

Glyndon City Council
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Tracy Tollefson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. **Roll Call:** Council Members Present: Steven Ring, and Bryan DeVries; Police Chief Justin Vogel; Fire Chief Bob Cuchna; Public Works Superintendent Travis Braton; and City Clerk/Treasurer Wendy Affield

 As Per Sign in Sheet: Kent Fuchs, Joe Lancello, and Sherri Link
 Virtual Attendees: Council Member Justin Schreiber and Patrick McCoy, Kayla Nosal, and Sam Johnson
 Absent: None

3. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda** – A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Steven Ring, seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in favor.
Motion Carried.
 - a. **4/10/2024 - Council Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Approve Resolution of Payments**
 - **Approve 2024-2025 Maintenance Agreement for 12th Street SE Gravel Road from the Southcreek Entrance East to the Stop Sign** (*map included*)
 - **Approve Downpayment of \$180 to Jeffrey Salverson for Balloon Twisting at Glyndon Days**
 - **Approve Downpayment of \$2,777.80 to Game to Go for Inflatables and Activities for Glyndon Days**
 - **Approve Dividend Check from Petro Serve USA for \$189.95**

4. **Any Additions to the Agenda** – None at this time.

5. **Motion to Approve the Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda was made by Seven Ring, seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

6. Open Forum-Public Comments/Concerns – (*Tracy*) This is where the public can address the Council. I know we have Sherry Link, Kent Fuchs, and I'm sorry, I haven't we haven't met you. Joe Lancello with KRJB radio in Ada. OK, well, nice to have you. I would say that Kent and Sherry are joining us tonight, we had talked a couple weeks, maybe a week and a half ago and in our conversations, I had shared that they're more than welcome to come here. I think this would be a good time for them to talk to the Council, but I wanted to kind of set the stage a little bit for Bryant and Steve and Patrick and Justin, who are joining us remotely. About 10 days ago I received a call from Sherry with concern about the memorial over at the Police Department and what had happened to the memorial. So, hearing her concern, I did visit a little bit with Travis the Public Works Superintendent, Chief Vogel, and Wendy to see you where we are and what had happened and what communication, I would just say breakdown had occurred on the city's end. For everybody here on the Council, I just feel it's important for you to kind of hear how we got to today, because I think it's good for Kent and Sherry to be here to share their thoughts and their feelings on where we are. Overall, the memorial that we had over at the Police Department, we

