

Glyndon City Council
5/25/2022
Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

2. Roll Call: Council Members Present: Dave Owings, Justin Schreiber, Patric McCoy, and Kimberly Savageau; Police Chief Justin Vogel; City Clerk Wendy Affield; Public Works Supervisor Andy Olson.

As Per Sign in Sheet: Rick Trudel.

Virtual Attendees: None.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda – A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dave Owings, seconded by Patric McCoy. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

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b. Approve Resolution of Payments

- **Approve \$1,500 bid from Horsley Specialties, Inc. to remove asbestos in the bathroom at 202 Eglon Ave S prior to demolition**
- **Accept Glyndon Rescue Department’s ARPA funds of \$5,000 received from Clay County, this will be used towards items they need throughout the year**
- **Accept Donation Check for \$500 from CHS Dakota Plains Ag for Glyndon Police Department Outreach Program**
- **Accept Donation Check for \$100 from Morty’s Bar & Grill, LLC for Glyndon Police Department Outreach Program**
- **Approve Application from Brooke Ford to become a Rescue Volunteer for the Glyndon Rescue Department**

4. Any Additions to the Agenda – Owings said it may not need to be discussed now, but he wanted to mention the Dale Carnegie training sessions for all staff, and wants the Council to keep it on their radar. Mayor Tollefson asked if input from the Department Heads might be helpful as to what type of training they might be interested in? Owings agreed that feedback from them would be good. Mayor Tollefson gave a timeframe of one month for the Department Heads to gather some training ideas and report back to Council.

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

6. Open Forum – Public Comments/Concerns – Resident Rick Trudel was present to talk about the recent parking ticket he received for his boat and trailer parked on the street. He said he was not previously aware of the law, but conceded that it is a good law to have as a city does not want a lot of junk on their streets. Trudel said he was initially upset because he was ticketed and not spoken to first or given any kind of warning. He said he checked with Hawley on their parking ordinance, and was told that residents are given a 72-hour window to move any trailers off of the streets, so he is just wondering why he wasn’t given a heads up or any time allowed to move his trailer, especially when he had never heard of this new ordinance. Trudel said he feels other residents will be upset if given similar tickets. Vogel said the timeframe in the City is a 24-hour window, and the responding officer had tried to contact Trudel at

home by knocking several times but received no answer. He said the City has long had issues with trailers and other items being left on the road, and this ordinance was drafted to address those issues. Vogel said the notice went out on social media and via the monthly newsletter in order to get the word out, and they will continue trying every means to make the residents aware. Trudel said he understands but wanted to let Council know he thinks the timing of tickets should be different, and perhaps issued on a Monday as opposed to a Thursday or Friday when people are likely to be moving their vehicles or trailers for the weekend. Mayor Tollefson agreed with Vogel in that there is a growing issue around town where vehicles and trailers are parked and not moving for days or weeks, and it was a problem needing to be addressed due to ongoing street maintenance in the summer and winter. She said the entire Council understands about the possibility of coming home late and not moving a trailer until the next day, which is why they wanted to have a 24-hour window instead of banning the street parking altogether. She said if there is more the City can do to notify residents about the ordinance, then that is what they will try to do as it was never intended to target specific residents. She expressed her thanks for Trudel for coming to the meeting to let them know his thoughts on the matter, and wants to ensure that the City did not draft the ordinance just to simply hand out ticket after ticket, but rather to help educate people on the parking concerns of all the residents. Vogel said they will continue to try and get the word out, but it has already been published in the paper, posted on social media, put on the City website, and sent out in the newsletter. Affield asked if Trudel was signed up with the City for email alerts? Trudel said he was not but would like to be, and he would also like to ask about the other junk left in alleyways around town, and why isn't that being addressed. Vogel said the new nuisance ordinance is already being drafted and will be the next one to come out and bring some major changes to the City. Mayor Tollefson agreed, and said many items will be looked at for the nuisance ordinance, as the big concern is "how can we clean up the town"? She said the main focus is drawing in more new residents and businesses, but also appreciates hearing from anyone who has questions or concerns. Vogel also thanked Trudel for his comments and said he can call the P.D. anytime.

7. Department Reports – Committee Reports

a. Justin Vogel, Police Chief – Vogel said as far as the new parking ordinance goes, he has received very positive feedback from residents. He said his department continues to be busy, and they are at nineteen-hundred calls for service (1,900 CSRs) so far this year, as compared to thirteen hundred (1,300) last year at this same time. Officer Schock will be completing the Glock armor school training this week.

b. Andy Olson, Maintenance Supervisor – Olson said his department has recently been focusing on the clean up of the two houses in town scheduled for demolition, and his crew has been pretty busy over the last couple of weeks. Mayor Tollefson said the following bullet points will be discussed at the Maintenance Committee meeting and need to be tabled until the next regular Council meeting. She asked how the seasonal workers are doing? Olson said they are both doing an excellent job and it is nice to have them on for full time hours.

- **Requesting Installation of Electric Unit Heater that Serves the Water Treatment Plant's Chemical Room - \$1,650**
- **Requesting Repair of Dehumidifier at the Water Treatment Plant instead of Replacement – Cost Difference \$3,617 to \$34,125**

c. Bob Cuchna, Fire Chief – Not present.

d. Wendy Affield, City Clerk – Affield said she just has a couple of bullet point items to go over.

