

City of Glenns Ferry City Council Meeting February 13, 2024

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry for 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, by Mayor Billy Galloska.

Members Present: Sheriff Hollinshead, William Chesnutt, Kurtis & Havilah Workman, Donn Carnahan, Harvey Senecal, Annette Payne, Nathan Jones, Mason Askew, Darrin & RoseMary Oldenberg, Kay Knab

Staff Present: Teresa Parsons, Jon Ficken, Jackie Shenk, Derik Janousek, Christy Acord, Erica Ross, Nicole Askew, Kent Knab, Lori Freeman

Online: Mark Campbell, Josh Cramer

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Item 1. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

 A Susan Case X Steve Alderman X David Payne X Jordan Thomas
 X Mayor Billy Galloska

*** For the Record: Councilwoman Case - Absent

Item 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

Payne: I move that we adopt the agenda.

Thomas: 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.

Nathan Jones: King Hill property owner in Glenns Ferry. I think the last meeting I attended I listened to the auditor's report, and he mentioned a special projects fund which has \$560,000 in it. I'm interested in discussion in that fund. Two things, number one I think as a community, council, mayor we need to define what special project is and the second thing is that money, I had a chat with Teresa, and that money is sitting at Sunwest Bank earning 2.7% interest and currently there are much better rates available. Even our own local US Bank has a 9-month 4.9% CD. Also, I'm on the Eastern Elmore County Recreation District and any of our surplus budget money, we invest in a LGIP Account. I believe that's Local Government Investment Pool. That in December was earning 5.4%. I think if you would all look into that perhaps that money could be invested and get a higher return and then a discussion of what actually is a special project perhaps we hold that money together, earn interest, spend the interest on special projects. That's my recommendation and I would certainly help in anyway I can. Mr. Mayor I stand for questions.

Alderman: Thanks for bringing that up to us.

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

A. Special Council Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2024.

B. City Council Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2024.

C. Accounts Payables for January 2024.

D. Payroll for January 2024.

Payne: I'm not familiar with the procedure but can I ask at this point or are we beyond that point to have accounts payable moved to the regular agenda and taken off the consent agenda?

Mayor Galloska: Nope, we can do that. You can make a motion to adopt it with moving Part C to Item 6 and we can carry it that way.

Payne: I move that we approve the consent agenda moving Item C to under Item 6.

Alderman: I'll second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

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

Payne: I just have questions for clarification and most of these are for you Jon. This repair on the 2004 Ford F250 there's \$3184.75 repair.

Fiken: That was a new transmission. There's probably another one that you missed just prior to this but out of our daily drivers the trucks that the guys drive around every single day, 2 of the F250's with the service beds, one needed the front end rebuilt, one needed the transmission rebuilt and the front end rebuilt. And we still have a couple more that need to go in for some major repairs as well. But that was one of the larger ones, that \$30 whatever it was.

Payne: The Norco supplies, cylinder rent. That's acetylene or is that argon. My question is this rent versus buy on the tanks.

Fiken: For our torches, for our shop. I haven't looked into it. I don't know the price difference to be honest with you. That's just been a reoccurring one that we've had there at the shop.

Payne: You know how frequently, is it just a single tank?

Fiken: It's a single tank.

Payne: Do you know approximately how often that needs to be refilled.

Fiken: I think that's the first time since I've been here. So, about 4 months 4 and a half months.

Payne: Pretty long lasting then. It's like owning a home do you want to rent or do you want to buy.

Mayor Galloska: It's something we can look into.

Payne: I'm just curious. And then for Derik, the shirts were \$910.

Janousek: That's just for the fire guys. We keep shirts for the guys so when they go out in public they all have matching. I haven't ordered shirts in a while, so it's been a while.

Payne: How many shirts does that buy?

Janousek: There's probably 50, 60 shirts. I tend to use Kelly because she's close and local.

Payne: Yeah, buy local. USA Bluebook, steel tile quote.

