

SANTA CLAUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2020
AGENDA

7:00 – P.M. - OPENING REMARKS – MAYOR

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER- DONITA BOWEN

COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES –

READING OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER, 19 2019 MEETING. 1st Tad-
2nd- Monte

FINANCIAL REPORT – GIVE BALANCE AMOUNTS AND SUGGESTED 2020 BUDGET

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER – EDGAR (EDDIE) WRIGHT MAYOR 1st Tad- 2nd- Monte

PRO TEM CHARLES (TAD) BRYANT 1st Donita 2nd Monte

2. APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN /DIVISION OF WORK

GARDEN- Charles Bryant AKA Tad

- a. **Daily:** Will check for damage, check gate is closed, until it is repaired, to help keep stray dogs out
- b. **Weekly:** Check donation box and turn funds, if any, into City Clerk, (Sue). Ensure fountain is working and clean. Verify white lights on trees and bushes are working and replace any that have gone out, to keep our garden looking bright and festive. (Extra are available in storage)
- c. Report any issues or repairs needed to the City Manager and the Mayor as needed, so funds can be approved to properly take care of them.
- d. During weather below freezing ensure water source is at a small drip.
- e. **Working Project:** Sprinkler System and Walkway lighting needs repair (get with Eddie Wright on the details on the issues) contact T-Lake E Dublin GA 478-272-3878 Request Price for repairs and adding sprinklers to roses by the parking area. Large Gate repair will not swing open both ways.

PARK- Monte Powell

- a. **Daily:** Will check for damage to the Park ie: (Pavilion, trail, playground area)
- b. **Weekly:** Put blue trash can by the road the night before pick-up, if has trash in it. Place back up after the trash has been removed. Check that trash has been removed from the cans around the walking trail by the yard crew. Check the bathrooms to make sure they are clean and have no leaks.
- c. Report any issues or repairs needed to the City Manager and the Mayor as needed
- d. Will unlock bathrooms for any planned rentals or events. (if not in town during that time please notify Mayor or City Manager)
- e. During weather below freezing ensure water sources (Bathrooms and outside faucet) are at a small drip to avoid pipes freezing.
- f. **Working Project:** Contact AT&T about repairing fence around their hub station. If they will not, request that we be allowed to replace theirs with a fence that matches the area around our pump station. Parking area needed, work with City Manager on requesting donation of land next to the park. One handicap parking spot on the right side of ATT area. Look at any improvements/updates you feel will better the area so funds can be approved to properly take

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care of them. Examples: Lighting in back end of Park. (last ones were done by Randall Cooper?) , Another piece of equipment, may be grant available. Repave trail, signs for mileage.

COMMUNITY CENTER- Donita Bowen

- a. **Daily:** Will check for damage, the doors are still locked
- b. **Weekly:** Put blue trash cans by the road the night before pick-up, if they have trash in them. Place back up after the trash has been removed. Check the bathrooms to make sure they are clean and have no leaks. Empty the ice machine and make sure it is still working properly.
- c. Will unlock center for any planned rentals or events. Turn on heat or air as needed at least 4 hours before the event it ensure it is working correctly. After the rental/event verify the doors are locked and it has been cleaned and note any damage that may have happened. (if not in town during that time please notify Mayor or City Manager)
- d. Report any issues or repairs needed to the City Manager and the Mayor as needed, so funds can be approved to properly take care of them.
- e. During weather below freezing ensure water sources (Bathrooms, sink and outside faucet) are at a small drip to avoid pipes freezing.
- f. **Working Project:** Cost of grip covering on tile on front porch (Safety Issue can be paid out of SPLOST funds) Chairs cleaned/ replaced.

