

**Glyndon City Council**  
**11/10/2020**  
Regular Council Meeting – 7:00 A.M.  
Glyndon Community Center

**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Cecil Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call:** Council Members Present: Dave Owings, Joe Olson, Kimberly Savageau, and Justin Schreiber; City Clerk Wendy Affield; City Engineer Kris Carlson.

**As Per Sign in Sheet:** Leroy Babolian, Tracy Tollefson.

**3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda** – A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Joe Olson, seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

- a. **10/21/20 Regular Council Budget Minutes**
- b. **10/28/20 Public Hearing Minutes – 202 Eglon Ave SE**
- c. **Approve Resolution of Payments**

**4. Any Additions to the Agenda**

➤ **Water Released from Lagoons – Leroy Babolian**

**5. Motion to Approve the Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dave Owings, seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

**6. New Business**

**a. Approve Resolution 2020-17 – A Resolution Authorizing Order to Abate a Hazardous Building at 202 Eglon Ave SE** – Mayor Johnson asked if any of the Council had additional comments or questions? No comments. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-17 was made by Dave Owings, seconded by Joe Olson. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

**b. Approve Work Order #1-20.02306 from Ulteig Engineering for the Partridge Avenue Reconstruction Project for the Quiet Zone Area** – Mayor Johnson asked when this project is supposed to start? City Engineer Carlson said next spring, as Ulteig is waiting for the final numbers from the County from the Parke Avenue Project. If there are funds leftover they will be applied to this project. Carlson said these numbers will hopefully be ready by December. He said bidding for the project will then begin after the first of the year. Olson asked how much of the funds were left over in the contingency? Carlson said they did not use a lot, and estimated it to be a couple hundred thousand dollars. Schreiber asked if this portion of the road needs to be widened? Carlson said yes, as the alignment was off in comparison to where the crossing arms will be moved to. A motion to approve the Work Order #1-20.2306 from Ulteig Engineering was made by Justin Schreiber, seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

**c. Special Meeting to Canvass the Election Results for the City's 2020 Election Process is Scheduled for Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers –**

Affield said this meeting should be short, maybe five or ten minutes at most. Mayor Johnson asked if this requires a motion? Affield said no as this is informational-only.

**7. Time to Discuss Additions to the Agenda**

➤ **Water Released from Lagoons – Leroy Babolian** – Babolian said he is here to talk about the beaver dam problem along the Buffalo River, which in turn is causing stagnant water to back up onto his and his neighbors' properties when the City empties the lagoons. He said he is looking for some assistance in taking down the dams to improve the water flow. He said he and his neighbors are disappointed as there has been no one out there to try and resolve the issue, despite repeated inquiries. Babolian said he is hopeful today the Council will listen and try to help. Mayor Johnson said within the last three (3) weeks he has been in contact with the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District and also the state rep for Hwy 10. He said he received the same answers Babolian has, which is the BRRWD will take a look at it. Mayor Johnson said on Monday the maintenance department will be releasing the other lagoon, which will double the amount of water in those yards if the dam problem isn't resolved by then. He said he is going to turn this over to City Engineer Carlson for further information, as he is here for this reason. Owings wanted to mention to Babolian he has been speaking with Frank Gross, who is on the County Commission, and Gross always puts the responsibility back on the BRRWD. Babolian said there is a local trapper in Dilworth, and one summer there were twenty-six (26) beavers trapped, with even more to the north. Owings asked once the beavers are trapped, how are the dams demolished? Babolian said he tears them down himself, but there are more beavers than people realize. Mayor Johnson said Randall's Excavating helped clear some out this summer, but it has already filled in again. Regarding the beaver dam problem, Carlson said he received the same answer when he spoke to the County, which was to refer to the BRRWD as they have the jurisdiction. Carlson said he does not know what else to do, as any resolution to the issue has to go through the BRRWD. He said he can try to contact their maintenance staff to ask where they are on the issue. Mayor Johnson said he was told by Wade Opsahl's secretary the BRRWD was going to fly a drone over the area to assess the situation. Owings asked when the BRRWD has their meetings? Carlson said they meet every second and fourth Monday of the month. Owings said one of his neighbors does some beaver trapping, and may be of help.