Fiken: That's for public works. The steel tile to probe to find pipes underground. It's a probe and then the chlorine in our CL17's that monitor our chlorine level. They take a buffer solution that come in a 2 pack, and we order them from USA Bluebook. They're about \$80 and we usually order 3-4 months supply at a time.

Payne: That's a combination of 2 different things the probe and then the chemical.

Fiken: Yeah it was on the same order from USA Bluebook.

Payne: You have to make this order how often for approximately the chlorine.

Fiken: We do about a 4-5 month supply at a time.

Parsons: Can I get a motion to approve the payable since it was moved.

Payne: I'll make that motion.

Alderman: I'll second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes.

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Replace Clearsource Technologies IT Services. Moving out of the area.

Mayor Galloska: This is more to just get the council more information and let you know we're going to have to start checking out some details. Clearsource is our IT. They deal with everything in here in this office, all of our facilities. The water plant when it goes down, the computer stuff down there. He has informed us that he is moving out of state and that we probably need an IT that's here local. He said he could do it out of state but having somebody here is better. We need to start looking around.

Payne: Do we know who the school uses, is it a school employee?

Mayor Galloska: It's a school employee. We'll check around I know that there's people that the county use, and we'll try to find a source. I just want to let you know that that's coming.

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Electric Vehicle Chargers and Related Infrastructure: Grant. TABLED

Mark Campbell: (General Discussion/Presentation) I'm with Merakisis and I'm the chief operating officer and we have a partnership with (inaudible) what we're sharing with you today is our no risk no cost electric vehicle charging program. With the US Department of Transportation relating to the charging and fueling infrastructure grant. It's not often that the federal government makes money available and makes it available for historically disadvantaged communities and rural America. They're spending \$300 billion in this EV Space. There is a matching grant component. You can see here a 20% match, but I have 3 companies that are willing to provide the 20% match, so this makes it 100% no cost to you. You won't pay out of pocket at any point and time during this process. All of the activities are going to be provided by Merikisis. We want the right people winning this grant. The government set aside \$2.5 billion that they're giving away over the next 5 years and we want to ensure that people like Glenns Ferry are the ones winning those grants. The only way to make that happen is to put a process in place where we assume the responsibility for 100% of the work and then if you want to do some of the work great, but in case you don't either have the resources, time, or energy or skill set to do it we are available for you. The activities have no cost from us and have no out of pocket costs either. If you end up winning the grant, and there's 3 different programs you can choose from, Merakisis only gets paid if you win. We're able to do it all. We wanted to eliminate all of the barriers for you so if this is something the city wants to do we'll make it available to you. You'll be getting millions of dollars of EV infrastructure and energy storage infrastructure. All of that is at no cost to you. Wherever you place the chargers, whoever is hosting the equipment they're going to get 90% of the usage revenue. As they use them the utility company will make more money, the city will make more money from taxes and get 90% of that usage revenue. In addition to that 5% of the grant may be used for training and education. There are many rules and regulations around EV implementation. One of which is you can't work on an EV charger implementation if you're an electrician without an EV ITP certification. With this 5% we can train your local trades people, electricians what have you. Once they are installed your city will be the ones maintaining it and getting paid to do so. Unless you already have a renegotiated rate with the federal government you are allowed to add in an indirect expense on top of the direct cost to implement the work and you as the city can get 10%. We must spend at least 40% of the dollars with local businesses. The government wants to be emission neutral by 2035. They want to be no greenhouse gas coming from automobiles by 2035. The fact that I-84 runs through your city is phenomenal. In order for us to bring the 20% match to the table, the only reason they're willing to do that is if their hardware is used. We'll also do all the grant writing and the submission. If you need us managing the project post grant then we'll manage the project post grant. We can do the full engagement 100% turnkey, no touch from you and we do it all. You'll see there is no cost for steps 1-4. If you don't win you don't pay a dime. If you do win the first and the second option we'll get a 6% fee and that's paid out of the grant. The third and fourth option, let's say you need us to do a lot of the work, but you don't need us to run the Competitive RFP and you don't need us post grant award. You want to manage that yourself. That's wonderful, we'll still do all of that work for you. We'll still keep it at no cost, we'll still participate on the sales side. We'll be the ones selling you the equipment. The rules state that you can't be on both sides of the equation. We can't help you run the RFP and award us the money. Depending on how you want the program to run, we can either be on the buy side with you or the sales side. Data analytics, the writing, and the grant writing we will do 100% for you regardless of what decision you make. Either April, May or June, we are well ahead of time. The Competitive RFP is already written, I can send it to you. The only thing you need to do for that Competitive RFP is identify where you want the chargers and put the companies through the paces. The higher kilowatts the quicker the charge.

