City of Glenns Ferry

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Steve Alderman, Councilman | Jordan Thomas, Councilman | Luke Guy, Councilman

Brenda Chafin-City Clerk

City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Staff Present: Brenda Chafin, Derik Janousek

Others Present: Nate Jones, Carol Phillips, Connie Wills, Cindy Mitchell, Wren Hernandez, Johnny Hernandez

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER The Council regular meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Glenns Ferry City Hall, Council Chambers by Mayor Susan Case.

Item 2. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:
Members Present: Mayor Susan Case, David Payne, Steve Alderman, Jordan Thomas, Luke Guy - Absent

Item 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **None**.

Item 5. MOTION TO: [ACTION ITEM] Any amendments to the agenda.

Item 6. MOTION: [ACTION ITEM] Consent Agenda.
The consent agenda includes items which require formal council action, but which are typically routine or not of great controversy. Council members can approve the items listed on the consent agenda as one item or, if finding a correction needs to be made, can pull that item for discussion.

A. City Council Workshop Heritage Trail Kiosk Committee Minutes for April 28, 2026
B. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2026.
C. Treasurer Report: Review and acceptance of the April 2026 Financial Report, including purchase order summary, pursuant to City Code 1-8E-2(E) and 1-11.

Thomas: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
Alderman: Second
Roll Call Vote: Alderman – Aye, Thomas – Aye, Payne – Aye
Result: Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

Item 7. DISCUSSION/MOTION: **[ACTION ITEM]** Appointment of New Library Board Member – Ralph Winterbottom.
Mayor Case announced Ralph Winterbottom as Library Board Member
Payne: Motion to approve Ralph Winterbottom for the Library Board
Alderman: Second
All in Favor: All aye.
Result: Motion Carried

Item 8. DISCUSSION/MOTION: **[ACTION ITEM]** Appointment of Museum Board Liaison – Council Member.

APPROVED

Payne: Motion to appoint Councilman Thomas as Liaison for the Museum Board.
Alderman: Second
All in Favor: All aye.
Result: Motion Passed

Item 9. DISCUSSION/MOTION: **[ACTION ITEM]** RV parking location for Rocky Mountain Dredge.
Christy Acord secured a free 30-day campsite at the fairgrounds for dredging crew. Mayor Case gave Teresa Jenson (Rocky Mountain Dredge) Julie Lisle's contact information on May 8, 2026. Update on connection between Teresa and Julie still pending.

DEPARTMENTAL:

Item 10. DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: Department head reports are given as requested by the mayor.

Fire Department – Chief Janousek

- Continuing weed/brush burn requests (non-structure).
- Upcoming repainting of fire lanes on First Avenue.
- Discussion with Payne regarding historical fire-related roof damage.

Economic Development – Christy Acord

- **Picnic Table Renovation Project**: 12 tables already spoken for.
- **Museum Projects**: bell kiosk, ADA stair chair, restoration planning for historic railroad car.
- **America 250 Efforts**: community events, museum iPads for July 4th tours.
- **Multi-Juristictional Transportation Grant Planning**: Requests for residents to contact her directly for accurate project information.

Item 11. MAYOR'S UPDATE: Current initiatives and work in progress

- Attempting to keep ATM services in town via Pioneer.
- Working with Sheriff's Office on code enforcement support without additional contract cost.
- Meeting with Senator Risch's office; potential federal support letters for grants.
- Attended Mountain Home Rotary meeting along with Christy Acord.
- Rural Success Summit attendance planned.
- Aflac wage-insurance benefits presented to employees.
- Upcoming budget and levy training on May 28.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item 12. DISCUSSION: Review of Contract Draft for Rocky Mountain Dredge (No Action Needed — Contract to Be Executed by Mayor Once Finalized)

- Cost reduced by $30,000.
- Awaiting formal contract from dredging contractor's attorney; city attorney does not yet have it.
- No project start date available.
- Sewer fund is significantly overextended.

APPROVED

- Chafin working on options to help recover funds in the Sewer Fund and will provide full presentation after dredging contract finalization.
- Chafin encouraged council to “think outside the box” regarding revenue options.

Item 13. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: *Council comments are limited to three minutes. Comments must relate only to insight or clarification regarding the preceding meeting. Comments only — no discussion, new business, or debate. Questions or requests for new business must be submitted to the Mayor by noon on the Wednesday before the next meeting.*

Alderman

- Requested return to printed packets; Chafin confirmed she can provide agendas in print.
- Requested requirement that department head reports be submitted by Thursday for inclusion in agenda packets.
- Wants agenda discussion flexibility, including more detailed reports.
- Requested ability for council to discuss items more freely and removal of 3-minute limit on council comment.

Clerk Chafin

- Noted that assembling packets takes about 3 hours.
- Confirmed she can provide printed agendas and optional yellow notebooks.
- Agreed to add department reports when received.

Mayor Case Response

- Stated discussion during council meeting is not allowed per past mayors’ practice; concerns about fairness and influence.
- Encouraged tabling items if further public information or input is needed.
- Open to re-adding agenda structure items if formally requested.

Councilman Thomas

- Discussed June 13 America 250 service project; seeking cleanup locations.

Councilman Payne

- Library tree assessment; recommendation to remove immature fruit soon by shaking.
- Concern about Open Meeting Law compliance regarding vague agenda descriptions for department head reports
- Request for Union Pacific to address weed and property maintenance issues.
- Chafin will re-contact UP public relations liaison.

Item 14. ADJOURN:

Adjourn at 7:39 PM

Minutes written by: Brenda Chafin Date: **05/13/2026**

Approved by the City Council: Date: **06/02/2026**

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Susan Case – Mayor

Attest: _____

Brenda Chafin, Clerk

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