

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting, March 16, 2021

Mayor Amy Lawler is in California with her ill mother but present on speaker phone. Mayor Pro-tem Tad Bryant called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Donita Bowen, Monte Powell and David Evans and Sue Grisham. Tad led the group in the Pledge Allegiance to the flag to open the meeting. Sue read the minutes for the February 23, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Tad second by David to accept minutes as read with a showing of hands that it was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: The mayor e-mailed the meeting agenda. She stated Shea sent the current bank balances which were discussed. The 6th and final \$25,000.00 payment for the Gardens was made.

Donita was asked to print Sue's paycheck for Friday as Shea will not be available. Luis is on schedule to install a French drain under the north fence of the Gardens as soon as it is dry enough. This will eliminate water standing in the Garden and flooding on the adjoining properties. Amy asked Monte to purchase at Lowe's the replacement blade for the fan at the Pavilion as someone has broken a blade. Also she reminded Tad that timers for the small lights in the Garden need to be purchased at Lowe's and installed.

The ice maker at the Community Center has been replaced. The repair part would cost \$2,700.00 with a 90 day warranty, per T.J. Sager. A new ice maker costed \$3,165.00 with a three year warranty on parts and a 5 year warranty on the compressor.

The old sewer drain on the east end of December at the Rustin driveway overflows when we have major rain as in the past few weeks. Amy talked with Hostitler Engineering who installed the new system and he came out to meet with former mayor Vince Meadows and David Evans to discuss correcting this problem. It will eventually cause the street to cave in. Hostitler recommended a French drain to reroute the water into the creek silt. He added that we should check for leaks in the new sewer line by going into the system with a camera and repair the leaks. The city of Lyons has a camera we may use to locate the problem areas but we will need to wait until the heavy rains stop. Tad agreed to check with Darrel Corley of Lyons and get a cost for him checking the lines with a camera. Also, we need to check sewer line clean-out holes to be sure all have covers so as to eliminate rain water entering the line when we have major rain storms.

As of this date, no work has been done on installing the new street signs as Tad and David have been too busy to address this.

Sue stated that Linda Bishop, the CPA, is checking with Cindy on the status of the city audit. Amy stated she has sat in on the governor's virtual meeting and learned there are grants available for small cities but the audit has to be completed to apply. The city has to be in compliance with the state to receive any grants.

Amy discussed cleaning out the water tank with former Mayor Vince Meadows who was also on the council for many years prior to becoming mayor. Vince stated he does not recall that the water tank has ever been required a clean out. Vince did say that, in the past, the tank water level has been lowered and the tank flushed in this way.

NEW BUSINESS: The 80th Anniversary of the City of Santa Claus is this year, 2021. Council discussed the possibility of a celebration later in the year. All agreed to table this idea until we see what will happen with the Covid pandemic but that it is a great time for celebration.

Barking and free roaming dogs were discussed. Dogs should not be running loose on the streets.

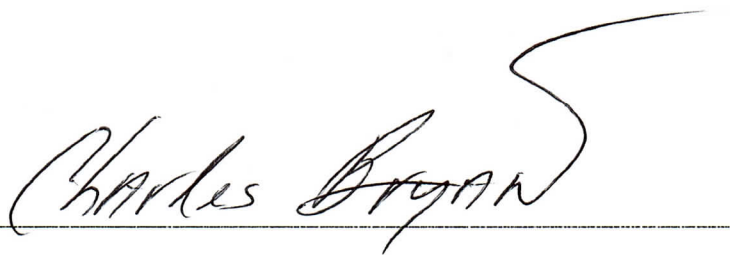
Sue stated that the manager at the Santa Claus Minit Mart is changing and the owner has requested to purchase new business and alcohol license. Tad made a motion second by David to issue new business and alcohol license for the Minit Mart at the regular cost of \$300.00 each. Council agreed unanimously.

Monte informed the council that he saw a wrecker truck parked on the asphalt trail in the Park. As he went to confront the driver, the truck left. The truck was from Cooper's Towing, Monte added.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Charles (Tad) Bryant, Mayor Pro-tem

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles Bryant", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE COUNCILMEN, MONTE POWELL, TIM HORTON, VINCE MEADOWS, AND CARL JOYNER AND THE MAYOR, GEORGE AL LEWIS OF SANTA CLAUS, GA DO HEREBY PASS AND APPROVE A CITY ORDINANCE WHICH STATES " NO PIT BULL OR MIXED PIT BULL BREED DOGS ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF SANTA CLAUS, GA".

1ST READING

7-16-13

MONTE POWELL

TIM HORTON

VINCE MEADOWS

CARL JOYNER

MAYOR AL LEWIS

2ND READING

8-20-13

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