and then somebody chose to change it up. One of our city council members chose to bring a dark cloud over the eight other candidates who were running for a position on city council. Not only that, to make sure that the Hispanic population got the word. It was in English and in Spanish. Supposedly an unethical meeting took place at which members of city council and 3 of those candidates were running for city council were in attendance. I happened to be one that was in attendance at a barbecue in which 4 of us had formed a friendship got together to discuss campaign not tactics but he, where did you buy your campaign signs, door hangers, cards, banners, things of that nature that somehow got twisted into something unethical. I take great pride in my own personal ethics and in my integrity. I take great offense; she didn't name me by name but not naming me everyone was drug under that dark cloud. The article seems to set that individual up as the adjudicator of all things ethics in the City of Glenns Ferry. The article goes on to say that transparency is (inaudible word). The question that comes up in my mind is for someone who didn't attend the meeting, how is it that they know so much about what supposedly took place and I'd like to shed some light on that. That is in the form of her spouse driving the street. Stopping, glaring through the front window of that house where we were having the barbecue. Slowly going off, turning around, coming back and then repeating the same another 30 seconds or so glaring through the front window. If any ethics were violated that day, I propose that that is a single violation of ethics. Thank you.*

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

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2023**
- B. City Council Special Meet the Candidates Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2023**
- C. City Council Special Meet the Candidates Meeting Minutes for October 30, 2023**
- D. Accounts Payables for October 2023**
- E. Payroll for October 2023**
- F. Library Board Meeting Minutes October 2023**

Guy: *I make a motion that we accept the consent agenda.*

Case: *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] Mayor Galloska: Proclamation: Councilman Kenneth Thompson and Family Day.

Mayor Galloska: If you would all stand with me tonight. We're going to take a moment of silence for our council member that has passed recently. **Whereas**, the City of Glenns Ferry is honored to recognize Kenneth Thompson, as a longtime resident, employee of the City of Glenns Ferry, and a public servant throughout his lifetime holding such offices as a School Board Trustee and a City Councilmember; and **Whereas**, he has been a role model, influencer, community leader and advocate for generations of Glenns Ferry residents and citizens; and **Whereas**, on behalf of the people of Glenns Ferry, Idaho I would like to show the communities support to Mr. Thompson and his family; and **Now Therefore**, I, William Galloska, Mayor of the City of Glenns Ferry, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 17, 2023 as Councilman Kenneth Thompson and Family Day in the City of Glenns Ferry in recognition of his contributions and dedication to this community. Dated this 14th Day of November 2023.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Recommendation of Rose Mary Oldenberg to the Planning & Zoning Commission: Term Expires 12/2025. Confirmation by City Council. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Case: I will make a motion to recommend Rosemary.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: Roll Call Vote.

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

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM]: ICRMP Public Entity Multi-Lines Insurance Policy FY2024. TABLED from 10/24/2023.

Dustin Fink: I'm Dustin Fink, resident of Glenns Ferry. I'm also the city's insurance agent for ICRMP. At the last council meeting, the joint powers agreement there were some questions over that. Is that correct?

Case: I don't know if anyone had questions, I think we just wanted to go completely through it, but I personally didn't see any real big changes from last year to this year. I don't know if anyone else has any questions.

Fink: I don't know what you have. Is it the joint power agreement or a copy of the policy?

Case: It's the joint power agreement.

Fink: Ok, so let me explain what the joint power agreement is. Then we can go through it. The joint powers agreement has been around since ICRMP was formed. It's the binding agreement between the subdivision and ICRMP being a separate entity. And basically, the agreement allows ICRMP to exist and to provide insurance and risk management to the city. But it also lays out the duties of each member in other words the city and ICRMP. That's what this agreement is this document used to be 19 pages long and over the years ICRMP would add different paragraphs to the agreement. There was a lot of duplicated language so last year ICRMP went through and cleaned up the agreement, but there's not been any material change to the policy. With that I don't know how in depth you want to go into the agreement.

Guy: I'm okay with it.

Inmon: I already read through it, and it seems pretty standard.

Guy: I make a motion.