were doing some remodeling at the Police Department and in the mind of the memorial over there, memory of Dennis Fuchs, there was a memorial there that noted his service, and it was sitting there along with the Fire Department memorial that they had there as well. We had as a city; we're looking at moving it over to the Fire Hall, because it was thought to be in memory of a fireman. Yes, Dennis was a fireman, but in visiting after it was moved, it caused some concern and heartbreak for the family after receiving the call from Sherry, I did some more homework, listened to Sherry, went over and visited with Patsy Fuchs, the widow, Dennis Fuchs widow, to kind of understand what was the meaning behind the memorial, because probably anybody in this room, the only one that probably has been here longer than any of us, is Kent, Sherry, and Bryant, who grew up here. So really, I, as the Mayor, wanted to understand what the meaning of the memorial was and knowing that Patsy was hurt, concerned, Kent was hurt, concerned along with Paula the other daughter in Ada and Sherry come to find out after visiting with Patsy that the memorial was built and I am not going to go into such detail, but it was built in memory of Dennis by a gentleman who lived here, Jerry Green, Green Masonry, a number of years ago in memory of Dennis, over the years, there was an additional memorial plaque added there in memory of 12 firemen. I visited with the Chief, Bob Cuchna, visited with David Olek, who had also been a former fireman to see do these two things go together, but it sounds like it was added after Dennis's memorial was there and so it really became 2 memorials. The names on the Fireman plaque necessarily were not someone who died in the line of duty or anything of that nature, probably more based on the 10-year longevity with the Fire Department and then their name were put on there. It sounds like it was done during the Bud Anstadt era, so we had two plaques side-by-side in visiting with Patsy, she shared that she never really understood I'm not going to put words in her mouth, understood why both plaques were there when it was originally built for Dennis. So overall over the years she was kind of been a little hurt by it, wondering why we were kind of putting two together, but really never brought any concern forward. Fast forward to 2024, we are upgrading and remodeling the Police Department. I think there was no ill will, I'm going to look at Sherry and Kent and say there was no intention to hurt your dad's memory, the overall intent was, I think when you look at that memorial, there was a fireman's hat on there thinking, gosh, it maybe belongs at the Fire Department. I will say myself; I don't know at the Council level, we've ever really discussed that the depth of what that memorial was, I know Chief Vogel probably didn't know the depths of the memorial, Travis, any of us, other than probably you and your mom and dad, in our mind it probably was a fireman being recognized so, thinking, ok, let's move it over to the Fire Department. Overall, was the manner in which it was done probably the best? No. I would say with Chief Vogel, I know when he brought this up a couple of years ago, I just said go over and talk to Patsy Fuchs and just talk to her about it, I know he was going to do that it's just I think the ball got moving too fast and he didn't get an opportunity. I know he was. But I'm not putting the blame on Justin or Travis or anybody, at the end of the day, the City made an error, we moved the memorial that was in memory of your dad that shouldn't have been moved. What can we do? I mean, now I know Sherry and I have talked over the phone, I've talked to Kent, I called Paula, the other daughter up in Ada, and talked to Patsy to truly say overall, no one's intent was to hurt the memory of your dad, I'll say that in all sincerity, I think it was, there's the memorial, let's take the plaques and move them over there but it never got to the Council level to say, oh, how is this going to impact the family? I know, Justin was going to go over and talk to your mom, but I think we just got moving too fast, not on anyone's part it was, there was probably going to be a conversation with your mom before it happened, but I think it just happened to soon, so in all with deepest sympathy, we are sorry that that happened. Overall, from our standpoint, why me, asking you Sherry over the phone is how can the City in our mind, make this right. I know that Kent, I went over and looked at the plaques, I went over and visited with Bob and to see, is there something we could do with the plaque, I know I kind of suggested what if we did something at this park or on the northeast side as you head over to Fuchs, but where we ended it, the conversation with Sherry was think about it as a family and what do we need to do to fix the wrong, fix an error, because there is no there was no intent of any disrespect to your dad in all heartfelt apology because that was not the intent. I know Chief Vogel is doing his remodeling over there, I could say that, you know, the thought was this a firemen, we're going to recognize them and just put it where it belongs,

