

**Glyndon City Council**  
**11/22/2022**  
**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, Kimberly Savageau; Police Chief Justin Vogel; Public Works Superintendent Andy Olson; City Clerk Wendy Affield.

**As Per Sign in Sheet:** None

**Virtual Attendees:** Council Member Patrick McCoy

**Absent:**

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

- a. 11/9/2022 – Council Meeting Minutes
- b. 11/16/2022 – Special Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve Resolution of Payments

**4. Any Additions to the Agenda** – Owings just wanted to have Affield remember to order him a Santa suit for the Fire Department’s “Santa Parade” on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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** – None.

**7. Department Reports – Committee Reports**

a. **Justin Vogel, Police Chief** – Vogel said his department just completed their last mandated training for the year, and they recently had a night shoot training at the Glyndon Rod & Gun Club along with the Barnesville Police Department. He said they will have the annual “Shop With A Cop” event again this year, and they will be working with other surrounding agencies as well. Vogel said there will be one or two families chosen for this event. He said the new squad has arrived and has been fully equipped and the decals will be put on tomorrow then the vehicle should be fully functional tomorrow afternoon. Vogel said the job posting for the new Full-Time Officer has been open for two weeks already, but no applicants have applied. He said there have been some phone calls from interested people, but no applications turned in yet. He wants to edit the current posting and re-advertise with the pay range to be included, with verbiage indicating “depending on experience”, and prior to any decision being made it will be brought to the Council or his committee for approval. He said the posting will run again starting in December, and if anyone applies he will call them right away and get them added to the pool. Mayor Tollefson asked if around this time of year does the department get busier? Vogel said yes, as there are usually more domestics or alcohol-related offenses through January.

**b. Andy Olson, Maintenance Supervisor** – Olson said his department is aiming to get the skating rink ready by the second week in December, depending on the weather and condition of the ice. Schreiber asked if Olson had heard from Xcel Energy regarding the light poles that are out on Parke Avenue? Olson said those have all been repaired. Schreiber then asked about the lighting situation by the warming house, as it seems pretty dark in that area. Olson agreed and said there is only one light attached to the pole, and it faces the pond. Mayor Tollefson suggested maybe an additional light with a motion sensor might be added? Savageau said the addition of the snow fence was a good idea. Olson said he will look into getting some kind of additional lighting. Mayor Tollefson said there are a few locations with streetlights out, and Olson said he is aware of both of them and has reported the outages. Owings asked if it would be worthwhile or feasible to put up hockey boards around a rink in Johnson Park? Olson said he has spoken with surrounding cities who have these types of hockey rinks and has been told they are hard to maintain and keep up with. Mayor Tollefson said she wonders if there is any kind of liability issue with them, but knows that Dilworth has one. Vogel said there are problems when it comes to flooding them and getting the amount of water needed out to that location, whereas the ponds are already built. He said the Fire Department would have to come out and flood any additional rinks. Olson said the pond is nicer to use as they can drain down to a couple of feet, and if more room is needed then they can use the surrounding snow as a border. Owings said the reason he asked is because he saw on the MnDOT website there were some boards available for purchase.

**c. Bob Cuchna, Fire Chief** – Not present. Affield said she has a couple of items to mention for Cuchna, as he was in earlier to go over some budget items. She said he wanted Council to know his department has been very busy, with over two hundred (+200) runs so far this year. He said the department will also be hosting their annual “Home for the Holidays” event, which is similar to the shopping event done by the Police Department, and they are happy to receive any donations.

**d. Wendy Affield, City Clerk** – Affield said she was given the updated results from the Curbside Recycling Survey that had been sent out in the previous month’s utility bills. Of the four hundred and twenty (420) surveys sent out, there were one hundred and thirty-six respondents; ninety (90) of those were “yes – in favor” and forty-six (46) were “no – not in favor.” This breaks down to roughly sixty-six percent (66%) in favor of having the service, and roughly thirty-four percent (34%) not in favor. Mayor Tollefson said she feels an online survey might get a better idea of the demographics of who does and who doesn’t want it, although there would be a cost for that. She feels the cost breakdown in terms of the utility bill is reasonable for this service, and would request more in-depth research be done, if possible. Affield said that can be done, and mentioned Vogel stating any ACH Auto Pay customers may not have opened their utility bill and seen the survey. Schreiber said if the City were to have SMS texting technology, could this have been something sent out that way? Affield said yes, and there have already been people who have called in their responses. Mayor Tollefson again said she would like to know more about the demographics of the respondents, as she feels this will give a better idea as to which areas of town the responses are coming from. Affield responded to Schreiber by saying there will be more information on the SMS texting service at the next regular Council meeting. Savageau said she would caution that if curbside recycling does get offered, there would be no way to take it back. She also said the potential cost right now is only four dollars (\$4) extra, but that could increase dramatically in the coming years and be a potential burden for all those residents who either don’t use the service or can’t afford it. She said she also is concerned about the fact that if this service is approved, would all residents have to pay for it whether they use it or not? Affield said yes, Fuchs Sanitation’s contract would require all residents to have it on their bill. Schreiber asked to clarify that if curbside recycling was approved, they would still be required by the County to keep the current recycling center open? Affield said yes, as the City gets reimbursed by the County for the pick-up and drop-off services. Vogel said if curbside is not approved, he would recommend having a 24-hr outdoor recycling area which would still require Fuchs Sanitation for pick-up and hauling services. He said there are newer recycling containers which are covered and easier to maintain but they would need to check if Fuchs would have the capability to empty



those kinds of containers. Affield said the main fees are for the hauling and also for composting. Vogel said an outdoor facility would free up the current building for the Maintenance Department, as the City already pays a hefty heating bill. Savageau said if an outdoor facility was then accessible 24-hours, might that have an effect on people's idea of curbside service? Vogel said outdoor bins could also be moved to a location more accessible to Glyndon Township residents. Affield added that Fuchs' curbside contract would stipulate that no glass would be allowed in the bin. Vogel said he and Affield can do some more research on the outdoor bins. Savageau asked if there could possibly be more than one location? She said it could be convenient to have one on the south side of town, and maybe a better option since there is no way to tell how much curbside will cost in future years. Vogel said he lives in Moorhead, and if there wasn't curbside recycling already offered then he wouldn't recycle at all. Council agreed to discuss it further at another time.

**8. Committee Reports – None.**

**9. New Business –**

**a. Approve Resolution 2022-11 – A Resolution Authorizing Tax Abatement on Select Property within the City of Glyndon for the Purpose of Promoting New Residential Homes –** A motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 was made by Kimberly Savageau, seconded by Justin Schreiber. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

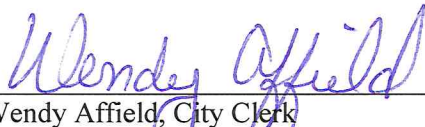
**10. Time to Discuss Additions to the Agenda – None.**

**11. Old Business/Unfinished Business Updates – None.**

**12. Miscellaneous Announcements & Recognitions –** Olson said he wanted to recognize his department's new full-time employee, Ty Wegenast, and says he is doing a good job and is working very hard. Mayor Tollefson thanked Olson for putting up the holiday banners.

**13. Adjournment –** A motion was made by Kimberly Savageau to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Dave Owings. 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 Assistant