Inmon: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Derik Janousek: Repairs and Shed Request for Parking Coverage: 1995 Ford Crown Vic: Airport Courtesy Car. TABLED

Mayor Galloska: We sent a Crown Vic if you recall or maybe not that was donated to the city a couple years back during Mayor White tenor. It sat out there at the airport was used a couple of times and there was some damage, it wasn't starting. We sent it to a mechanic to find out what was wrong with it and what it would take. I believe it's \$2500 was the quote to repair this vehicle. It's my suggestion that we do away with that vehicle and as we rotate some of the other vehicles out we have a Tahoe that's been used

by public works that I'd like to stop using so much and we can use that out there as a courtesy car if the council is in agreement with that because it's starting to get on those last legs. It's not in as bad shape as the Crown Vic but we have had to do some repairs on it lately as well. It can last as a courtesy car for a couple years sitting out there. You'll also know as a suggestion to put a shed, we're thinking an awning or coverings something along those lines. Do you want to keep the car, fix the car, replace the car, what does the council want to do?

Inmon: I'd personally would not like to invest \$2500 into a (inaudible word) Ford. As for purchasing a new one, I'm not comfortable at this point when we have a few meetings left to authorize spending any money, I'll leave that to the upcoming....

Mayor Galloska: And again, I'm not asking to purchase a new vehicle. If anything, I would suggest we start looking to get rid of this vehicle and use one we already have so there's no cost to us.

Guy: I just want to see how much it got used, if it's worthwhile.

Mayor Galloska: I would have to go pull the log to be honest I have to done so. When we first had it out there it was used periodically about 2-3 times a month just based off of what I was told by pilots. And from the phone calls we got here at city hall.

Guy: If it's been used a lot I would see about reinvesting. But if not ...

Mayor Galloska: If that's the council's decision we can table it for now and work things out later.

Guy: I make a motion to table this.

Inmon: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Set Date for Update/Review: Comprehensive Plan Workshop: Adopted October 8, 2013. Amended September 24, 2019.

Acord: I've been pushing to review the comp plan community preview and all of that. To review that first and update the comp plan, go through jobs and projects and mark them completed. Go through and build from that strategic plan for the upcoming year. Take your strategic plan and go through budget and strategic plan concerning grants that are available for upcoming projects for the upcoming year. I talked to the mayor a little bit and I think we're going to table this until the new city council comes into play and then they'll be able to work on it. This will be tabled until January.

Inmon: Motion to table the comprehensive plan workshop.

Guy: Second.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 12. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Glenns Ferry Frontsite Shooters Club, Inc. Grants/Request for Fencing/Public Archery Range.

Acord: We have the property that we MOU lease from you guys up there toward the dump. We've been applying for numerous grants with fish and game, and they finally bit. We received \$10,000 for block targets only, archery targets. We have a target range; it will be a public archery target range that will be going in up there at the property. We have our own insurance policy, we have our own everything, but the second round of grants that went in this last year and we did apply for fencing. One of the biggest things is we're putting \$500 block chart targets on that property, and we don't want them to walk away. We are going to try to fence from the green gates all the way over around to the driveway that has the double green gate and work with Jon to have 2 more gates in there and that will be the access for the city to be able to dump materials back there on the back gully instead of right there in front. Included with the grant from Idaho Fish and Game was a Conex to be on the property up front where we can store materials. Right now, they're sitting at my house, and I don't like that at all. The portion of the whole project we consulted with Total Range Services out of Boise, they are the ones that are currently building the gun range out in Eagle. They were consulted to do the design work and everything for over there. One of the

guys that works for Total Range Services was married to a gal from Glenns Ferry and he is very interested in our site, he came out and evaluated our current site, it's not safe, it's too close to the road, and of course we have the eagle's nest on the other side by the repeater station that's fish and game raises a red flag about. There's some different things like that going on that are deemed not a safe location. If you go off to the left where the old dump is where everyone shoots off their guns and is an absolute mess, we've already put in our application to BLM to put in an actual active gun range over onto that property and clean up everything up there. That's one of the things that's a pro for us for the project. If you go down along Cindi Wilde's house where people are actively shooting, you have couches, refrigerators, etc. that people are shooting at. Glass bottles, which cause a huge problem, and you have animals grazing on that property. We're trying to tackle the issue and start reporting people to the police if we find evidence of them littering and Glenns Ferry Frontsite Shooters Club started active cleanup. We've been doing it over the years but we're going to be more actively involved with cleaning up all of our BLM shooting sites including the one on Sugar Bowl Road and the one by Cindi Wilde's house. If you guys would like to become members you get to help with our events.