but in hindsight, you know, at the Council level it's on us, you know so we just want to know, I know Kent you came and picked up the plaque, but we want to hear from you. *(Kent)* So, thank you for addressing that, Tracy, and so, at this point, what we want as a family is, first of all, the memorial that you know was taken down, we want the rest of it gone so my mom doesn't have to drive by half of it every day and go, hm, bottom half's good enough you know, it's still there. So, she wanted it either replaced or destroyed and we did talk to Bob about maybe moving the rest to the fire hall and or Sherry did, and I think talking with a couple other people, Bryant would know this to, it probably wouldn't make it, it probably would be destroyed. As a kid I remember it being concrete like a bird bath before the bricks went on so I'm guessing it's heavier than all get out. Sherry talked to Troy last night and he figures there's five feet of concrete underneath it, 4 to 5 feet so to move it, he said it would virtually collapse, crush it, and Jesse said the same thing to mom, that it would fall apart, crumble and I'm sure Bryant knows that with working with concrete. *(Bryant)* You're not going to get that thing out of the ground, you could try and replicate it, I don't remember far back enough to know much about it. *(Kent)* You were a baby when it was done. It was built in '77 so with that being said I think we would like to see it be destroyed, the rest of it, just so it is not there. As far as my dad's plaque is concerned, I got that, we're going to do something with it, that's not on you guys but, *(Tracy)* is there anything we can do. *(Kent)* Yes, we as a family think ok, you got the plaque for the fireman, I think Sherry talked to Bob about maybe putting my dad's name on there because I look at it like this, if it was meant for the fireman, it would have been a ledger of people and dad would have been first and then add names instead of a big one, so we're just taking that aside and if you the city want to help the Fire Department build a memorial for all the good firemen that have come and done countless sacrifices for the city where you can honor them, I think that's what we want, and my mom doesn't want any ill will she is just hurt. So, I think you as the city we are just asking if you want to help the Fire Department with the memorial to honor all the firemen. I think I heard it was updated a while back and there's more names that need to go on there. *(Travis)* Roger Metcalf was the last one to be added. *(Sherry)* I don't think Jerry Greens name was ever put on there was it, and he was a fireman alongside dad. *(Tracy)* Would that be something Bob, where you would have criteria at the Fire Department where you would know what names need to be put on there. *(Bob)* We don't have one, but it has been brought up, we should have a guide. *(Kent)* Like my dad was a fireman when he died at work, mom doesn't even remember how long he was a fireman, maybe 7-8 years, he did not die in the line of duty, but they were both firemen. *(Sherry)* She figured he started in, when we moved out here in 65, he started sometime after that, but they are not for sure. *(Kent)* That's our wish as a family, as far as my dad's plaque, I got that at work and we are going to do something with that, no worry of you guys. *(Tracy)* And I would say that I would feel that Patrick and Steve and Bob can work with as on the fire committee here can work with Bob and they can come up with something to do that, I think that sounds reasonable and I would doubt that anybody would object to that. I'm kind of looking at Steve and Bryant around the table to kind of, you know. *(Sherry)* I have a suggestion, I talked to Troy last night and he said that him and Jesse would possibly be interested in building, they wanted to put a fire pot or a flowerpot right around the sign that Jessie and Troy would if it's the family's wishes to do that, they would do it. We would kind of like that to happen. *(Tracy)* And would you like Jesse the gentleman who helped? *(Bob)* Which plaque? *(Kent & Sherry)* Your plaque, the fireman's plaque, but I think that plaque needs to be redone, to get more names on there, so you can add more names. There's no room on that plaque. *(Bob)* That's been a discussion for several years, some names need to be added, Skeeters was the last person added. *(Kent)* So that's our wishes, thanks for addressing it, it was hurtful. *(Tracy)* And I would say Kent, Sherry and Paula, your sister, and your mom, that was not the intent, it was I think the intent bringing it over, thinking that's where it would make sense, you know. *(Kent)* I kind of realized that after I found the plaque because when I got done with work, I dug through the roll off looking for the plaque just to save that, but it wasn't there. *(Sherry)* I have one more question, you moved the stuff out of the roll off and took it obviously out to the lagoon area, are they still around out there? *(Travis)* They are still out there. *(Sherry)* I wanted to get some of the bricks and make steppingstones. *(Kent)* And the rocks. *(Sherry)* And the rocks that were cut into it. *(Tracy)* The round arch part? *(Sherry)* Not the arch part, the

rocks, the surface that Jerry had cut by hand to put in there. I'd like to get them and make some steppingstones for mom and Paula, Kent, and I. *(Tracy)* Travis do you have any insight on that? *(Travis)* We'll get them to you. *(Sherry)* I mean, we can come out and get them, my husband did go out and he could not find them. *(Travis)* We will drop them off, I will meet with you, and we will get them over to you. *(Tracy)* Thank you so much for coming in and we don't expect you to stay for the whole meeting, but I'm glad you came here at the beginning so that you could. *(Kent)* Thanks for inviting us. *(Tracy)* Absolutely, absolutely, thanks for understanding and we appreciate it. *(Bryant)* Sorry guys. Bye.