Payne: What kind of footprint are we talking for one of these stations?

Campbell: The footprint for the level 2 charger, it's a pole that comes out of the ground, a 4-inch round pole. There would be no disruption to any of your parking spaces. The DC Fast Chargers you'd put it on

the sidewalk, we're going to need for every DC Fast Charger we're going to need a 40-foot square for the power consumption.

Payne: I'm missing the plan here, is it to put these chargers around town, to centralize them

Mayor Galloska: I think during the survey portion and correct me if I'm wrong Mark, but during the survey portion that's what they're going to discover between us and the community involvement and try to figure out where they want it, where it works best and how it works best for the community.

Campbell: Correct. Over the next 4-6 weeks if you choose to move forward you can choose where you want the chargers. We recommend that you get 20 level 2 chargers, you get 1 level 2 charger with media, put 2 level 3 chargers in town, and 8 along the corridor. With that your implementation cost is going to be between \$2-6 million.

Payne: What does that mean?

Campbell: When you put this out to bid and we identify where you want the chargers, and you tell the GC's and EC's who are going to be bidding on this project that you want a total of 31 chargers we anticipate that that implementation cost is going to be between \$2-6 million. That's what we're going to be writing the grant for and one of the reasons we run the bid so we can get an exact number. How much is this project likely going to be for the community, it's \$2-6 million.

Mayor Galloska: In addition to that that means that that 10% that is put into the city is somewhere between \$200,000-600,000 is that correct.

Campbell: That's correct. I can just chat with you tomorrow.

Payne: Is there an estimate of when the grants would be awarded?

Mayor Galloska: It would probably happen around January maybe early February, and we would be funded in April and it's a 2-week process to put them in.

Parsons: I've been dealing with money for a really really long time, and nothing is ever 100% absolutely free.

Mayor Galloska: Agreed. This is where we don't sign a contract until they fulfill the part where they have agreed to or brought to us.

Acord: One of the concerns that I had when I was in there with the mayor going through the presentation was you don't want anyone like us writing the grant because we don't know the wording to put it together for EV. On the backside there's a lot to managing the grant with a size like that.

Parsons: In prior trainings with Federal Funded Grants there's a lot of hoops to jump through.

Payne: I'll tell you what immediately came to my mind when I read this in the packet was the city owns the property on the corner of Bannock and Old Highway 30, the right of way, it's easy access from the freeway.

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Sand Truck Replacement.

Ficken: I would still like to find an insert for the smaller dump truck we have right now.

Mayor Galloska: We'll keep looking and try to find the best possible.

Item 10. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Three Island Senior Center: Building Permit for ADA Push Botton Door Install and Entryway Slope Repair – Requesting Application Fee Waiver.

Acord: We are asking for a waiver of the fee for the permit.

Parsons: The permit was \$441.75. And when you guys are waiving fees you still have an inspector you have to pay 30% up front, 30% at completion.

Alderman: If we waive that we're waiving everything but his 60%.

Mayor Galloska: No, the 60% still comes out of the administrative budget at that point. In other words, we don't recover that.

Alderman: Was it a grant?

Acord: Yeah. They paid for the doors and the concrete slope.

Payne: There wasn't room in the grant to cover the expense of the permit.

Acord: Right.

