

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting, March 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was held March 15, 2022. Present were Council members David Evans, Donita Bowen, Monte Powell, and Brenda Sells, also Sue Grisham, Eddie and Elaine Wright, and Zac Moore. Mayor Amy Lawler was on Skype to participate in the meeting and had emailed the agenda for the meeting. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to open the meeting. Sue read the minutes for the January 18, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Brenda, second by Donita to accept the minutes as read. All council voted to approve the minutes unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** City Financial report was reviewed by the council for all accounts. The 2022 Budget was approved again with Donita making a motion second by Brenda and passing unanimously with all four council members accepting the 2022 budget as presented.

**The Gardens:** The light replacement project bid from Sweet City Landscaping of \$21,000.00 was presented. A long discussion followed. Zac offered to get a second bid but Eddie said he would obtain a bid from T-Lake of Dublin who originally installed the Garden system. Brenda made a motion second by Donita for Eddie to obtain a bid from T-Lake with Council voting unanimously in favor. Amy stated she had contacted T-Lake in the past and they said they would not come back to replace any of the current system. Eddie said the watering system in the Gardens also needed to be checked out. The Gardens project was tabled for further inquiry. Brenda agreed to go thru the Gardens at dusk to see what needs to be repaired or replaced.

**The Walking Trail, Playground, Pavilion:** Monte Reported that the timer at the Pavilion for the lights and fans has been moved into the storage closet as they were frequently left on. Also, the Cummins Service for the generator will come up in April.

**Community Center:** Donita stated there was a spot in the ceiling that needs to be addressed. Eddie agreed to go down to the Community Center with her to be aware of the problem. Sue said she will contact the air condition serviceman, T.J. Sager, to come out and look at the system. The chair replacement was discussed with Donita agreeing to research the replacement prices and also price of cleaning the current chairs.

**Roads:** David has contacted Johnny's Paving about repairing areas in the streets in need. Sue called Danny Florez who has done repairs on the streets in the past and he will come out, look at the spots needing repair and give us a bid. There has been a report from the GA State Patrol that, due to the small size, the new STOP signs are not legal. After discussion, David agreed to swap the new small STOP signs and put the old STOP signs back up.

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Amy stated she is still waiting for Adam or Robert Moore of Lark Builders to contact her concerning the pump shed replacement. Adam and Robert came out before Christmas and met with David at the old shed but we have not heard from them since. EPD has already approved the project for the city. Sue agreed to ask Tindall for a possible recommendation to replace the shed if Lark does not respond.

**NEW BUISNESS:** Due to the recent report of lead in the drinking water in one (1) residence, another resident inquired on a test at his home for lead. Sue called Tindall and learned that an individual may have a test for the cost of \$38.00 each. The party inquiring did not want a \$38.00 test. Any resident may get a test for \$38.00 each. However, the city has never had a positive test for lead before and the water is tested weekly.

Amy said we are still waiting for the new security system installation at the City Hall.

Donita informed the Council that she has ordered Christmas decorations for 2022 while they were on sale. She has received some and is waiting for others to arrive. She also ordered extra stakes to use when needed. Council discussed Christmas decorations for 2022.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Donita Bowen, Mayor Protem Donita Bowen