7. Mayor/ Department Reports -

a. Justin Vogel, Police Chief – Tollefson asked Chief Vogel how things were coming on the remodel? Vogel replied everything is going great, we are thinking a couple more weeks before being completed.

b. Travis Braton, Maintenance Supervisor – Braton informed Council that Matt Soli will no longer be working for the City of Glyndon after Friday, April 26th and we will be advertising for that position or possibly be looking at a seasonal employee in the meantime. Braton stated cleanup week starts Wednesday, May 1st. STS (Sentence to Serve program) crew will be in town to help with stump grinding on Thursday, May 2nd. Braton stated he will be working on the concrete floor in the lean-to, and someone should be installing the garage door soon; electrical will be looked at tomorrow and gutters installed within the next two (2) weeks.

c. Bob Cuchna, Fire Chief – Cuchna stated a couple meetings ago he had brought up OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) reworking their fire brigade standard, which he has been doing some research on and sat in on a webinar through a company in New York. Cuchna explained some of the things that will need to be done for safety is looking like there will be a lot more paperwork and things that will need to be done that will cost more money. Cuchna stated the generator is installed and asked Braton if he spoke with the guys when they were done installing the generator. Braton replied the generator is up and running, the guys will be back out tomorrow to test the generator; someone must read the manual to figure out how to set it up to test it weekly. Cuchna stated the generators normally run weekly or monthly asking if it can be part of the City's maintenance process. Mayor Tollefson asked Cuchna if there was anything at the Fire Hall that he would like to get rid of during clean up week? Cuchna replied there might be a couple items that would need to go to recycling; there are some signs in the back of the building but not sure who they belong too. She spoke with Braton wondering if the signs could be used during Glyndon Days. Cuchna said there is a big tank in the back that has a motor on it that may need to go to recycling. Mayor Tollefson asked Braton if the tank may be something he could use? Braton responded yes, we will probably take the tank and one of the trailers.

d. Wendy Affield, City Clerk – Nothing at this time.

e. Tracy Tollefson, Mayor – Nothing at this time.

8. Committee Reports

a. Fire / Rescue Committee – Ring stated they had a meeting today and they are starting to put together a plan on how to fund purchasing new trucks and then a timeline for the new trucks. Ring stated eventually the fire trucks are going to have to be replaced, which is why we are starting to put a plan together on when we can replace them plus how to replace them. Ring explained the plan is to have everything ready by October in case we need to put any adjustments into the budget and at least get a plan to start moving forward.

b. Maintenance Committee – nothing at this time

9. New Business

a. Wheelage Tax Funds from Clay County – 2021 was \$11,502.68 – 2022 was \$11,074.05 – 2023 was \$11,117.81 Totaling \$33,694.54 for the City to use for Transportation Needs

b. Look at Purchasing a Refrigerator/Freezer Combo for the Community Center – Mayor Tollefson asked if the fridge currently in the Community Center is not working? Affield responded right now there are two different ones in there, one is a fridge, and the other is a freezer and do not really match up and they are crooked with not a lot of room in the area. Affield stated we were thinking of moving the cupboards and counter and putting them on the other wall so it would become more accessible and organized. Mayor Tollefson asked Affield where would the funds come from to purchase a new fridge/freezer combo? Affield replied we have \$35,685.00 in our Community Center escrow account which are the funds she would use to purchase the fridge/freezer combo. Council Member DeVries asked Affield where would you get the counter space back from? Affield was thinking we could put the metal table up against the wall where the fridge and freezer are and get a different metal table that has doors on it, so you do not see everything that is stored on the bottom. DeVries stated before discussing anymore regarding this topic he would need to do a walk through of the kitchen at the Community Center. Mayor Tollefson stated we will be holding off on purchasing a new fridge/freezer combo for the Community Center. Affield explained the current appliances are filled with UC Hopes items, either we have them do something different because when someone rents the place, they should have access to both the fridge and freezer. Council decided to table this discussion.

c. 1st Reading of Ordinance #195 – An Ordinance Creating and Enacting Cannabis Regulations – Mayor Tollefson said the creating and enacting Cannabis Regulations is already coming across a lot of cities in Minnesota. Affield said Glyndon is one of the last ones to implement these regulations; City Attorney Ken Norman has reviewed and approved them. Affield said the regulations would be for public property throughout the City of Glyndon. A motion to waive the complete reading and except this as the 1st reading of Ordinance #195 – An Ordinance creating and enacting Cannabis Regulations was made by Steven Ring and seconded by Bryant DeVries All in favor. Motion Carried.

