

Glyndon City Council
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Joe Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Council Members Present: Bryant DeVries, Shonna Severson, Patrick McCoy and Steven Ring; Administrator/Police Chief Justin Vogel; Maintenance Forman Jeff Berg, and City Clerk/Treasurer Wendy Affield.

Absent: None
As Per Sign in Sheet: Tracy Tollefson, Troy DeJong, Todd Tollefson, Alison Vogel and Randall Henriksen
Virtual Attendees: None
3. **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda** – A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Steven Ring, seconded by Shonna Severson. All in favor.
Motion carried.
 - a. **7/22/2026 – Council Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **Approve Resolution of Payments**
 - **Accept \$2,000 Donation Check from the Felton Volunteer Firemen Inc.**
 - **Accept \$500 Donation Check from Kuehl Farms & Midtown Tavern for Night to Unite & Glyndon Days**
 - **Accept \$500 Donation Check from SRD Auto Repairs & Towing for Night to Unite & Glyndon Days**
 - **Accept \$200 Donation Check from Richards Storage for Night to Unite & Glyndon Days**
 - **Accept \$500 Donation Check from Fuchs Sanitation for Night to Unite & Glyndon Days**
 - **Accept Dividend Check from Petro Serve USA for \$305.38 (2014 Stock Retirement)**
4. **Any Additions to the Agenda** – Performance evaluation Justin Vogel, Administrator/Police Chief roll under closed door session which will be item number 11 on the agenda. Also, a change to the agenda will be made, the Open Forum Public Comments/Concerns section will be moved to item number 6.
5. **Motion to Approve Agenda** – A motion to approve the agenda was made by Shonna Severson, seconded by Steven Ring. All in favor.
Motion carried.
6. **Open Forum – Public Comments/Concerns** – Mayor Olson informed the public they would have two (2) minutes to speak and explained the purpose of this section in the agenda is to provide residents and stakeholders with an opportunity to address the Council on matters of public interest and to act with appropriate conduct and respectfulness. Tracy Tollefson took the floor to talk about the Tollefson Car Show during Glyndon Days. She explained that the car show was ran by her husband and his siblings this year and talked about the history of the car show and car cruise. She talked about how the car cruise was incorporated into the parade this year, and how she received an email offering to have the car show closer to the other Glyndon