Alderman: I make a motion that we waive the building permit fee for the senior citizens.

Payne: Second it.

Mayor Galloska: All in favor, all – ayes

Item 11. DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Christy Acord: Feasibility Study: Economic Stimulator Grant.

Acord: Rural Business Development Grant. We are looking into different grant applications to try to complete the trade school and try to figure out how to do that. It's very difficult in part of we have a private owner of the trade school. He's invested a lot of his own money into the project. The government tends to not grant people any money who are private owners of anything. You have to belong to a nonprofit etc. We formed Elmore County Training and Learning Center Nonprofit Board to help us with completion of the building and potential ownership in the future of the building. I was speaking with Tim Wheeler from USDA Rural Development, which is who I work with on grants throughout the county for various buildings on how I can tap into some federal money because we want to start offering CTE classes and a small business development center at the top floor. This RDBG Grant would help complete a feasibility study for the trade and technical center with a small business development center. This would help us to generate a feasibility study about the project itself and then economic valuable for the region of Elmore County and also included to the Hagerman, Gooding and that region. Since we all have to travel. We're dead center. Feasibility study is 20% match funds approximately be \$5000. The best way to apply would be to get the city or the county to apply. I'm coming to you guys, and we may be submitting. I'm finding \$5000 somewhere. So that we can apply to have a feasibility study written for our business incubator and our trade school project so we can file another grant on top of that called a Rise Grant to help complete the trade school project. If we do the feasibility study we're going to be sitting at the very top for the Rise Grant application which is a federal national application. We're talking April for the Rise Grant.

Item 12. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: DISCUSSION/MOTION: [ACTION ITEM]

A. Sheriff Office: Sheriff Hollinshead:

Sheriff: I'm down 7 deputies. I have the slots filled but 4 in post, 2 in FTO which I cannot use and 1 is going to have to have surgery after being injured on I-84 slipping on the ice and almost getting hit by a car. We've started our process of hiring; we're getting a lot of good applications and hopefully the jail and all the deputy positions in the jail full and dispatch. Patrol we pulled from the jail since the jail's getting most of the applications and put them on patrol so if they want to go on the road they have an advantage to continue their career. I also reached out to IDT on the driver's license's up here I am making no headway. IDT is their own entity. I haven't given up and I'm still fighting it. Once we get our patrol up and running I am getting our school resource officer down here. The call volume is going up since 2017. I am really proud of our deputies working extra hours to make sure everyone is safe. They still do come down here.

Alderman: There's not a deputy that lives in Glenns Ferry?

Sheriff: No sir. We do have it on the books that the commission approved if we get one a residential dollar but right now I can't get anybody this way to help.

Alderman: What's the stats for Glenns Ferry?

Sheriff: I can get the stats and email it to Mayor or her and she can get it out to you all.

B. Fire Chief: Derik Janousek:

Janousek: We're still waiting on our inflatable house to come in. I've got fire school this weekend, 6 guys going to that. I think sometime in March we're shooting to have a trailer out here again for light fire training.

Thomas: *With the inflatable house, what events are you planning to take that to?*

Janousek: *We'll take it to the 4th and do some public over at the school and probably take it out to the health fair if they have it again.*

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

Carnahan: *We did get an email from DEQ that the award for the stormwater grant. We should accept that and get moving on that one.*

Parsons: *That will be on the next agenda.*

D. Public Works Director: Jon Ficken:

Ficken: *I wanted to make the public aware, it's pothole season so we're out trying to hit all the potholes. It's gopher season and we're at the cemetery trying to control some of the nuisance there. We're starting on the building tearing it down and just today and we started digging at the airport again today. It is one of our top priorities behind compliance at the water plant. There's been about 25 intersections in town not having and needing stop signs along with the 3 that were hit in the snowstorm. Those got put back up and we've installed 5 on those intersections. There's going to be 25 put up, putting up about 5 a week.*

