

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 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:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance as of 14 AUG22</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance as of 14 AUG22</u>
Water and Sewer	\$3,166.92	General	\$485.36
LOST	\$51,634.65	Rental	\$2,636.65
Mayor	\$521.33	Gift Shop	\$1,622.85
SPLOST	\$65,192.03	ARPA	\$49,024.44
Total Deposit Assets \$174,284.23			

Altamaha Money Market \$154,844.66

1. COUNCIL AGENDA /ISSUES/WORK UPDATES:

GARDEN- Brenda Sells - Status from TLake concerning the double fence ... Is Eddie able to fix it?

PARK- Monte Powell -

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright -

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Need to get last stop sign reinstalled

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- 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) Estimates may have increased since they were originally given back around May and prices had increased for materials, hence may have increased again. Eddie received an estimate from Billy Ray Turner for resurfacing the parking lot with asphalt. He can do the Keep Right arrows on the road for us also. Johnnie Smith Paving also submitted a bid. Should be able to use the money from LOST funds.
- I also reached out to John Jones (Toombs County Mgr.) about the status of us meeting for the LOST funds appropriations. I was informed that Vidalia's Mayor (Doug Roper) had agreed to keep the allotment rates as they currently are. Apparently since Vidalia has a majority, they pretty much control the outcome unless, I guess, someone chooses to challenge.
- Still waiting on the Mainstreet Committee in Lyons to install the "book box' for us.
- Our city flag has been installed. And the stop signs have been swapped out with the new ones. Also have the keep right signs installed - still need to get the Keep Right arrows painted on the roads (SPLOST). Sue check and see if we can get small replicas of our city flag for purchase at the gift shop and cost.
- 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 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. **I've okayed Darel to cap the old lines behind the motel and what used to be a trailer area. Hoping this will help alleviate some of the excessive sewage bills and Kathy Joyner's sewer problem.**

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3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Received bid from Jimmy Warren @ Curb Appeal on August 16th. The estimate is for the East and North fence at the garden. 450' @ \$325.00 . Should we also check with Luis to see if he's interested and get an estimate? Or schedule Jimmy to do it in October?
- I contacted the District Manager for Dollar General again on September 8th concerning getting the retention pond/ditch and areas around the store cut & cleaned. Noticed a man was cutting the grass but still not doing anything to the ditches. She informed me that she will follow up and they have it set up to get done as well. Sent follow up text Friday, September 16th again asking for an update. Received a phone call that afternoon and she is going to follow up with people assigned to do the work.
- Zac (Parlor Media) has made changes and additions to our city website. Charter, current ordinances, and monthly agendas with minutes have been updated. He's also added a page for the city's history. Going to ask him to add upcoming calendar information also ... right now it's only showing the current month. Want to have November & December calendars to reflect the tree lighting, and resident's dinner - dates and times. He also still needs to add the council members' information, etc.
- Go over bids for the Christmas decorations job.
- Go over proposed Ordinances. Business License; Amendment to existing Weight Restrictions ...; State of Emergency Arising Due to Covid-19; and Health and Sanitation. We can address the remaining ones next month. We currently charge \$300 for general merchandise license and \$300 for alcohol for both the Dollar General store and the Santa Claus Minit Mart. Should we also charge for a tobacco license? The cost appears to be \$10 per year. Parlor Media (Zac) also informed me that the office that he was using in Vidalia was sold so he's moved the business back into his house. We need to obtain a business license from him.
- Flyers for Tree Lighting Ceremony, Holiday Christmas Dinner and proposed Annual Decorating Contest. Prizes could also include gift certificates for the gift shop.
- I've also sketched a city map and have a list of residents with their addresses, if anyone would like to have a copy. Asking Sue to keep me updated as residents move in/out so I can keep the list current.
- Wednesday, September 14th, I reached out to Radar Kennedy concerning the status of the photo boards. He said he's working on them. Just having to shuffle pending jobs, that he's short on help, with family stuff and everything else. He's planning on having them completed at the very latest before Halloween. More likely he'll be on it sooner than that, that 3 weeks is what he's feeling.
- Any status on the size & # of pvc pipes we need to go over existing poles & ones to use with photo boards, directional signs, etc.? Suggestion to move one of the speed limit signs from Reindeer over to Candy Cane. I measured the poles with tape measure and they were 8" around therefore the diameter is like 2.55'. The pvc pipes that I saw online at Lowe's were for 3" diameter and 10 ft. long.
- Contacted Donna Belcher with Downtown Craft House in Vidalia Wednesday, September 14th, she informed me that she's getting close to having the directional signs completed.

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- Amy listed in the budget for a park upgrade. Preservation of walk area/streets (\$12,500) & playground equipment (\$25,000). Instead of doing another piece of playground equipment, since we also have some older children, should we maybe do an area for a basketball goal or soccer area? Maybe have Billy Ray Turner (if we use him for the asphalt) to maybe also go over the walking trail and make an area for the goal? Figured might be best to get done in one trip, if he's available, and price is reasonable.