

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting, May 19, 2020

Mayor Amy Lawler called the meeting to order. Present were Council members, Donita Bowen, Tad Bryant, Monte Powell and David Evans and Sue Grisham. Due to the Covid-19 order from Gov. Brian Kemp, the meeting was closed to the public. The agenda was approved with Tad making a motion second by Donita to accept the agenda. Sue read the minutes for the March 17, 2020 meeting. Amy corrected a bid on the French drain. A motion was made by Tad second by Donita to accept minutes as read after the correction with a showing of hands that it was unanimous.

Amy stated there had not been a meeting for April due to the Covid-19 guidelines but she had verbally spoken with each councilperson to discuss city matters with each council member initialing the agenda she presented. Tad made a motion second by Monte to accept the initialed agenda as the April meeting with all council agreeing.

Amy stated the new fans have been purchased for the pavilion and need to be installed. She added that the reconnect fee for water service has been dropped from \$150.00 to \$50.00. The new rental fees for the Community Center were accepted as posted. A new city logo was shown to the council. The sealed bids for the old city Chevy S-10 truck was closed as the deadline was April 30, 2020. One bid was received for \$300.00. Amy stated the chairs from the Gift Shop porch and the Community Center porch have been refinished. The mayor added she is still working on the water problems for the 11 Holly ST residence seeking bids. She said Onion City Landscaping is looking at the lights along the walkways in the Gardens. Tad agreed to pick up the large limb on the north side of the Garden. David will remove the tree blown down on the east end of the walking trail. Donita stated a sensor light is on at the Community Center ice machine with council discussing.

Rudolph Way has excess sand on the pavement and David agreed to contact Ivy Toole on a correction for the problem.

Amy showed the council the new city web site: cityofsantaclaus.org. She stated the new fire fee will be billed to residents on the May water bills with a letter to explain how this came about. Bids for city trash pickup service will be coming as Republic contract has expired. The price for renting the Pavilion was discussed with \$10.00 remaining the fee with motion made by Tad second by Monte and passing unanimously. Credit card payments were discussed with Amy stating she was waiting for the Covid-19 pandemic to settle down. However all council stated they did not believe the citizens would choose to pay bills by credit card at a cost of \$2.50, the required fee the city would need to pass on to the user.

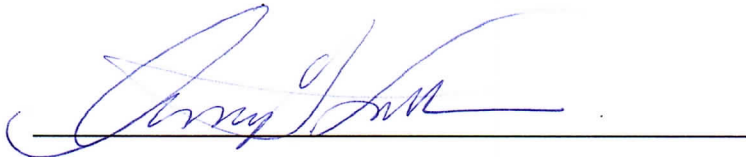
NEW BUSINESS:

The bid from L & L Carper Cleaning to clean the chairs at the Community Center is \$2.00 per chair. David agreed to check on another bid for this project with Council agreeing to hold this until next meeting and the cleaning of the Community Center until the facility has more rentals. Bids from L & L Cleaning Service and Pristine Cleaning were almost the same. Pristine made a bid on the roof and exterior of the Community Center for \$410.00. L & L does not clean roofs. Tad made a motion second by Monte with Council voting all in favor on this bid. Cleaning bid for the Welcome signs was \$100.00 from both parties. Motion was made by Tad second by Donita to accept the L. & L. bid with Council agreeing unanimously. The Gift Shop bid including the roof was \$390.00 from Pristine. Motion was made by Tad second by David passing unanimously for Pristine to clean the Gift Shop. The Council agreed the services would be divided between the two bidders as the prices were equal. L & L bid \$300.00 to clean the City Hall. David agreed to check on a price for the repairs needed on the exterior of the City Hall. Council agreed to table the cleaning of the Garden and the Pavilion until a later date.

Amy announced the end of the mandatory "Shelter at Home" order from the governor due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Monte made a motion second by David to reopen City Hall to the regular hours with a notice going out stating the reopening in the water bills. Council agreed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham



Amy Lawler, Mayor