

**Glyndon City Council**

**12/13/2017**

6:30 p.m. Truth in Taxation Hearing  
Glyndon Council Chambers

**Call to Order:** Mayor Cecil Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Council Members Present: Dave Owings, Justin Schreiber, Joe Olson and Kimberly Savageau, City Clerk Wendy Affield, Administrative Assistant Susan Dayley, City Attorney Ken Norman and City Engineer Kris Carlson.

**As Per Sign-in Sheet:** None

**1. Discussion on Tax Levy for 2018** – Mayor Johnson went through the items in the Truth-in-Taxation Agenda Packet starting with the Bonds and Budget Requirements sheet from David Drown Associates. According to the sheet the City has five (5) Bond Issues that have payments due in 2018. The sheet is separated into five (5) categories that show where the funds will come from to make each payment.

Special Assessments - \$110,806.00

Property Taxes - \$200,090.00

Tax Abatement - \$25,218.00

Water Revenues - \$152,594.00

Sewer Revenues - \$18,259.00

The second sheet in the packet shows the letter to County Auditor, Lori Johnson explaining the Truth-in Taxation meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017 and the proposed Tax Levy percentage was set at 4%.

The third sheet explains what the Preliminary Tax Levy amount would be for 2018 at each percentage up to 4%. It also shows the 2016 Tax Levy amount (\$449,411.12), and what the 2017 Tax Levy increase was (3% - \$13,482.33). Council will need to decide what percentage they will need to increase the levy during the Regular Council Meeting, it cannot be higher than four percent (4%).

The fourth sheet shows the Tax Levy Percentages over the last nine years:

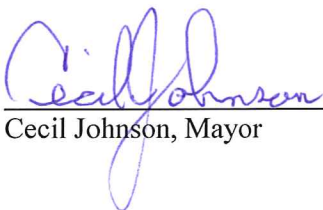
2009 – 4.76%	2010 – 9%	2011 – 7%	2012 – 3%
2013 – 4%	2014 – 0%	2015 – 0%	2016 – 3%
2017 – 3%	2018 -?		

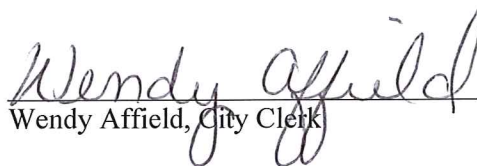
Mayor Johnson asked Council if they had any questions at this time. With none, he moved onto the expenditure and revenue budget sheets. Mayor Johnson informed Council the Finance Committee who consists of himself and Savageau met and discussed the budget further to make

sure what changes needed to be done would be brought forth tonight before the final budget was set. Savageau discussed, instead of deleting the forestry charge on the Utility Bill, they would like to see it set at fifty cents (\$.50) instead of \$1.25, this way around \$2,800.00 will still be collected to be put towards trees that will be planted in the parks. Schreiber asked if the amounts have been added to the budget to match the utility rate adjustments. Affield stated they have other than the forestry and the tax levy percentage. Mayor Johnson asked for Council's opinion as to where they feel the levy percentage should be set at. Schreiber and Olson feel it should be set at four percent (4%). Savageau asked Kris Carlson if the Water Looping project and Parke Avenue project would need to be figured into the 2018 Budget. Carlson stated it would not be certified until 2019, so payments would not start until then. Affield informed Council the fire truck repairs that Cuchna thought would be costly amounted to only needing a tune up for around \$600.00. Savageau discussed rolling over certain funds (*Community Center Roof*) that were not used this year so the City would have more to use for repairs next year. Council discussed planting trees around the City and in the new park on the south west corner of town. Dayley suggested purchasing bare root trees at a substantial savings instead of ones already potted. Carlson reminded Council about the \$500.00 per lot specials that will be placed on the lots in Southview. Council discussed the drain tile issue around the pond in Southview, how it took care of the contingency funds that were left on the project. Carlson stated the overage will be added to the specials when certified so the City will still receive the full \$500.00 per lot for park equipment that was in the Developer's Agreement. Savageau discussed the sheet she had requested be put on everyone's desk, explaining how property taxes are calculated (or spread). Savageau received this information from the County Assessor. Affield listed the accounts she is looking at rolling over for next year; community center roof repairs, mosquito spraying, forestry, street seal coating, park enhancement, department escrows and bridge/street repairs. Council will start the budget process in July, doing each department separate.

**2. Open Forum -**

**3. Adjournment** – Joe Olson made a motion to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Justin Schreiber.  
Motion Carried

  
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Cecil Johnson, Mayor

  
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Wendy Affield, City Clerk