

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2023
AGENDA

7:00 – PM – CALL MEETING TO ORDER ROLL CALL

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- READING OF MINUTES/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- COMMENTS/PUBLIC ISSUES
- FINANCIAL REPORT (Hand out)

1. COUNCIL AGENDA /ISSUES/WORK UPDATES:

GARDEN- Brenda Sells - Any update from TLake on the lights?

PARK- Monte Powell - Update? Are the lights coming on correctly now since the time changed?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Update?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Any update on the eyeglass wipes for selling in gift shop?
- 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.
- We still need to get the 4 handicap rails installed in the Men's & Women's restrooms at the Park and Gift Shop. I'm still in the process of revising the copy of Lyons Employee Handbook to make it more applicable to us.
- Our Newly Elected Officials classes held in Athens went well. Were able to learn a few things that we weren't aware of. Due to this I'm making a motion to rescind the raises made to the Mayor and Council due to notification should have been made in advance. If we choose to address this in the future we will do it appropriately. The raises given to the secretary and clerk are still valid.
- Did we decide to accept Luis' bill to maintain the retention ditches at Dollar General? (see handout)
- I reached out again Saturday to the Sheriff's department concerning the reindeer sign. He informed me that he had gotten in touch with them and they are going to come by and pay the \$25.
- Due to negotiations with Vince and the City of Lyons still pending, I have not signed the Fire Contract with Lyons. I am waiting for them to contact me with their decision. This is concerning the adjustment for the storage buildings fire fee rate.
- The insulation in the attic/crawl space at City Hall has been completed.
- I'm still needing David and Brenda to sign GMA's Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Santa Claus. I've printed it out and need everyone to sign (if you're in agreement) so I can email it back to them.
- I submitted our LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant). I reached out to a contact with the DOT and she provided me with the date and information of the deposited grant money. We did receive the money on January 31st.

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3. NEW BUSINESS:

- I'm currently working on typing up the 'drafted' Zone Ordinance that was being prepared for the city with the assistance from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha. Once I get it done we should probably have a workshop meeting to determine if it's the way that we want it before implementing. We really need to have this completed as Colt Silvers has mentioned that he is going to be building a house on his property. It has also been brought to my attention that Dan Rustin is inquiring about getting small/tiny houses added behind his mother's.
- We still need to ensure that ALL RESIDENTS have their house numbers on their home.
- I'd like to take a vote to see whether we'd like to maintain our current attorney Tina Maddox or see if we should obtain a different one. Lyons is currently using Tom Peterson in Vidalia.
- We have already agreed to move the ARPA funds over to the Water & Sewage account and close that account. I'd like to take a motion on transferring the funds from the LOST account and deposit them into the General account. We can do this, we just need to ensure that we're noting the LOST fund deposits appropriately. We should then close the LOST account. I'd also like to take a motion on transferring the LMIG grant money that we just received and open another account for our roads. We should probably go ahead and also transfer the 10% matching funds at this time - \$381.37.
- Propose to update and change our current water process. Propose going to 30 day cutoff rather than 90 with a 10 -15 day grace period. I'm in the process of trying to get a copy of Lyons water ordinance or procedure. Lyons also has an Arrangement Agreement that they use. It's an agreement to make payments on a past due water bill to prevent being cut off. If they break the arrangement they get cut off and charged the delinquent fee. They have to make the agreed payment AND the current bill.
- I've done a New Animal Control Ordinance more in line with Toombs County, as I'm thinking they're the ones we'll be needing to contact, as in the same way we use them for law issues. I know it has been mentioned that we already have an animal control ordinance but in light that we have not been able to locate I've done another one. We need to ensure we have one active as we're starting to need to enforce it. We're getting complaints from residents about dogs roaming and dragging trash along with digging holes. Some have been really concerned with elderly residents possibly falling due to a hole that has been dug in their yard.