Item 13. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT:

A. Sheriff Office: Sheriff Hollinshead:

Mayor Galloska: The sheriff is ill and unfortunately was unable to get a replacement for him to come down. Hopefully he'll be here in two weeks.

Inmon: Has he given a status of the resource officer that he mentioned?

Mayor Galloska: That's why I had a conversation with him this afternoon. He said he'd update us when he gets here.

B. Fire Chief: Derik Janousek:

Janousek: I have a few slides. *That was the structure fire on October 4th. That little wire is the culprit of the structure fire. That was a 14-gauge feeding a dryer, underrated. For the most part everything internally in her house other than smoke damage everything was contained to the exterior. Her heater for her house is in the attic so it helped carry all the heat through the house. *That was a leak we found on our city pump in the rat's nest of houses and piping. *That would be hose testing that we started for this year. That would be a total of 2400 feet. *That one is a semi-truck fire we had, we were at about 10 hours on that one. *In front of you is our current run sheet for the fiscal year.

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

D. Public Works Director: Jon Ficken:

Ficken: I'm really excited for like the comments from earlier for the involvement of the community and new council members. My first month here was pretty rough with the public opinion of public works, but I will honestly say over the last month I have had more residence stopping me on the street and my guys being stopped on the street thanking them for what they're doing now then complaining about what they're not doing. With that being said we started doing all these projects that were shelved a little bit. Yesterday we fixed the fence at the water treatment plant. That fence is completely up and going. We were in the middle of the street pole project and unfortunately it won't be done before the decorations are up. A little over a month we are on 24 poles that we've taken to the powder coater and got back. We just took 4 more today so they have 8 sitting there to bring back. Now we're at their mercy because we are ahead of schedule, and they can't keep up with us now. We've gotten a lot of irrigation pumped out now with winter coming. We're going to have to do some repairs on our portable compressor is in pretty bad shape, it probably leaks more oil than it blows air. A lot of people have noticed the street sweeper out every day. That last big hailstorm really killed us with leaves especially up and down Commercial. We actually started laying pipe at the airport. We've got that digging and working, got to work with Donn on a few details. We've about another 60 foot in the ground yesterday. If you have any questions let me know. But I'm pretty happy on how the guys are working out right now.

E. Clerk/Treasure: Teresa Parsons:

Parsons: I am prepping the office girls for my medical leave that will be 6-8 weeks. It's coming quicker than we think. We are a month out before I'm out. The new council coming on and the changes there, I'm hoping things will go smoothly. I'll be able to be reached by phone, but I've got to take care of me.

F. Economic Development: Christy Acord:

Acord: Economic Development update, first of all I want to thank Jon and the city crew for cleaning up the entryway into Glenns Ferry down by the fairgrounds. Currently working with USDA Rural Development Farm Services Agency, Cattleman's, Simplot and other ag related agencies to organize town hall meetings in Elmore County. This will be the first time they've ever been held. We're organizing town halls in order to share resources with the ag community that we have available for them that no one seems to be taking advantage of. There's millions of dollars out there and yet Elmore County doesn't take advantage of it. We're just trying to push it out and see if we have anyone that's interested in working with farm services or ag related federal money that's coming down. Our next meeting is going to be in Glenns Ferry at the VFW hall in December. We haven't set a date for it. We're trying to do it Friday night and to get as many people there and spread the word on resources. I'm also working with Idaho Power on the Eastern Treasure Valley electrical plan for future growth and development. We had 2 meetings and now we're going to have a 3rd one that is tomorrow, and it's to put together resources and to update their plan to provide more power to the valley to accommodate the future growth and development of our area. I am working with Elmore County Health Coalition, Western Idaho Health Coalition initiative and get healthy Idaho on our plans for next steps in Elmore County. The priorities of all these coalitions and health services that I have been working with over the past 3 years we've kind of singled them out and have plans to move forward. The priorities are housing, behavioral, health and access to care throughout Elmore County. The trade school, we've been working with the local school district trying to get CTE going. I actually reached out to Idaho CTE and we have a person that works there that will help us form our coalition that we have between Bliss and the Glenns Ferry School District, Richard McKenna. They're talking to us about our trade school here in Glenns Ferry being an actual regional trade school. They're going to help us put it all together and move forward. The school district has filed through CET for a very large grant to complete our school and have equipment put in going in and also be able to pay teachers and staff for 2 years.

