

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING  
August 16, 2022  
AGENDA

7:00 – P.M. – CALL MEETING TO ORDER ROLL CALL

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES
- READING OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- FINANCIAL REPORT:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance as of 14 AUG22</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Balance as of 14 AUG22</b>
Water and Sewer	\$4,348.44	General	\$3,189.89
LOST	\$50,402.37	Rental	\$3,316.32
Mayor	\$1492.04	Gift Shop	\$2,217.01
SPLOST	\$61,776.51	ARPA	\$49,024.44
<b>Total Deposit Assets \$175,767.02</b>			

Altamaha Money Market      \$154,831.51

**1. COUNCIL AGENDA /ISSUES/WORK UPDATES:**

GARDEN- Brenda Sells- Eddie stated still waiting on TLake to get back with us concerning the double fence ... He said he may see if he can do it for us himself

PARK- Monte Powell-

COMMUNITY CENTER- Renee Wright -

ROADS AND APPEARANCE- David Evans-

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

- The city has received the 2nd tranche check from the ARPA grant. \$29,688
- The notice of increase for trash pick was sent out with the water bills. The cost per can is now \$11 each.
- Danny Florez has submitted estimates for fixing the parking lot at the City Hall. His estimates are for fixing the area that is currently messed up and if we get that whole area repaved using concrete. (see estimates) Should be able to use the money from LOST funds. Eddie Wright is to get with the man later this week about getting estimates for us on resurfacing the asphalt.
- The member from the Mainstreet Committee in Lyons said they're hoping they will have the 'book boxes' finished within the next 2-3 weeks. Any suggestions where we're wanting it placed?
- Sue brought to my attention that the apartments located within the city aren't currently paying for a business license. Currently looking at other cities to see what they are charging.
- Eddie has ordered the flag pole and is overseeing getting it installed to hang our city flag. We've also replaced our US & Georgia flags.
- We've canceled the contract with Vyve for the internet service over at the gift shop. To cancel the remaining months on the contract was \$653.00. Payment will be taken from the gift shop account.
- Still need to review the amount paid every year to Lyons due to Lyons Sewer prices increasing. Is what we are collecting covering all the cost increases? Or do we need to charge more for sewage? Currently LOST funds do help us pay for emergencies but is

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this going to be sufficient for future usage? Finally try to determine what is causing the drastic increase and see what needs to be done to fix.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- I received a letter from Pierre Gautier (France) inquiring if we would send his 2 children a flag of Georgia or our city. Would appreciate even a small one. Should we send?
- The fence around the garden and the one between the community center and the Dollar General store need to be pressure washed. Eddie thinks that Luis may have done them previously. We can check with him to see if he's interested, if not Eddie can get us an estimate from the man that pressure washed the community center for us. Eddie did suggest that we wait until October though due to the humidity, etc. and that way it should carry us until probably until next year and the fences should be clean for Christmas. Do I have a motion to proceed getting estimates, etc.?
- Need to look at drainage issues in the garden area over by the gazebo that has been causing flooding in the adjacent house on Holly St. Maybe have TLake look at and provide an estimate when they're also looking at the drainage by the water fountain. I'm to get with Eddie later this week to look at possible solution.
- We have purchased and received the candles to be used for the luminaries.
- Darel Corley is ordering the stop signs for us that we're wanting to be replaced. 36 of the 24x24 along with the purchase of 4 Keep Right - \$1734.48. This doesn't include those on the highway. Also inquired about the possibility of him providing some of his staff to replace the signs for us. He said they can but he's not able to give an estimate as it will have to be based on how long it takes them to complete them. He also provided the telephone number for the man that does their road markings\paint (Keep Right for side roads along with signs on poles) Donald Kight (912) 245-8395.
- I've contacted the District Manager for Dollar General to see about getting the retention pond\ditch and areas around the store cut & cleaned. She said she will put in a work order and contact me after she is able to view the area herself. Hopefully Tuesday, August 16th. In the past the issue has been the crew that they have contracted to maintain the grass, etc. said that wasn't included in their contract. If I have to, I will emphasize that they may need to renegotiate their contract or do whatever, but we want it to be resolved as soon as possible. If necessary, I believe we may need to get with our attorney as this has been going on ever since the store was opened. It's not only an eyesore for the city but it's also a possible safety hazard, possible breeding ground for snakes, etc.
- Met with Zac (Parlor Media) concerning changes and additions to our city website. Asked him to correct Charter ... currently showing links to the Amended Charter section twice and not showing the original City Charter at all. Asked him to have the Charter and the Ordinances to be listed on two separate pages instead of together. Also asked to have the city's history added to the site and about ensuring that as we have any city notices that we can get those added within a reasonable time. Suggestions on whether we should have him add links, a little later to Norad (Santa Tracker for tracking Santa on Christmas Eve); telephone number to contact Santa; coloring pages for children to print off, etc.?
- Brenda and I got information together to request bids on doing our Christmas decorations. We'll contact those that we know that may be interested along with

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providing information to Zac to post on the city's website for any others interested in placing a bid.

- I got in touch with Radar Kennedy concerning photo boards. I've sent a couple of stock photos to get estimates on doing the vinyl photos on PVC boards (which he will provide as it's easier for him to print directly on the boards) and also for putting the vinyl on aluminum. Cost for the Selfie with Elfie and/or generic board - wanting to also have Greetings from Santa Claus, Ga. added on the boards. I received an email with an estimate and he believes the best method is to use a 5x10 sheet of aluminum, etc. Currently thinks he may be able to get both done for \$1,250 - not doing any support or on site installation.
- Contacted Donna Belcher with Downtown Craft House in Vidalia again to check if she's gotten the cost estimates for us on adding the vinyl lettering to the small stop signs & the directional sign poles. To do the Stop Signs she will charge \$10 ea. (\$330 total for the 33 signs). To do the directional signs she will charge \$12 ea. (\$216 total for 18 signs).
- I received a letter from World Changing Partnerships (John's Creek, GA.) Their organization is supposed to team up with local businesses all over the State of Georgia to take care of the needs of the city. One notable partnership is with lawn and landscaping companies that will VOLUNTEER their service in order to assist in ensuring public safety. I sent an email in response to their letter inquiring if they had any businesses in our area if our needs would fall within scope of their services. Currently I haven't received a response back from them. If they are able to help, I thought maybe some of the elderly and/or disabled residents could benefit.