E. Clerk/Treasurer: Teresa Parsons: N/A

F. Economic Development: Christy Acord:

Acord: *N/A*

G. Librarian: Nicole Askew:

Askew: *I haven't seen you guys before and I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. I'm at the library and I've been there since May of this past year. I was on the board previous to that. Myself, my family and my husband here his parents we purchased Homestead Supply. We've got 5 kids, we homeschool, I'm busy all the time. I want to let you guys know what we've been busy with at the library. Since May we have standardized all the shelves. When I came in there were things everywhere, in every which place that shouldn't have belonged. We've moved all of our large print to one section, young adult to one section, we've gone through all of our children and juvenile and sectioned things out, so they are now easier to find depending on what age group you're looking for. We've taken our DVD collection, we actually put ratings on everything and alphabetized them and let me tell you that was a huge thing that Erica and I were able to do. We have applied for and were awarded \$2000 for a summer support grant and that's going to take care of our summer reading program this year. We also were awarded \$500 for our Forever Idaho Grant. We're going to be using that money to create a resource library for people to actually come in and be able to take home kits. We've had an uptick in homeschooling families. I've been a homeschooling family for 7 years, it's not something new for us, but in the past 2 years we've had a huge boom in families that are keeping their kids home, but they don't have support or any resources. We would love to become one of those. With this grant we are going to be able to bring in different containers and kits and things that they can take home and use. They can also use it at the library. Other libraries do offer this service, we never have. We have also applied for another grant that is going to help our visually impaired group. Large print books are very expensive. We can barely afford to buy books each month. Large print books we're talking anywhere from 430 or more per book. We have about \$100 each month to spend on books so we have no way possible to purchase anything large print. Right now, we are running about 2 youth programs each week. We have a book club once a month and today we even had a homeschool group with 40 attendants. We are trying our best to be a place for our community. We've began a fund raiser which is a community cookbook. I need recipes. You'll see little QR Codes there, there will be papers all over town. As far as boards go they're hard to keep filled, they're very difficult especially in small communities. We do have an open board position. It's been open for about 10 months, but we have also been able to maintain the board that we had when I started. That's really big for the library. Like I said before I was on as the director, I was on the board, and we were constantly seeing a seat empty. Just that rotating door has been moved a lot but in the past 10 months we haven't lost anyone. We have so many projects on our calendar just to get our library up to standards, we're behind in*

a lot of areas. Our ADA compliance so far... we don't need to talk about today, we can talk about that soon though. Actually, I'm not going to go through all that because we will be talking about it at the next strategic meeting, hopefully. I want to just come up and say hi.

Alderman: How many visually impaired people do we have in the community?

Askew: Erica, do you know the percentage on people checking out large books.

Erica Ross: No, but large print since we've sectioned it off more people are aware of it and more people enjoy it.

Askew: Before because everything was slotted in our general, we were having to go through and look for books for people and now it is in its own section, and they are definitely getting shopped.

Mayor Galloska: I want to say thank you for rating the DVD's that's awesome.

Askew: There are a lot of rated R movies guys.

H. Animal Control/Code Enforcement: Jackie Shenk:

Shenk: 1 dog barking complaint, 5 in shelter, 1 adopted out. Leaving 4 in still. 9 at large and 2 missing dogs.

I. Building Inspector: Kent Knab:

Knab: I'd like to go to the senior center; I would like to waive my fee. I have inspected it, fantastic job. If that's possible.

Mayor Galloska: I just need to check on the legality on that.

Knab: We've got 4 solar panel permits, roof permit, batting cages, house add on, house remodel, 2 homes being built, porch cover, and enclosing carports. There is development going on.

J. Cemetery Committee: Kurtis Workman:

Workman: We'll cover some of the big items at the strategic planning meeting. The scheduling still remains a difficult thing. The cemetery committee was a 5-member committee, we're currently at 3. City residents that might be interested sent them my way.

K. Airport Site Manager: Brian Reid:

Mayor Galloska: There is going to be some surveying going on out at the airport from ITD for the aeronautics division for what they are going to be doing for the taxiways and aprons as they get closer to the project start.