Days activities. Tollefson discussed how they cannot search for alcoholic beverages in each car, how they do not have control over what the individual vehicle owners bring into the city park. She knows alcohol is not allowed in the park but thinks the City could have done better handling the situation. Randall Henriksen asked why everyone had to leave the car show, if certain people were caught with alcohol, why were they not asked to leave. He stated he was not there at the time, but when he arrived back he was informed everyone needed to leave the park. He mentioned how the guys who attended this car show are from the surrounding area, and they drink at every show they go to. Mayor Olson opened it up for Council to ask questions. Council Member Severson asked if a liquor license prior to the event would have alleviated the situation. Vogel stated that was an option. Tollefson said she was not aware they could have gotten a liquor license and moved it to the Community Center area. Severson mentioned the copies of emails she received from last years conversations and gave a little scenario of the steps she took during an event she put on knowing that even though her and her husband do not drink, she had others coming that do so she made sure to get security and follow the rules that were set in place by the City. When you host an event it is that person's responsibility to make sure the event is following the rules. Severson mentioned she did watch the video and is going to answer Henriksen's question. She started out with stating how we need to lead by example, so when she saw the video that included a former Mayor, member of City Council and other members of the community yelling at and speaking disrespectfully to and about members of our Police Department she was mortified. What was even more concerning to her was that these individuals were inciting others in the crowd to do the same, she heard some outrageous comments like "*you should just shoot them; I'm coming after you*". Severson's speech consisted of how we need to do better, how we need to act in public and how we need to act around young children who look up to us for guidance. During the video there was a comment made numerous times by individuals that we are a town of only fourteen hundred (1400) people. The size of our community does not determine the rules, policies and laws that should be followed, what happens when a group of citizens decide to believe the rules do not apply to them, what happens is that people decide to do whatever they want, disregard standard process and refuse to accept accountability and eventually trust breaks down. We can be passionate, but it does not give anyone the right to intimidate others, disregard the law and attack our public servants or demand special treatment. No one is above the law, no one should be above accountability, I fully understand if I am breaking an ordinance, I will own it, it's on me. Severson discussed the ordinances she has reviewed that are the City of Glyndon's, explaining how she did not create these rules, Justin did not create these rules, Joe did not create these rules, they were created years ago, and they need to be followed, end of story. Severson stated that after watching the video, reading the ordinances and the past emails it appears they were not being followed and the reasonable action was taken to address the situation, that should have been the end of the story, but instead it became personal attacks, accusations, hostility and has become a personal vendetta against the ones enforcing the rules. Council Member Steven Ring mentioned how there has been talk back and forth of what happened but after watching the video and coming to his own conclusion he stated the decor was unacceptable from people of your stature in the City, you should lead by better example. Henriksen stated Severson has some excellent points, but he still does not understand why people were being kicked out and threatened to have their vehicles towed before the altercation. No one from the City every threatened to have any vehicle towed. Affield asked if she could speak explaining the process that is in place when it comes to alcohol at the Community Center. When the center is going to be rented, they are asked if alcohol will be present and if they say "no" I will make sure they know an officer may stop in and if alcohol is present the event will be shut down immediately and their deposit will not be refunded. So, if there was alcohol found at the City park the event needed to be shut down. Henriksen was wondering if someone walked into the Glyndon Days wristband area would we shut down the event. Affield explained how you need to maintain your event, whoever is hosting the event is

responsible to make sure the correct rules are followed. It was asked again if they could have applied for a liquor license. Mayor Olson's response was yes, and security would have needed to be hired. Tollefson asked why that was not told to them. Vogel mentioned the emails that were sent last year explaining that no alcohol was allowed in the parks. He reminded her that she was part of the Parks & Events Committee last year. Vogel also mentioned the email that was sent this year asking them to please remind their individuals participating in the car show that alcohol is not allowed in the City park. An email response was sent back stating "*I will remind them about no alcohol*". Henriksen had asked why people were not cited. Vogel stated they were trying to give the group the benefit of the doubt and deescalate the situation and make this better. Citations should have been given, and one individual was close to being arrested for interfering with a Police matter. When you think you are above the law and you can go and do whatever you want, we have an issue Chief Vogel stated. It was mentioned that all ages were drinking, not just older men who want to relax by their car and according to the video Tollefson's were standing right next to individuals who were drinking, and you did not take control of their event and ask them to stop. Tollefson's intentions behind the car show was not to have a drunk fest and all the years they have done this they have not had Police Officers there. Chief Vogel stated a few years ago they received a complaint and it is negligent on his part if he does not have officers in the area. Tollefson informed Council they will continue to have a car show if it is in unison and partnership with the City otherwise they will have it during a different time. Severson asked Tollefson if she is asking the City to overlook the breaking of the ordinance that prohibits alcohol in the park? Tollefson stated she did not break the ordinance so she cannot answer that question. Mayor Olson took the meeting back to the main reason for this discussion concerning what an event is and who was responsible for the car show at Johnson Park. Chief Vogel talked about the uncooperating his officers received at the event is a big factor as to why it was shut down, in the email they were advised no alcohol was allowed. As a Police Chief this is not a good partnership with the City, when we have an event that escalates to the point it did and things were said that can cause a safety issue to his officers and other individuals attending the event, we have a problem. Tollefson is wondering how we can repair this, how can we move forward. Vogel stated his door is always open if anyone wants to talk or has questions. Mayor Olson would like everyone to think about what happened, wondering if it may be at Randall's shop next year. Henriksen wondered how much a liquor permit was and does not understand why this is such a big deal over a five-dollar permit. Council did not make a remark about how much the permit would be. Vogel is concerned about even having this event after what happened. Henriksen would like to see the car cruise either at the beginning or the end of the parade because the vehicles are old and do not do well when they stop and have to wait. Mayor Olson explained how in the front of the parade is the Color Guard and then the Grand Marshall followed by City vehicles, that is why they were in the middle. Tollefson remembers how it was discussed not to have candy thrown before the Color Guard and how we need to respect the flag so she can see having the cars at the end so if anyone shows up late they are still all together. Affield explained how this year the committee wanted to have entry forms from all participants so the parade would run smoother and we would have the information for future parades. Before leaving Henriksen mentioned the City Maintenance crew did an amazing job of having the park ready for the event.