Babolian said his second inquiry was from his neighbor Terry Thomason Jr., they are wondering what is happening to the road and their driveways on 110<sup>th</sup> Street SE? He asked if the City is going to redo the road, and if so, who will own the road? Mayor Johnson said as it currently sits, the City owns three-quarters (3/4) of the road. Carlson said the bulk of the road is sitting on City right-of-way, and has been privately maintained for roughly forty (40) years. He said the City is working on plans to improve the road, at which time it will be extended to Hwy 10 and the City will then maintain it. One of the options Council is considering is to pave the road all the way through. Carlson said the maintenance for it would be higher if it remains as a gravel road. He said the earliest any improvements will be made is going to be next year. Babolian said he would like to have a meeting with all of his neighbors so they can share their concerns with Carlson as well. Carlson said he would be happy to do that, and said City Attorney Ken Norman may be able to shed some light on the legalities with the road. He said the intentions are to improve the road, and not take it away since it is the main point of access to Babolian and his neighbors' homes. Mayor Johnson said they will set up a meeting for everyone to attend. Council thanked Babolian for his time.

## 8. Old Business/Unfinished Business

**a. Project Updates – Kris Carlson** – Carlson said he is waiting on some information from MnDOT regarding the concrete crossing on Parke Avenue. He is not sure what is taking so long, other than the quality testing for the concrete which needs to be redone. Carlson said he had a meeting with the County and with MnDOT regarding the Hwy 10 intersection at Parke Avenue. He said MnDOT went through the requirements to begin, and the City will need to get the property appraised for the right-of-way acquisition. Carlson said they are pushing to have plans ready for review by the end of January 2021. He said approval may take around one (1) month, and there may be some minor changes. Carlson said the hope will be to have everything ready for summer construction. Mayor Johnson asked if Carlson has had a chance to talk with the landowner? Carlson said he is working on getting a meeting set up. Carlson said he also wanted to mention there were seventy million dollars (\$70M) in the bonding bill for the LPP (Local Private Partnership) program, and he would recommend the City look into this as it would be eligible for up to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in a grant for construction. He believes 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE would be a good candidate for one of these grants, in order to get the gravel changed to a hard surface. He said solicitation for this program is open until December. Mayor Johnson asked if this would apply for 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE? Carlson said this application is still open and had already been solicited for, but he does not believe funds have been awarded for it yet. He said he will check on the status of that application. Savageau asked if he needs a motion from Council for this? Carlson said not yet, as he will need a motion to move forward with the application in December.

## 9. Department Reports/Committee Reports

**a. Justin Vogel, Police Chief** – Not present.

**b. Bob Cuchna, Fire Chief** – Not present.

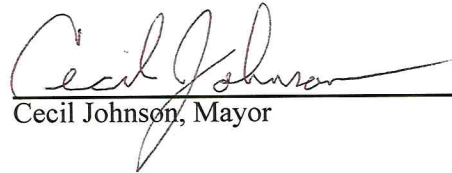
**c. Dave Owings, Maintenance/Public Works** – Owings said there will be one more pond water release done this Monday, and then the ponds should be set for all winter. The new Toolcat will be here next week, and some minor adjustments were made to the plow trucks. The department should be ready for snowfall events this year. Schreiber asked if the City still uses sand from Dilworth for the roads? Owings said yes. Maintenance employee A. Olson will take another sewer certification test this December, and is currently at a Class C level.

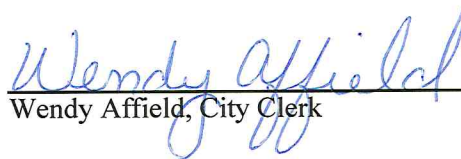
**d. Wendy Affield, City Clerk** – Affield said she is wrapping up last minute COVID purchases, as all receipts and invoices need to be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. She said final reports are on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and the City is down to twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200). She said Vogel is waiting on an electrical bid for updates to the Police Hall's ceiling, so the remaining COVID funds may go towards those repairs. Affield said she is finishing up on this year's budget and said Jason Murray is willing to be available for Zoom conferencing or attend the next Wednesday's meeting. She reminded Council City Hall will be closed tomorrow for Veterans Day. Schreiber asked if the fence out in Southview has been finished yet? Affield said no, just the poles have been placed as they wait for the concrete to settle.

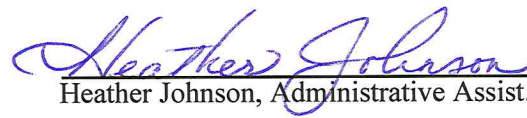
**10. Open Forum** - *\*This is the time for the General Public to address the Council regarding a City Business item that is not on the agenda. Typically, decisions will not be made at this meeting but will be referred to staff for further research. The Open Forum shall not be used to make political statements, political endorsements or for any political campaign purposes.*

## 11. Miscellaneous Announcements

**12. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Justin Schreiber to adjourn at 7:22 a.m., seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

  
Cecil Johnson, Mayor

  
Wendy Affield, City Clerk

  
Heather Johnson, Administrative Assist.

November 10, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes