

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting October 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Santa Claus City Council was held October 19, 2022. Present were Mayor Donita Bowen, Councilmembers Monte Powell, Brenda Sells and Renee Wright, Eddie and Elaine Wright, Vince Meadows, Chris Rustin, and Sue Grisham. Councilman David Evans was out of town working. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of September 20, 2022, were read. Council voted unanimously to accept them as read.

OLD BUSINESS: City Financial report was reviewed by the council for all accounts.

The Gardens: Eddie Wright stated he is repairing the double gates at the Gardens but has had delay getting hinges which have just arrived. He estimates the cost to be about \$1,000.00 but new gates would be about \$4,000.00. The drainage under the walkway is still on hold.

The Park: Clarence Pittman has repaired the handicap ramp and worn steps at the Pavilion as both were safety issues. Council discussed and all agreed this necessary.

Community Center: Renee continues to oversee the building and reports no issues.

Roads: Darrel Corley's crew has installed the new STOP signs and will replace any post that is not striped. He will erect the STOP sign at the corner of Salem ST and Reindeer ST. Donita stated the "Keep Right" erected behind the City Hall on December has been hit and she will request Darrel to move it to a better location. Billy Ray Tanner will be resurfacing and striping the City Hall parking lot and adding the "Keep Right" arrows the following week. He gave a bid of \$18,000.00 to repair and resurface the Reindeer Trail at the Park. Brenda made a motion second by Monte with all Council voting in favor for Tanner to do the work at the park for \$18,000.00.

Still no word from Lyons Main Street on the library box. Donita informed Council that she has talked with John Jones learning the LOST account from the county will stay at the present terms for now. Council voted unanimously to accept this. The web site is up to date with dates for the upcoming Christmas activities and adding the door decorating contest. Council agreed to meet at City Hall on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 A.M. to put up Christmas lights and decorations. Curb Appeal will be here to do the pressure cleaning the following week. Clarence will address the necessary paint and repairs needed at the Park in the next few days. Luis will be reminded to trim the shrubs at the Park sign.

The issue at the Dollar General Store with uncut bushes was discussed at length. Donita has spoken with all parties involved including Kathy Adams, daughter of the owner Sfassie Properties. Donita is continuing to address this until resolved. Sue has placed an ad in The Advance newspaper for 4 weeks informing public that "any and all work performed in the city must be reported at the City Hall" and purchase a permit for \$1.00. Radar Kennedy continues to work on the photo boards.

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Damage at the parking lot and edge of Reindeer Steet apartments was discussed. Council agreed to request that Billy Ray Tanner inspect the damage and quote a price for repair while he is performing the other repaving in the city. Donita will meet with the manager of the apartments to point out the damage. Eddie suggested "No Parking on Shoulder" signs be erected on the shoulders to eliminate this in the future.

Business license for the city was discussed noting there is already an alcohol and general merchandise license. Council agreed to table the issue. Donita stated she has checked with George Powell and received his O.K. to order and erect a nativity scene for the Garden. She added that city has received tips about damage done to the new street sign reindeer by kids. She contacted Toombs County Sheriff Dept. and a deputy came out and talked with the party involved. The party agreed to pay for damage but no response. Sue was asked to mail a letter to the parents to remind them of the agreement. Donita added she had gone to the Pavilion to kids playing on the tables and the kids had apologized.

The sewer problem at the Joyner residence was discussed again. Donita has contacted Ms. Joyner for discussion on the matter. Sue has called the Toombs County Sheriff requesting a deputy patrolling the city streets during Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 29. They are happy to patrol for us.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Donita Bowen, Mayor