7. New Business

- a. **July 2026 Expense and Revenue Budget Sheets for Review** – If anyone has any questions please contact Affield at a later time.
- b. **Maintenance/Water/Sewer Departments Present their Preliminary 2027 Budget** – Jeff Berg & Justin Vogel – Vogel discussed how salaries are the main adjustment to the budgets. The General Budget will be discussed at the next meeting with the whole 2027 budget being presented at the September 9th meeting along with the Preliminary Levy figures.
- c. **Set Public Hearing Date for Informational Road Repairs** (*September 23, 2026, at the*

Community Center) – Mayor Olson informed Council this is the beginning stages of presenting the future road plans the City has. The City Engineers will have pictures and preliminary numbers. We want the public to give feedback and ask questions. A committee meeting will need to be set to discuss this more. The Council is looking at visiting with the State Representatives to see if funding or grants would be available for this project. A motion was made by Shonna Severson to have the Public Hearing and Council Meeting on September 23, 2026, moved to the Glyndon Community Center with the Regular Meeting starting at 5:00 pm and the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm, seconded by Steven Ring. All in favor.
Motion carried.

8. Old Business / Unfinished Business Updates

a. Times to Present Budgets to Council

- **August 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm – General**

9. Department Reports

- a. Justin Vogel, Police Chief** – Nothing at this time.
- b. Jeff Berg, Maintenance Department** – Berg stated his department is getting everything cleaned up from Glyndon Days, finishing up some mowing and will start doing some road patching. Mayor Olson appreciated everything the City employees did to make Glyndon Days run smoothly.
- c. Jacob Cuchna, Fire Chief** – Not present.
- d. Wendy Affield, Clerk/Treasurer** – Affield informed Council she heard a lot of positive things about Glyndon Days and will have more at the next meeting. She also appreciated the help from Council, City staff and their families during the events.
- e. Justin Vogel, Administrator** – Nothing at this time.

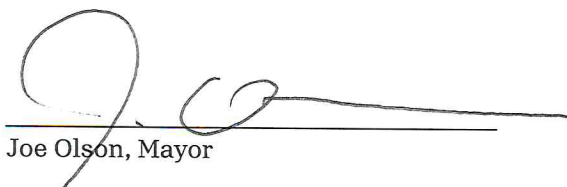
10. Committee Reports – Nothing at this time.

- 11. Time to Discuss the Additions to the Agenda** – Mayor Olson stated at this time the meeting will be closed for a performance review for the City Administrator/Chief, allegations against the individual subject to Council authority pursuant to Minnesota Statue 13D.05. A motion was made by Steven Ring to close the regular meeting and open the closed-door meeting at 7:45 am, seconded by Patrick McCoy. All in favor.
Motion carried.

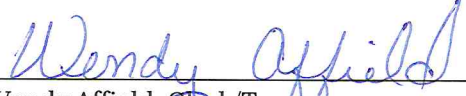
The regular meeting was reopened at 8:31 am.

12. Miscellaneous Announcements & Recognitions – Nothing at this time.

- 13. Adjournment** – A motion was made by Steven Ring to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m., seconded by Shonna Severson. All in favor.
Motion carried.



Joe Olson, Mayor


Wendy Affield, Clerk/Treasurer

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