

Glyndon City Council
12/21/2020
Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
Glyndon Community Center

1. Call to Order: Mayor Cecil Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Dave Owings, Joe Olson, Kimberly Savageau, and Justin Schreiber; City Clerk Wendy Affield; Police Chief Justin Vogel; City Attorney Ken Norman; City Engineer Kris Carlson; Maintenance Worker Andy Olson; Fire Chief Bob Cuchna; Administrative Assistant Heather Johnson.

As Per Sign in Sheet: Tracy Tollefson, Shaun Erickson, Randall Henriksen, Bryant DeVries, Annie Mettert's Family and Jim Sullivan.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda – Affield requested an invoice from Pemberton Law Firm for \$8,982.50 be added to the Resolution of Payments stating it came in after the agenda packets were put together. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Kimberly Savageau, seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

- a. 12/9/2020 Public Hearing Minutes – Truth-In-Taxation**
- b. Approve Resolution of Payments**
 - **Pemberton Law Firm Invoice Payment of \$8,982.50**

4. Any Additions to the Agenda

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

6. New Business

a. Police Oath of Office for Glyndon Police Officer Annie Mettert – At this time, Mayor Johnson called upon Chief Vogel to perform the Oath of Office for Officer Annie Mettert. Mettert read aloud the following oath:

“I, Annie Mettert, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the State of Minnesota. And I will faithfully discharge, the duties assigned to me, as a police officer for the City of Glyndon, County of Clay, to the best of my judgement and ability. So, help me God.”

Mayor Johnson welcomed Mettert to the City of Glyndon's Police Department. Annie Mettert's father Gary Mettert came forward to do the pinning of her badge.

****The meeting is now paused to allow time for family photos with Officer Mettert****

b. Approve Payroll Schedule for 2021 – A motion to approve the 2021 payroll schedule was made by Kimberly Savageau, seconded by Joe Olson. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

c. Approve Ordinance #166 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 City of Glyndon Fee Schedule – Affield said there were only a couple small changes made to the schedule. One is the removal of the gun permit fee, and the Storm Water rate was decreased by twenty-five cents (-\$.25) while the Water Looping rate was increased by the same amount (+\$.25). A motion to approve Ordinance #166 was made by Justin Schreiber, seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

d. Appreciation for Mayor Cecil Johnson’s 12 Years of Service – Wendy Affield – Affield read aloud a statement honoring Mayor Johnson’s twelve years of service to his post, and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the entire City of Glyndon. Affield thanked him for all of his dedication, and spoke briefly about his years served as Chief of Police and as a Council Member. Mayor Johnson said he is very thankful for the acknowledgment and has had a great time working with several different Councils over the years, and is grateful for all of the people he has come to know as a life-long Glyndon resident.

7. Time to Discuss Additions to the Agenda

8. Old Business/Unfinished Business

a. Discussion Concerning 110th St SE – Kris Carlson – Carlson said there was a recent meeting with the residents of 110th Street, to discuss their concerns over the new road to be built in front of their homes. He said he has proposed an exhibit of what the road will look like, and it is included in the agenda packet. He said this drawing shows where the new road will be in reference to the existing road. City Attorney Norman said he was at this recent meeting as well, and there was some discussion by the residents that the State law is in their favor on this issue, as the City has not maintained the road in “x” number of years. Norman said he disagrees with their view of the law, as this portion of property was previously owned by the Kuehl’s. He said he asked the residents if at any time they received permission from the Kuehl’s to use this road? It is his feeling this portion of the road was already a part of the initial dedication of land by the Kuehl’s. Norman said he would like some consensus from Council as to how City staff should approach the issue? Mayor Johnson said he is wondering who owns the section lines? Norman said property owners own the portion of land which extends up to a property line. He said it would be in the best interest of the City to maintain the position that the road is on property which belongs to the City. Schreiber asked if the City would then need to maintain it and provide gravel, etc.? Norman said once it goes to construction it will become a dedicated road, so it will need to be maintained when the City is ready to do so. Carlson added this section has been platted three (3) times, and each time these residents were made aware and had opportunities to voice their concerns over this, and they did not. Olson asked if there will ever be a full access turn lane into Stockwood granted by MnDOT? Carlson said in his honest opinion, no. He said once MnDOT has placed access restrictions they do not remove them. Owings said he believes years ago in 2009 or 2010, there was the option to grant the Stockwood access but then MnDOT would close down the access to 110th Street, and the residents there would have had to be in agreement. He said at that time residents would have had to pay for the portion of road in front of their homes to tie into Stockwood. Norman said he did point out at the recent meeting these residents mentioned involving a lawyer, but he cautioned them against that due to “lis pendans” which would make it very difficult for them to sell their properties in the future or get any mortgages. He said he is encouraging the residents to agree to work with the City towards a positive outcome for all parties involved. Carlson said at the end of that meeting, he felt at least three of the four residents were open to discussion, and the meeting ended on good terms. He just wanted to be sure they received a good visual

