

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING  
November 15, 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 11 NOV22</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance as of 11 NOV22</u>
Water and Sewer	\$4,816.79	General	\$4,588.33
LOST	\$65,541.29	Rental	\$2,882.64
Mayor	\$1,928.68	Gift Shop	\$1,657.17
SPLOST	\$33,830.95	ARPA	\$49,004.44
<b>Total Deposit Assets \$164,250.29</b>			

Altamaha Money Market      \$154,870.54

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

GARDEN- Brenda Sells - Eddie has fixed the double gates for the Garden area as best as he could. Updates? There are at least 3 lights out on the walking trail that need to be replaced or repaired; also I contacted the company we purchased nativity set from and they've contacted the vendor about sending either the right side section replacement on the stable or the lights for the right side.

PARK- Monte Powell - Update?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Status update? Connie mentioned that one of the toilets appeared to be leaking when she cleaned; contacted Murray and they replaced the ring and bolts.

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Update? Not able to attend; having to load up for work leaving out early in the morning.

**We have a special guest Ms. Artiffany Stanley with GMA that has volunteered to give us a GMA 101.**

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Billy Ray Tanner has resurfaced the parking areas by City Hall with asphalt. He agreed to paint the Keep Right arrows on the roads for us also but is waiting until it has time to cure. He has also completed the walking trail issues.
- LOST funds appropriations - Our approval for the funds have been sent reflecting the 1% option.
- Still waiting on the Mainstreet Committee in Lyons to install the "book box" for us.
- Remember our Annual Tree Lighting is this Thursday @ 7:00 pm. Decorations have been completed (except a few touch ups needing to be finished). I was able to get Coca Cola & Little Debbie to make donations for the event. Would like to make sure we include items on our Facebook page to reflect everyone that has assisted us. Also remind others about the door decorating contest and our Annual Holiday Christmas Dinner.
- Instead of doing the city mini flags for purchase at the gift shop, an alternative is maybe putting our city flag, Santa image, etc. on an eyeglass cleaning cloth. We can check with Vidalia on cost and who did theirs?

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- 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.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Asked Sue to go ahead and notify Jimmy Warren @ Curb Appeal to proceed with cleaning the fences. Get an estimate from Clarence Pittman for repair work needing to be done at the pavilion and ask Luis to trim the bushes at the Park sign as they've started to cover the front. Luis has also trimmed the bushes at the Park sign. Luis also suggested that he add a drainage area for all the water that is washing the area by the south gate in the garden. Probably due to when we flush the fire hydrant every month. I went ahead and okayed and also had him pressure wash the stones that are the border at City Hall. All of these have been accomplished.
- I cleaned up the storage area in between the two storage buildings. I took some of the old Stop Signs to Morris Salvage and got \$91.50 for the city.
- Had Clarence do maintenance repairs at City Hall. Apparently there was a section cut in the roofing area that was allowing water (rain) to come through damaging some of the boards above the porch area. Also Beverly Youmans mentioned that when she was getting Christmas decorations down from the attic that when she leaned\grabbed the railing that it's not secure. Had Clarence to make necessary repairs for preservation and safety issues.
- We have scheduled Mr. Weston Cox with GMA to do the Safety Inspection (liability insurance) on December 21st at 10:00am.
- We've also received from GMA a notice that Newly Elected Officials have Mandated Training that needs to be completed. The training event will be held March 1-3 Wednesday - Friday) at the University of Georgia's Center for Continuing Education. The Georgia General Assembly passed legislation (O.C.G.A. 36-45-1) requiring all persons elected as members of a municipal governing authority who were not serving as members on July 1, 1990 to attend and satisfactorily complete a training program specifically designed for newly elected officials. GMA's Newly Elected Officials Training fulfills this requirement. Registration is now open and the fee is \$440. Should everyone attend at once? Cost for everyone attending would be \$2,200. Maybe women room together and guys room together?
- I got in touch with John Jones (County Manager) and he assisted us with getting the ditches at the Dollar General store cut. He mentioned that they're not going to charge the city anything for assisting us. We also had Jimmy Warren to clean the fence at the Dollar store and send a separate invoice for it. Once we get the total bills combined, including the fine, Sue is going to mail to the Dollar Store office that she's used before.
- I got in touch with Demetrius Ford (DOT) about cleaning the ditches along the highway in front of the Dollar General store and the property owned by Cliff Duerfelt a little better. In hopes that it will help prevent any fires when lighting luminaires due to overgrown and dry vegetation. He came out November 9th and cleaned up both areas for us.

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- Zac (Parlor Media) has gotten everything active and updated as we needed. Do we want to include Sue's stamping envelope instructions also? Suggest looking at the site to see if you have any suggestions for modifications or additions.
- We need to get the 'formal' approvals for Billy Ray Tanner to patch the area to the apartments in front of 21 Reindeer St. Asphalt breaking away on the road. He did the repairs while he was repairing the parking areas and park. That saved us money by him doing them all at the same time rather than having to come back. The cost is \$1500. We all need to actively monitor and check for people parking on the shoulder areas. If needed, we may need to order and install signs reflecting people to stay off the shoulders.
- We need to have the Business License Ordinance signed that I've completed. I've revised to reflect only the license that we currently are issuing. We can add others in future if we deem they're needed. Sue has run the notice in the paper regarding businesses doing work within the city to stop by City Hall to obtain a business permit. This is to try and get a grasp on what is being done in the city to ensure they are following ordinances, etc.
- Rader Kennedy has completed the photo boards, but he forgot to bring the face inserts to use when someone isn't filling the other spots. He's going to drop those off for us. I've also picked up the other decoration items from Downtown Craft House. We're just waiting on Darel to get everything installed. I didn't think about describing what the PVC pole stripping needed to look like .... so the new ones have big red areas and small white stripes. Since we only have 5 actual Stop Signs that needed to be replaced still (4 at highway and 1 are corner of Reindeer/Salem) they should be okay being different. They'll blend with the other different signs such as the Keep Right, Speed Limit, directional signs, etc. Apparently the PVC pipe wants to give some, according to Darel, in the heat. So I'm also thinking that the additional vinyl may help with this. He has also inserted some smaller poles they had for extra support, again due to the heat factor.
- I had the Sheriff's department go back and notify the parents of the children that vandalized the stop sign by removing/tearing one of the reindeer, at the corner of Reindeer/Salem, again that they need to pay for the damages. I asked him to remind them that our agreement was that as long as they reimburse us for the cost we wouldn't press charges. I mentioned also that we were going to be decorating that Saturday (November 5th at 10:00am). As an alternative to paying if they would prefer to let the boys come 'work it off' that was an open option. At this time, we have made the initial notification, Sue has sent out a letter reminding them, sent the sheriff's deputy back out, and the kids did not show up to assist with the decorating. I'm at this point we need to go ahead and press charges. What is the council's recommendation?