Payne: Has there been any discussion about extending the road that goes on the west end of the state park at the east bound take off pad and joining that with fly ins at the state park?

Mayor Galloska: There was some executive session prior to you all taking seat of that. We need to discuss that in executive session. Donn has been in contact with some of the people to find out what works best for everyone.

L. Historical Museum: Donna Carnahan: Absent.

M. Planning & Zoning: RoseMary Oldenberg:

Oldenberg: I am the new chair for planning and zoning. Council you received our updated paperwork. I just wanted to go ahead and go through that and let you know what we're doing. This is in regard to the May 2, 2023, joint council and p&z commissioners meeting. The setback and are requirements and uses permitted. Right now, we are in meetings with nonconforming uses and nonconforming structures. We will continue with that, and I'll have more of an update for you at our next meeting.

Mayor Galloska: The council prior to you all coming on board, had decided that there was several things that they wanted you to look at and start reviewing.

Freeman: Once we get done with these items that the council gave us to work on, they'd like to have a meeting with Geoff and go over the public hearing because planning and zoning will have a public hearing and once we get done with the public hearing we take it to the city council, and we just recommend.

Alderman: Can the council come to the planning and zoning public hearings?

Freeman: No, you can't come to ours because we recommend to you and then you vote.

Alderman: We can't hear public comment.

Mayor Galloska: You can read the report of the public comment in the packet then you can make that judgement based on that evidence.

Item 13. MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Payne: I do have some items that I've flagged. I've sat through a lot of council meetings for the last 15 years that I've lived here, and I've observed council that have made it clear through their appearance that they don't want to be here. The meeting goes until the business of the city is done. I am willing to stay until midnight. I would like to propose that we modify the 3-minute limit. I propose that we lengthen the time or do away with the time limit completely and that the moderator, is you mayor, control it that way.

Parsons: Anybody can put in a request to be on the agenda and that would bypass the 3-minute limit. Then decisions can be made on it. It's 3-minutes to present but the council cannot make decisions when it comes to that part.

Payne: I understand. It just seems to me too restricted. I in no way believe that the 5 people that sit at this table have all the answers and there may well be that there's somebody in the audience that has an answer. I specifically have a memory of when I was out there, and I had the answer I was basically scolded by the council because I had spoke up. I disagree, if it pertains it pertains period.

Mayor Galloska: I will say that I have discussed that with the attorney, and it had something to do with public meeting open meetings and it had something to do with public hearings and we can talk to the attorney again and get clarity.

Alderman: I also want to reiterate what David said about the 3-minute limit. I'm fine with the 3 to 5 minutes at the beginning but I think the audience should have a couple minutes at the end of the meeting to rebut or add to anything that we've discussed.

Mayor Galloska: Just so you know when it's agenda items those are times when that rule thing comes in that I was talking about. But I will check it out with the attorney.

Thomas: I'd like to encourage people to talk to us while we're out and about, bring things to our attention. Property violations. We need to get the community involved in a helping manner instead of trying to fine them to death. There's a lot of groups that can get people together. Garfield we had to road cut in 2 places it's settled so it's like driving over a curb. Meet with King Hill Irrigation representative.

Mayor Galloska: They'll be cutting them out just like ITD does them so maybe it will help alleviate that problem. King Hill representative has talked to me, he just needs to get on the agenda.

Alderman: Sewer lines scheduled to be fixed. Behind mini mart, from the wine shop to the Moose Hall and across.

Mayor Galloska: Moose Lodge that portion was repaired.

Carnahan: That was the Owyhee Project and Sweets came in and fixed that problem.

Mayor Galloska: Thank you all for being here.

Item 14. ADJOURN: 8:38pm

Minutes submitted by: Kristian McFarland

Date: 02/21/2024

Approved by the City Council:

Date: 02/ /2024

William L. Galloska - Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa Parsons - Clerk/Treasurer