Guy: Did you ever get the thing settled between CWI and CSI?

Acord: No. It's not going to. When Elmore County filed a petition and yes I was one of the ones that filed the petition for the community college taxing district, the whole purpose behind filing that petition was Elmore County is the only county in the State of Idaho that is split. CWI services Mountain Home, CSI services Glenns Ferry. Neither one of them can service 100% because we're split. That was how we were told in order to combine them is bring it to the Idaho State Board of Education through a petition to be voted on to combine one community college would absorb all of Elmore County to be their service area. Filed the petition and there was a lot of backlash from Elmore County taxpayers. CWI said \$7 and something per \$100,000 in property tax and they didn't have a campus at that time. CWI however is building a very nice campus right now so that taxing rate is definitely go up because now they have to support their facility. It got filed with the county commissioners, it got filed with the county clerk and no one notified us that we had to come up with a nomenclature to go on the ballot. It fell to the waste side and then we decided we're not going to pursue it. We were hoping that the grant would get the trade school built. I don't care who cares who comes in and teaches over there at the trade school. I need people who know how to tach electrical, HVAC, plumbing, heavy equipment, nursing and health, business development, business incubator, carpentry. Those are the things I'm missing in the workforce. If you look at our workforce numbers here in Elmore County and here in Glenns Ferry we have a very large gap. It isn't like when I was a kid, students worked at McDonald's, and you worked your way up to a better paying job. Now you have parents working at McDonald's trying to support their family. We're trying to reskill people who are currently working in Elmore County to provide higher paying jobs in Elmore County to be able to recruit companies and businesses in. Housing, they don't have a place to live, they don't have the skills needed, we don't have the infrastructure. There's our 3 problems right there. We can't bring industry in here without those things being solved.

G. Librarian: Nichole Askew: Absent.

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcement: Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: Code enforcement – 1 call to code violation, self-initiated 13, sent out 3 letters. Animal control – 4 barking dog complaints, 10 dogs in the shelter, 3 were adopted out, 1 went to foster, 5 went home, 13 dogs at large, 2 missing and 1 welfare check.

I. Building Inspector: Kent Knab: Absent.

J. Cemetery: Kurtis Workman: Absent.

K. Airport Manager: Brian Reid: Absent.

L. Historical Museum: Donna Carnahan: Absent.

M. Planning & Zoning: Jennifer Baker: Absent.

Item 14. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Inmon: *I would like to add an item for our next agenda and going through the city's personal policy manual under FMLA it states in the city code that if the city does not employ at least 50 employees FMLA does not apply to the city employees, and they are entitled to the 12 weeks of job protected FMLA leave. I was doing some research and found through the US Department of Labor that the city has a public agency defined in the code so regardless of the number of our employees our employees should therefore if they meet all of the requirements under FMLA, be allowed to have that job protection. I would like to have that on the next agenda, and we can compare the wording with Mr. Schroeder.*

Guy: *I'm glad to see 2 people here I voted for and welcome to taking over this and hoping you all do good.*

Case: *N/A*

Mayor Galloska: *N/A*

Item 15. ADJOURN: 7:43 pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 11/16/2023

Approved by the City Council:

Date: _____

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer