

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting, April 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council was held April 19, 2022. Present were Council members David Evans, Donita Bowen, Monte Powell, and Brenda Sells, also Sue Grisham, Eddie and Elaine Wright, and Vince Meadows. Mayor Amy Lawler was not on Skype to participate in the meeting due to the death of her mother. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to open the meeting. Sue read the minutes for the March 15, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Brenda, second by Donita to accept the minutes as read. All council voted to approve the minutes as read.

OLD BUSINESS: City Financial report was reviewed by the council for all accounts. Council was advised the city has a C.D. in the amount of \$530,00.00 also.

The Gardens: Brenda, Donita and Eddie met with a T-Lake of Dublin, GA, representative in March at The Gardens for a review of what was needed to make the grounds pretty and safe. T-Lake installed the lighting, sound system and irrigation in The Gardens at the time of construction in 2014. Eddie presented a quote from T-Lake stating that Mayor Amy Lawler and Zac Moore had informed him that they contacted T-Lake for a quote and they would not come down and give a bid. The quote from T-Lake includes repairs and replacement of any lights, repair the south gate at the entrance and repair the irrigation system where needed at a cost of \$5,386.09. Eddie added that he had contacted Sweet City Maintenance for a bid on the repair job for the Gardens and was told they were not interested in any repairs only replacement jobs. This was the \$21,000.00 quote for a replacement job for the lighting system. Brenda stated she has searched the minutes of the 2020 and 2021 Council meetings and did not find where the Council voted to replace the Gardens lights for \$21,000.00. Brenda read the quote from T-Lake which is for the repairs needed at the Gardens. David made a motion second by Donita and all Council voting unanimously to accept the T-Lake bid of \$5,386.09 which includes a \$500.00 diagnostic deduction.

The Park: Monte reported he needs a special wrench to install the replacement dome on the new playground equipment. Also, the lift station was repaired that day, April 19.

Community Center: Donita stated Eddie had contacted Stacey Martin of L & L Carpet Cleaning who came and inspected the Community Center chairs. She presented the quote for \$590.00 from L & L to clean and scotch guard the 118 chairs at the Community Center adding that Stacey said the chairs were in good condition to be cleaned instead of purchasing new chairs. Brenda made a motion second by Donita to accept the \$590.00 L & L Carpet Cleaning quote. Council agreed with all in favor. Sue stated that, while at a class reunion in the facility, she noticed a few small square tables needed to have the tops tightened. L & L also presented a bid to pressure wash the Community Center, the exterior sides for \$500.00 and the roof for \$400.00. Sue was asked to obtain a copy of the liability insurance from L & L before the work is done for the city. Brenda made a motion second by Monte and Council agreed unanimously for L & L to pressure wash the Community Center for the amount quoted.

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The annual service contract on the generator at the lift station with Cummins is due for payment. While here for the repair job on April 19, the generator was serviced. Council agreed to pay this.

Roads: Elaine asked if there were any new posts for the speed signs as the ones up now have paint peeling off. David stated that Neil Anderson is due to come back for any small details he missed during installation of the new street signs and posts. Any posts can be addressed at that time. This was discussed by the group.

Lark Builders contacted Amy following the March meeting but still have not acted on replacing the shed at the water tank.

Donita informed the Council that the Christmas decorations she ordered on sale after Christmas have arrived. The issue of the yard trash pickup was discussed. The request for bids has been on the city web site and was run in the Vidalia Advance newspaper for 4 weeks with no response. Council agreed to table the issue until another development. Monte made a motion second by Brenda, Council voting unanimously to table the yard garbage issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Donita addressed the Council about a decorator for the Christmas holidays asking that the Council think on this. This was discussed at length deciding to postpone until closer to Christmas.

Sue presented the city liability insurance with G.I.R.M.A., a renewal premium. This covers all city owned buildings and grounds. This is an annual premium due immediately in the amount of \$4,840.00. Council discussed the coverage. A motion was made by David second by Monte to pay the liability insurance premium. Council voted in favor with a unanimously vote.

Eddie informed the Council that he has contacted someone to dig out the culverts at driveways as needed in the city. This is an issue that has be presented to the Council in the past. This would be digging out stopped up drainage at the driveways. He asked the Council to request bids for this also. He added that the double service gates at the Gardens on the east side are needing repair and asked Council to request T-Lake to do the repairs when they come out for the lighting project. A motion was made by Brenda second by David and Council agreeing unanimously to ask T-Lake to repair the double gates at the Gardens.

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

Donita Bowen, Mayor Protem _____