• **Starting June 1, 2022 Fuchs Sanitation will be increasing their recycling hauling price per load from \$125 to \$150** – Affield said this increase is due to the rapid rise of gas prices at the moment.

- **Buffalo Red River Watershed District – Glyndon East Tributary Clean-out Proposed Project – If passed the City will be looking at a yearly assessment payment around \$7,600 to pay for project implementations and future maintenance** – Affield said she recently attended the meeting regarding this project, and if it moves forward the City will be looking at an annual project and maintenance fee of seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$7,600). She said this fee will be for cost of cleaning, maintaining and removal of beaver dams for years to come. This project has not yet been bid out, so the meeting was to let certain landowners along the tributary know of these potential costs.

- **I will be attending the LOMC 2022 Conference in Duluth from June 22nd-24th** – Affield said she will be gone these days for the League of Minnesota Cities Conference at the end of June.

- **City Hall will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day**

8. Committee Reports

a. Police Committee Update – Mayor Tollefson said this committee just had a meeting this afternoon, and they discussed staffing issues for the future, ordinances, generator issues, and future budget items. She said Vogel provided some ideas for budget planning in the months to come, and the committee is trying to be more forward-thinking. Owings asked if the new F-150 had been ordered yet? Vogel said yes, but they are not starting to build them until June, and he is not sure where we sit on the order list. Vogel informed Council all the equipment is here and ready to be installed once it arrives.

b. Fire/Rescue Committee Update – McCoy said the committee had to reschedule as Cuchna was not available to meet.

c. Glyndon Days Update – Mayor Tollefson said the packet has been updated, but the planning is still a work in progress. Owings asked about the school possibly allowing a lawn tractor race on the former football practice field? Mayor Tollefson said per her recent conversation with the school, due to liability issues they are not going to allow the tractor race to be on the grounds. Savageau said she reached out to the Glyndon Cub Scouts and they confirmed they would like to serve the meal again at the Community Picnic.

9. New Business –

10. Time to Discuss Additions to the Agenda – None.

11. Old Business/Unfinished Business Updates –

a. Update on 418 2nd St SE and 202 Eglon Ave S – House Clean-Up – Affield said at 418 2nd St everything is ready to go, and County Health Inspector Kent Severson just needs to draw up the permit. She already notified the demolition company about the property being ready, and so they will let her know when they have some free days to complete it. Affield said the asbestos abatement has been approved, so she will notify that company they can come in and clean the bathroom area at 202 Eglon Ave. Olson said his crew hopes to be done cleaning it out by Friday. Vogel said having the Sentence To Serve crew and work detail crew out to help made a huge difference. Savageau asked if any donations can be made to the STS program, in thanks for the assistance? Vogel said that would be a great idea. Olson said the same program will provide workers to help during the week of Glyndon Days. Schreiber asked if the demolition company will notify the City when they come out to do the demo? Affield said she expects they will, and Vogel said they were given a timeframe of only two (2) days for 418 2nd St. Affield also said she will check with the auditors on how a donation can be made to the STS program.

12. Miscellaneous Announcements & Recognitions – Mayor Tollefson read out loud a statement by Chief Vogel regarding Officers Schock and Mettert:

- **Officer Annie Mettert** – Mayor Tollefson read the recognition letter Chief Vogel gave to his Officer Annie Mettert concerning a situation she was able to de-escalate on May 13th, 2022. Because of Officer Mettert’s quick response, training and experience, a tragedy was prevented.

- **Officer Ryan Schock** – Mayor Tollefson read the recognition letter Chief Vogel gave to his Officer Ryan Schock concerning a situation he assisted with on May 18th, 2022. The Fargo Police Department responded to an active shooter situation. An adult female and infant child were both wounded by gunshot wounds, information was received that the suspect had ties to the Detroit Lakes area and could be traveling through Glyndon. Shortly thereafter, Fargo received information the suspect stole a white Chevy Tahoe and a trace was started on that vehicle. The trace showed the vehicle in the area of the 100th Street and 50th Ave S rural Glyndon area. A Clay County Deputy was east of this location and Glyndon officers were the nearest backup. Officer Schock and Chief Justin Vogel immediately responded to assist knowing the suspect was presumptively armed and dangerous. The suspect’s vehicle crashed in rural Hawley and the suspect succumbed to a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officer Schock provided assistance and support on scene, remained calm during a difficult situation and followed all procedures and protocols. All agencies worked as a team to provide assistance to an already difficult situation.

Mayor Tollefson congratulated both officers on an excellent job done in such difficult and unfortunate situations, and noted without their expertise the outcomes may have been vastly different. She thanked Vogel for sharing these stories with the Council, and asked if there are any other things to cover? Affield wanted to quickly note that Angie Kuehl from Fuchs Sanitation will be at the next regular Council meeting to discuss the property at 418 2nd Street. Mayor Tollefson said as a last mention, she wanted to recognize those particular children in our community as they may be preparing to be at home alone, learning about “stranger danger” situations, and how the school and Chief Vogel provided a training session on this subject back on May 18th.

13. Adjournment – A motion was made by Kimberly Savageau to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

Tracy Tollefson, Mayor

Wendy Affield, City Clerk

Heather Johnson, Administrative Assistant

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