of what the road will look like once completed. Owings asked Carlson what will happen to the current road in front of their homes? Carlson said it will need to be removed, and is shown on the drawing only to indicate the current location versus where the future road will be. Affield said their driveways will be extended out to meet the new road.

b. Charleswood Development Update – Jim Sullivan – Mayor Johnson said Sullivan is present to make sure any discussion gets put on record this evening. Sullivan said his partner, Matthew French, will be present at the next meeting to discuss more development in Stockwood. He said he is here to present to Council his plan for the dirt hill in Charleswood, and to get their input. Sullivan said he would also like to request from Affield a copy of the Developer’s Agreement for Southview and the special assessments. He asked Carlson if he has a copy of the specifications for the pond in Southview? Carlson said he can get a copy to him. He would like to get an agreement approved and ready for the next regular Council Meeting. He also wanted to take a moment and personally thank Mayor Johnson for all the years they have collaborated and worked together, and considers him to be more of a friend. Sullivan said he wanted to get Mayor Johnson something to commemorate his service, and gifted him some RedHawks baseball tickets. He said he appreciates all of Council’s help on this, and would like to be added to the agenda for the next evening meeting so that French can be there as well. Norman said there are specific changes within the Developer’s Agreement which still need to be addressed by Sullivan’s attorney. Sullivan said he will make sure to go over those details and get back to Norman about the changes.

c. Health Insurance & Health Savings Amount Removed from Budget for 3rd Maintenance Position – Mayor Johnson said this is informational only, for the Council to review if they wish.

d. Mayor Johnson Initiates Closed Door Session

“At this time the meeting will be closed for preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual subject to the Council’s authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05.”

A motion to close the Regular Council Meeting was made by Kimberly Savageau, seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

****Regular meeting now closed at 6:30 p.m.****

A motion to end the closed-door session and reopen the regular Council meeting was made by Dave Owings, seconded by Joe Olson. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

****Regular meeting now opened at 7:00 p.m.****

e. Potential Action Regarding Employee Subject to the Council’s Authority – A motion with the intent to terminate the employee subject to the City Council’s authority, identified in the attached confidential exhibit as “Employee A” was made by Justin Schreiber, seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

9. Department Reports/Committee Reports

a. Justin Vogel, Police Chief – Vogel said the department had a busy weekend. They assisted the Fire Department with the Santa Parade, which had a good turnout. Later that same evening his department hosted the “Shop with a Cop” event, and Vogel wished to thank Council Member Owings for

his assistance with photography. He said they had a fun and memorable time with the group of kids. Vogel said he has also been busy meeting with landlords and tenants of multi-housing units in town, mainly in an attempt to help clean up some calls for service which keep occurring. He will be attending a Crime-Free Multi-Housing class soon, and will be trained in helping landlords move their properties in a more positive direction. Vogel said there may be some ordinances which can help with this situation, such as narcotics problems, violent crimes, etc. He wants to make it a priority to clean up these properties, and so far, the landlords are very open to communication and assisting with this. Mayor Johnson asked if this training is similar to what the City of Moorhead has implemented for their multi-housing issues? Vogel said yes, and their ordinance is helpful to landlords by giving them “more teeth” so to speak if they have to go to court, as it can be very expensive for them to evict someone. As for ICR’s, he said the department is right around where they were at this point last year even though they have been down an officer. He is pleased with his officers and how they’ve handled the pandemic and other issues. Owings said he wants to thank Vogel and his department for everything they have accomplished this year.