ROADS AND APPEARANCE- (other member when appointed) Amy

- a. **Daily:** Will check for damage to the Common Areas. To include but not limited to: Area by and around city hall, the Store, the streets and ditches, our storage buildings, etc.
- b. **Weekly:** Put blue trash can, (next to city hall) by the road the night before pick-up. Place back up after the trash has been removed. Check area around the statues coming into to town, note any damage and pick up any trash if possible. Check All road signs are present and in good shape (As people try to take signs or trucks hit/run over signs)
- c. Report any issues or repairs needed to the City Manager and the Mayor as needed, so funds can be approved to properly take care of them.
- d. During weather below freezing ensure water sources, outside faucets are at a small drip to avoid pipes freezing.
- e. **Working Project:** Begin the process of helping us finding someone who can replacing of stop signs. (Consider smaller quaint ones?) Find someone, (Make phone calls, follow up with them) who can cover the PVC Pipe needed to cover the street sign poles with a Red stripe. Coordinate with City Manager for Placement, any other help with Project.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE FEE- Will work with the City of Lyons Old Agreement never signed only and SOP from 911 still never signed by the City of Santa Claus- 3 fires in the last 4-6 years.

TAXES should be sent out by the end of the month paperwork was sent to Harris tax company, Due date will read 29FEB20. May look for a new company next year so taxes can be sent out by November.

CHARTER OF FREEDOM- Waiting on George Powell to get back with the Council

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4. NEW BUSINESS:

REPLACEMENT of Vacant Council Seat.

Eligibility - Section 2.02. (a)

- No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or council member unless he or she has been a resident of the City of Santa Claus Georgia for a period of one year immediately prior to the date of the election of the mayor or member of council.
- Shall reside in the Santa Claus during his or her period of service.
- Shall be registered and qualified to vote in Toombs County elections, and qualified as required by law to vote in municipal elections in Santa Claus.
- Shall meet the qualifications required of a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, as are now or may in the future be prescribed by the Constitution of Georgia.
 - Must be a citizen of the United States.
 - Shall be at least 21 years of age
 - Shall have been a citizen of Georgia for at least two years.

Qualifications for Mayor and the City Council Members - Section 5.14

- No persons shall be mayor or a member of city council if that person is ineligible for such office pursuant to O.C.G.A. Code Section 45-2-1 of the O.C.G.A., any other general law applicable to that office, or any provision of this charter.
- As a Member of the City Council from a District:
 - In order to be elected or appointed as a member of the city council from a district, that person must have resided in that council district for a least six months prior to the election or appointment thereto and, if elected must receive a plurality of votes cast for that office in that district only and not at large. Only electors who are residents of the council district may vote for a member of the council for that district.
 - At the time of qualifying for election as a member of the city council for a council district, each candidate for such office shall specify the council district for which that person is a candidate.
 - A person elected or appointed as a member of the city council from a council district must continue to reside in that district during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.
- As an At-large Member of the City Council:
 - In order to be elected or appointed as an at-large member of the city council, a person must have resided in the city for at least one year prior to the election or appointment

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thereto and, if elected, must receive a plurality of votes cast in the entire city. Only electors who are residents of the city may vote for an at-large member of the council.

- A person elected or appointed as an at-large member of the city council must continue to reside in the city during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.
- As Mayor (At-large):
 - In order to be elected or appointed as mayor, a person must have resided in the city for at least one year prior to election or appointment thereto and, if elected, must receive a plurality of votes cast for that office in the entire city.
 - The mayor must continue to reside within the city during that person's term of office or that office shall become vacant.

Georgia Law Requirements:

- Shall not have been convicted and sentenced for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude.

Georgia Constitution Requirements:

- Must be a registered voter.
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude.
- Shall not be the holder of public funds illegally.

Reference Documents:

Official Code of Georgia – www.sos.georgia.gov/elections/

Definition(s):

Felony involving moral turpitude – is one “constituting intentional violation of stature expressing moral judgment of the community against prohibited conduct.” (1998 op. Att’y Gen. No. 68-352)

EXPLAIN- PASS BUDGET 1st TAD 2nd Monte -All in Favor -PASSED

TRASH CHANGING- The CPI Commercial Pricing Index for trash going up 2% Will have to get bids from all three in the area.

Republic, Ryland and Sullivan

EASTER EGG HUNT??? Bring back up at February meeting

Luis clean up by the Santa Claus' s area Cut down the tree behind it.

Find out who Painted the Santa last time_____

No Parking signs- Truck parking behind the storage sheds.