

**Glyndon City Council - 12/15/2021**  
Special Council Meeting – 6:00 P.M.  
Vote to Fill Council Vacancy  
Glyndon City Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tracy Tollefson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Council Members Present: Dave Owings, Kimberly Savageau, and Justin Schreiber; City Clerk Wendy Affield; Police Chief Justin Vogel.

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

**Virtual Attendees:** Fire Chief Bob Cuchna

3. **Discussion on Candidate Interviews for Council Vacancy** – Mayor Tollefson directed Council to go around the table and list who their top choices are, and discuss the highlights. Owings said all candidates were very similar in their responses, and he decided to rank each based on numbers one through 10 (1-10), ten being the highest. He said most were rated at eight (8), but he rated Patric McCoy at a nine (9) based upon his previous experience in Mapleton, North Dakota. Owings said this puts McCoy as his main choice. He also said he thought any of the candidates would have been a good fit. Schreiber agreed that all candidates did great during their interviews, and many answers were repetitive, but he chose his top three, in no particular order, as McCoy, Steven Ring, and Bryant DeVries. He said he also is leaning more towards McCoy due to his experience. Savageau said she felt any of the candidates would do a great job, and she hopes that many of them will run for the seat next November. She noted how all candidates wanted to see growth in the City, but she feels it is just as important to know how to manage that growth. So for her, she felt the Council is in a unique position to appoint someone who has experience and knowledge, rather than the typical elected candidate. Due to this, Savageau said McCoy stood out to her the most as he has already been through planning and zoning issues and hopefully he will choose to run again and really help the City grow. Mayor Tollefson said she echoes the others' sentiments and feels the position will bring value to the City, whether it is for one year or for four. She said each candidate had unique experience and knowledge, and she too hopes the candidates will choose to run in November. Mayor Tollefson said Jerret Julsrud had great maintenance knowledge and also business ownership experience, as well as being a long-time resident. She felt Patric McCoy was very open-minded, liked how he emphasized his past experience in government, and said he seems like a problem-solver. Mayor Tollefson said Micah Thureen has a lot of passion for the community, very involved and committed to the youth and the school, has value as a realtor with knowledge of market trends, and a strong personality to handle difficult situations. She felt Steven Ring was very business-minded, experienced in education processes, has fiscal and budgeting knowledge, emphasized his desire to see the City grow, and appeared very committed. Mayor Tollefson felt Shawn Johnston, although new to the City, seemed very interested in getting more involved and had several great ideas for improvement. She felt Bryant DeVries, as a long-time resident of the City, was very experienced in finance and business ownership, is invested in the City, a "doer" who gets stuff done, and is looking long-term down the road as to what the City needs. She feels he is very candid and upfront, and has attended many Council meetings. Overall, she focused on each candidate's strengths when making her decision, and in her mind her top three were DeVries, Ring, and McCoy. She said now it will be important for all members to think on where they want to go as a Council. Mayor Tollefson expressed they should focus on fully supporting whoever is chosen, as this will be an important role for the individual and not everyone is going to agree. She said the chosen candidate may end up being a compromise on some members' parts, as this person might not have been their first or second choice. Owings said he still has his main choice, but also noted he has no issues with the others and would fully

support any of them. Schreiber agreed and said he does not have any problems with any of the candidates either, but in terms of knowledge or experience he feels any of his top three choices would be fine. Savageau also agreed and said she will be able to work with any of the choices. Based on the discussion, Mayor Tollefson asked if Council is leaning towards McCoy? Owings said McCoy is his top choice, and it would be a tie for DeVries and Ring as second. Schreiber also said McCoy, based on his experience and what he could potentially bring to the table. Savageau also said McCoy. Mayor Tollefson then asked who their second choice would be if McCoy is for some reason unable to take the position? She would like the chosen candidate to be notified by Affield as soon as possible, along with an email to those not chosen, as it is a short time period between now and being sworn in on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Tollefson also noted the email should contain verbiage encouraging the other candidates to run again in November. She would like the official notice to be posted on the City Facebook page and in the monthly newsletter right away. Savageau said her second choice was Ring. Mayor Tollefson agreed. Schreiber did as well. Owings also said he would be good with choosing Ring.

**4. Vote for Council Candidate to fill the Temporary Vacancy from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to November 22, 2022 – The Six (6) Candidates Are Listed as Follows:**

- **Steven Ring**
- **Micah Thureen**
- **Jerret Julsrud**
- **Bryant DeVries**
- **Patric McCoy**
- **Shawn Johnston**

A motion to support Patric McCoy as the chosen candidate for the vacant, temporary Council seat was made by Kimberly Savageau, seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.


**5. The candidate chosen to fill the temporary vacancy will be required to follow the Glyndon City Council By-laws, will be paid one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per Regular Council Meeting, and fifty dollars (\$50) per Special Meeting/Committee Meeting**


**6. The chosen candidate will be sworn into office at the next regular Council Meeting on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**7. Open Forum – None.**

**8. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Dave Owings to adjourn at 7:15 a.m., seconded by Kimberly Savageau. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

  
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Tracy Tollefson, Mayor

  
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Wendy Affield, City Clerk

  
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Heather Johnson, Administrative Assist.