City of Glenns Ferry

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City Officials: Susan Case, Mayor | David Payne, City Council President
Steve Alderman, Councilman | Jordan Thomas, Councilman | Luke Guy, Councilman

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 28, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Staff Present: Brenda Chafin, Becca Negrete, Jackie Shenk, Alex Bybee, Derik Janousak
Others Present: Nathan Jones, Cindy Mitchell, Johnny Hernandez, Jack Long, Sean Smith, Regina Abney

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Timestamp: 01:56–02:03

The Council meeting of the City of Glenns Ferry was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, by Mayor Susan Case.

Item 2. OPEN MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Timestamp: 02:06–02:14

Council Present:

- Councilman Alderman
- Councilman Guy
- Councilman Thomas
- Councilman Payne
- Mayor Case
- All members acknowledged present

Item 3. 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Timestamp: 02:15–02:33

- Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Item 4. Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-agenda items)

Timestamp: 02:57–05:42

Speaker: Jack Long (04:31–05:42)

- Expressed concern regarding civic pride and appearance of the city.
- Highlighted the poor appearance of the city's water tower.
- Stated volunteers had previously offered to paint the tower free of charge.
- Raised questions about antenna rental revenue and maintenance responsibilities.

Item 5. Item 5. MOTION: Amendments to the Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Timestamp: 05:48–06:38

- Council discussed adding the EAS District redistricting resolution to the agenda.

Motion

APPROVED

Motion: Councilman Guy moved to add the EAS redistricting resolution to the agenda.
Second: Councilman Payne.
Vote (Roll Call):
• Alderman — Aye
• Guy — Aye
• Thomas — Aye
• Payne — Aye
Result: Motion carried unanimously. (06:24–06:32)

Item 6. Item 6. MOTION: Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Timestamp: 07:28–07:56

- Councilman Guy motioned to consent the agenda with the amended agenda.
- Second: Councilman Thomas
  Vote: All in favor; none opposed.
  Result: Motion carried.

Item 7. Item 7. Department / Committee Reports

Timestamp: 08:01–08:07

• Mayor Case stated department heads would present during the budget discussion portion; reports temporarily held.

Item 8. Item 8. PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed FY2027 Municipal Budget

Timestamp: 08:10–12:40

Opening of Public Hearing
• Public hearing opened at 7:07
• Mayor Case called for public testimony.
Public Testimony
Speaker: Scott Smith
• Expressed concern that negative sewer fund balances were being shifted to taxpayers.
• Cited 60 years of no dredging and lack of signed contracts.
• Questioned whether proper bidding and contractor vetting occurred.
• Requested citywide spending reductions rather than increased rates.
Speaker Nate Jones
• Expressed confusion following the published budget.
• Questioned whether a proposed $25 sewer fee increase was included.
• Raised issue of $630,000 sewer deficit and transfer of $400,000 from the water fund.
• Asked why these figures did not appear in the budget publication.
Additional Public Comment
• Emphasized need to plan for sewer membrane replacement within two years.
• Urged development of a multi-year financial strategy.
• Questioned adequacy of capital fund planning.
Closing of Public Hearing
• Public hearing closed at 7:12 PM (12:24–12:26).

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Item 9. Item 9. ACTION ITEM: Budget Acceptance & Ordinance Direction

Timestamp: 12:56–20:24

Council Discussion Highlights

• Clarified sewer deficit figures: the $400,000 transferred from water is included within the $600,000 sewer deficit.

• Preliminary levy numbers are not yet available from the state; final tax impact uncertain.

• Council noted ability to approve the budget later and make reductions without requiring new hearings.

• Discussion included line-item salary increases (~10%) to allow flexibility for staffing changes.

• DEQ updates: With staff fully licensed, potential reduction of ~$80,000 expenditure 18:31–19:22).

• Temporary $25/month sewer fee discussed; estimated to generate ~$172,000 in revenue and allow repayment of water fund transfers. (20:24–20:51)

No final motion to adopt the budget was made.

Item was tabled for next meeting pending updated tax numbers and discussion of various budget subjects.

Item 10. Item 10. ACTION ITEM: Sewer – Emergency Funding

Timestamp: 21:02–01:18:10

Public Works Report – Alex Bybee

• Sweets performed camera inspection; found major sewer line obstruction between East 1st Street and East Idaho Street (a 12-inch line ~80% filled with sediment). (01:14:29–01:14:38)

• Obstructions causing backed up manholes in nearby areas.

• Resident complaint of strong sewer odor triggered investigation.

• Estimated cost for cleaning and camera work: ~$40,000.

Council Discussion

• Clarification that the issue is separate from dredging activities.

• Budget lacks sufficient funds; reopening of sewer budget required before spending.

• Emergency public hearing will be needed to authorize expenditure.

Motion

Motion: Councilman Guy moved to set a public hearing for emergency sewer funding of up to $40,000.

Second: Councilman Payne.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Result: Motion carried; staff to schedule required notices. (01:18:17–01:18:41)

Item 11. Item 11. ACTION ITEM: Redistricting Resolution

Timestamp: 01:19:12–01:19:49

Motion

Motion: Councilman Guy moved to adopt the redistricting resolution for boundary changes.

Second: Councilman Payne.

Vote (Roll Call):

• Payne — Aye

• Thomas — Aye

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• Guy — Aye
• Alderman — Aye
Result: Motion carried; resolution to be forwarded to county

Item 12. Item 12. Mayor & Council Comments

Timestamp: 01:20:03–01:24:32

Council Comments

• Councilman Payne requested improved notification to council when new staff are hired.
• Discussion regarding water curtailment risks; no current curtailment expected.
• Discussion on lease contract intervals for water tower antenna users (White Cloud vs. Anthem).
• Clarification that staff will review applicable lease terms.

Item 13. ADJOURNMENT

Timestamp: 01:24:32–01:24:34

• Mayor Case adjourned the meeting.

Minutes written by: Rebecca Negrete Date: **08/05/2026**
Approved by the City Council: Date: **08/11/2026**

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Susan Case – Mayor

Attest: _____
David Payne - City Council President

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