Chief Vogel asked the Council what they would want to do for fines or fees for this ordinance? Mayor Tollefson would like him to research other towns and come up with a rough draft of fines or fees for the next Council Meeting.

10. Time to Discuss the Additions to the Agenda – Nothing at this time.

11. Old Business / Unfinished Business Updates

a. 1st Reading of Ordinance #194 – A Nuisance Ordinance Regulating Health, Peace, and Safety, Residential Off-Street Parking and the Storage of Junk, Trash, and Rubbish within the City of Glyndon, Minnesota – Mayor Tollefson stated we have been working on this for quite a while and have updated a few items and she thinks we have the ordinance where we want it. If you have any questions now is the time to ask them if not there will be another reading during the next meeting if you have any changes to Ordinance #194. Affield comments there is still time to make changes if need be. Ring had a question but will need to find it at a later date. Council mentioned the Public Hearing was at the

Community Center last year. A motion to waive the complete reading and except this as the 1st reading of Ordinance #194 was made by Steven Ring and seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

b. Approve Changes to Ordinance #166 – An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 City of Glyndon’s Fee Schedule - Affield explained this just needs a motion, no more extra readings, it is something we do yearly regarding reviewing the Glyndon’s Fee Schedule. Mayor Tollefson said this is the one where we have incorporated the nuisance fees and penalties into. Ring asked if this also included the fees of the Community Center rentals. Mayor Tollefson and Affield both responded with yes. A motion was made to approve changes to Ordinance #166 – An Ordinance adopting the 2024 City of Glyndon’s Fee Schedule was made by Steven Ring and seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

c. Depot Discussion – Mayor Tollefson said after listening to the Fuchs family, she is wondering if we need to do some research to see if there is any history behind the Depot before we remove it from its current location. She is wondering if anyone would object to looking further into the history behind the Depot that would prevent the city from removing the building. Mayor Tollefson asked Braton when he looked at an arial view of the Depot how long has the building been at the current location? Braton replied the building has been at the current location since at least 1991. Tollefson asked DeVries where the Depot was prior to that? DeVries stated he believed it was just across the road. Affield stated this Depot is not the original building, that one burnt down years ago. Braton asked when the current City Hall was put here. Affield replied the City Hall has been at its current location since 2006. Braton said he would have to look to see what was here before that. Affield said she looked back at some older city Council Minutes, in 2020 there was talk about redoing the parking lot and Mayor Johnson at the time made a comment about if we were to have Randalls scrape the parking lot they could just as well remove the Depot at the same time. Lofgren said he might have someone interested in the building. Mayor Tollefson said I am not saying do not remove the building, but she would love to see the history before we say we are going to move the depot out; I do not want to cause a situation like the one of the memorials. Mayor Tollefson asked Affield if we could give the task of digging into the history of the Depot to Nosal and come back to the City Council to present what history was found in about a month. A motion to table the removal of the Depot building until we get more information was made by Steven Ring and seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

d. Gateway to the Lakes Advertisement – Tollefson stated the ad looks good. Affield said the second page is mainly things we had before with some updates, and she redid the picture page from what we had last year.

12. Miscellaneous Announcements & Recognitions –

- a. Yard of the Week Recognition will start in the Middle of May**
- b. Clean-up Week - Northside of the Tracks is Wednesday, May 1st.**
- c. Clean-up Week - Southside of the Tracks is Wednesday, May 15th.**

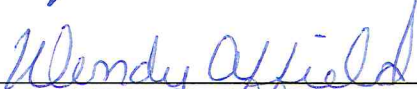
14. Adjournment – A motion was made by Steven Ring to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm, seconded by Bryant DeVries. All in favor.
Motion Carried.



Tracy Tollefson, Mayor



Kayla Nosal, Administrative Assistant



Wendy Affield, City Clerk/Treasurer

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