b. Bob Cuchna, Fire Chief – Cuchna said his department also hosted a similar function called “Home for The Holidays” along with the help of the Dilworth Fire Department. He said there were about a dozen families who participated in this holiday shopping event. Cuchna said the Santa Parade was a big hit also, and wanted to thank Owings for braving the cold and filling in as Santa this year. Lastly, he wanted to extend his congratulations to Mayor Johnson, and said Johnson has been like a father figure to him for many years and wishes him the best of luck in the future. Mayor Johnson said he appreciates the sentiments very much.

c. Andy Olson, Maintenance/Public Works – Owings joked and said A. Olson was taking his spot. Olson laughed, and said for his first item of discussion he wanted to mention the skating rink. He said normally it would be ready to go by Christmas break, but the weather has been warmer than usual. They are waiting for the first good snowfall to form barriers around the pond. He said the warming house will not be available this year due to the pandemic social distancing regulations. As for Mayor Johnson, Olson said he was about six years old when he would get rides to and from school by Johnson, and so he has known him many years and appreciates everything the Mayor has done for not only himself, but the City too. Mayor Johnson thanked him very much, and asked if Owings had anything to add for Maintenance? Owings said the Maintenance Committee is happy to be handing the reins over to Olson, and excited to get the new year rolling. He is hoping with collaboration from everyone that this department will continue the good momentum it is currently on.

Mayor Johnson took a moment to thank everyone at the City of Glyndon for helping him all these years as Mayor, and for all of the support he has received. Norman also wanted to speak briefly, and said for all of the time he has been the City Attorney, he has seen Mayor Johnson retire from the Police Department and also as a Council Member. He said people have come from miles around to congratulate Johnson and had nothing but great things to say about him. Norman said it has been a pleasure to work alongside Johnson, and said he has done a fantastic job despite the occasional disagreements. He said Mayor Johnson has always had the best interest of the City at heart, and that is what matters most. Mayor Johnson thanked him very much. Council Member Olson said he too, has known Johnson as long as his brother, and remembers getting football collector cards from him instead of candy. He said Johnson helped support him during his first year on the Council, and also feels like Johnson is a father-figure to him. Olson said he has learned so much from Johnson, and now knows to sit back and think about an issue rather than reacting right away. He said he is proud to consider Johnson as a true friend. Mayor Johnson thanked him. Owings joked about the first time he met Johnson in 1986, when he saw flashing red lights in his rearview mirror. He said Johnson pulled him over in front of the Tastee Freeze for speeding, but was surprised by how kind Johnson was, and he never received a citation. Mayor Johnson laughed, and said he always stuck to the philosophy of “getting more with sugar than you get with salt.”

Owings said it has always been fun to work with Johnson, and wished him well. Mayor Johnson thanked him.

d. Wendy Affield, City Clerk – Affield said the City Hall’s new Zoom Room is working well, and they used it for a recent meeting. She said she will be gone for a few days prior to Christmas, as there are hours she needs to use up before the end of the year. Affield said City Hall is still locked to the public until January 4th due to coronavirus, but they still allow people in by appointment. Affield said she still hopes Mayor Johnson will come in and visit, as everyone wants to keep in touch.

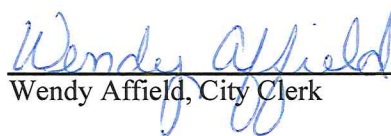
10. Open Forum - **This is the time for the General Public to address the Council regarding a City Business item that is not on the agenda. Typically, decisions will not be made at this meeting but will be referred to staff for further research. The Open Forum shall not be used to make political statements,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

11. Miscellaneous Announcements – Affield wanted to let those who were present know there are snacks and beverages available after the meeting, for anyone who wants to talk with Mayor Johnson and extend their wishes.

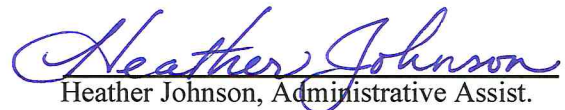
12. Adjournment – A motion was made by Mayor Cecil Johnson to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Joe Olson. All in favor.
Motion Carried.



Dave Owings, Vice Mayor



Wendy Affield, City Clerk



Heather Johnson, Administrative Assist.

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