

OPINION

PAID ELECTION LETTER

Hedlund has skills needed for sheriff

To the editor,

The election will be Tuesday, Nov. 4. We would encourage all voters to vote for the candidates of their choice. Concerning the sheriff race we would strongly urge you to cast your vote for Perryn Hedlund.

We have known Perryn for 37 years. He is what you see. As a young person Perryn was a leader and

not a follower. He has a God-given ability for leadership. He is an honest person and has integrity. He seeks to do the right thing. He was taught to believe in the sacredness of life and to respect all people.

We raised Perryn along with his sister and two brothers to find where their interests and abilities excel and to give it 100 percent.

On his own he chose to go Bemidji State University and obtain a criminal justice degree. Perryn has been in law enforcement for 13 years and is committed to doing his best job and now would like to use his leadership skills to serve as Koochiching County sheriff.

We have worked hard on his behalf during this campaign and support

him 100 percent. We know Perryn is very capable of making sound decisions, administering the office of sheriff, and serving with his coworkers and all involved to make Koochiching County a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Andy Hedlund Ranier, MN

Editor's Note: Laurie Hedlund also signed this letter.

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Jaksa is hard-working public servant

To the editor,

I write this editorial because I have helpful information for West Ward voters. Cynthia Jaksa is my wife. Sure, I'm partial. But partiality mostly affects opinions and the information I'm providing is factual and results from my insider's view.

I observed first hand, how hard Cynthia works. If 40 hours is the standard work week, she works overtime for city and community. Often this work is funded by her own dime.

One example is her effort to access Fort Francis hospital's dialysis unit for local dialysis patients. I watched her make countless calls to medical professionals and community, federal and state leaders. She and co-chair Fort Frances Councilor Rick Wiedenhoef arranged the meeting, prepared the agenda and chaired the meeting.

Her next step is to write grants for funding a pilot dialysis project. I have watched her spend entire weeks on grant writing and she has written eight grants for community projects in the last two years, five of which have been awarded. The payoff for the hard work of writing grants is paying for projects without burdening taxpayers.

Cynthia serves as the City Council's finance and budget chair. Her knowledge of accounting and finance is extensive. When she received her CPA certificate, Cynthia was the only woman in two dozen recipients. Of those recipients, only Cynthia was honored for placing in the top two percent in the nationally administered CPA exam. Since then she has worked in accounting for various employers. Now she fully dedicates her accounting and finance knowledge to the city.

She used her understanding of the city budget and tax base to preserve Local Government Aid for our city. When Governor Dayton met with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), Cynthia stood up and explained how the proposed changes to the aid formula would severely penalize International Falls. After Cynthia spoke, the governor said that if the changes hurt International Falls, then the formula will be changed. In recognition of her efforts, coalition members elected her 2nd Vice President of the CGMC.

Another example, involves the funding for the recently proposed airport remodel. The city was supposed to provide a half a million dollars. Cynthia pointed out that the city didn't have five-hundred thousand available. The entire city property tax levy collects approximately two

million. The airport funding would potentially require a large property tax increase. She took the position that the airport money was not coming from city property tax payers.

A final example is the proposal to sell the city's park headquarters lease. The park makes lease payments to the city. Cynthia studied the brokers' proposal and did the math, concluding that the brokers' offers would have resulted in a loss of nearly eight million in present value for the city. City councilors chose to keep the lease.

So there you have it. Cynthia is your hardworking, honest, knowledgeable financial watchdog. Hopefully, you found this information helpful in making your choice in the West Ward council race. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Jaksa International Falls, MN

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Jaksa's passion benefit to city residents

To the editor,

My wife Linda and I first met Cynthia Jaksa at a Circles of Support session in 2005. You may remember that the "Circles" program was an effort led by KOOTASCA to assist and support people striving to work their way out of poverty in our community. This was done by providing mentors or "allies" to these families or individuals. Cynthia's deep and genuine concern for the well-being of others was evident right from the beginning.

At every point I've worked with Cynthia this

concern for others, her passion for International Falls, its citizens, its future, city services, taxpayers, openness, honesty, integrity and respect for others has been apparent. She knows city finance, taxes, mill rates and budgets. Cynthia is dedicated to representing her constituents and the city when dealing with other levels of government. Hours of research on issues are spent prior to making decisions that impact taxpayers.

Cynthia puts her effort where her beliefs lie. She serves on the

Economic Response Team's long term strategy and visioning team that is working with local citizens to establish our destiny drivers and transform our city and county. She is working with the city's Economic Development Authority on the aquaponic farm concept – an idea that has been realized and is flourishing in Silver Bay and now Bemidji.

Cynthia has worked with local, state, provincial and national levels of government on both sides of the border to fund a pilot project for renal dialysis – a project


that will improve the quality of life for citizens in both the Falls and Fort Frances.


We can no longer just maintain the status quo. Either we move forward with the city council, the City Economic Development Authority, the business community, other government agencies acting in consort with one another, or we will slide backwards. For progress and a better future, keep the work moving, re-elect Cynthia Jaksa to the city council.


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