

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING  
May 16, 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 - Updates.. TLake?

**PARK** - Monte Powell - Updates? Lights?

**COMMUNITY CENTER** - Renee Wright - Update?

**ROADS AND APPEARANCE** - David Evans - Update?

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

- We're to pay for eyeglass wipes to sell in the gift shop as soon as we get the invoice... Pay in advance.
- 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 had Clarence install 2 of the 4 handicap rails installed in the Men's & Women's restrooms at the Gift Shop. David was kind enough to install the other 2 handicap rails in the restrooms at the Park Pavilion. I've completed our Employee Handbook. We just need to have Sue review, sign and file. So all the discrepancies mentioned by the GMA insurance inspector have been completed. We can now also check into the GMA Safety & Liability Grant since the Handbook has been completed.
- I contacted Tina Maddow, Monday, May 15th, to get a status on the Dollar General retention ditches. Talked to her this afternoon (16th). She stated that it may be hard to enforce payments for fines, and/or services since we don't have a court. Her suggestion was to maybe vote to revoke their business licenses. (see handouts)
- We received \$25 for the reindeer sign replacement. I was going to order a replacement but it appears they were custom done. May have to have an alternative or not have it replaced.
- Sent email to GMA for the Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Santa Claus. Sent Press Release Notice to Parlor to add our website.
- The National Day of Prayer ceremony that was on May 4th went well. Mrs. Tillery asked if we'd like to have the key that was used in the ceremony. I informed her that we would and I believe she mentioned that she would have it framed for us. I thought that we could add it over at the museum.
- I still need to check on the information I received concerning the millage rates as to whether we may need to consider adjusting. Going to check with Brenda Williams (Tax Commissioner) to see if I can get a meeting with her.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- I submitted our report concerning the ARPA funds. I've also started a spreadsheet to keep track of any money that has been used out of the water & sewage funds that are being used with those funds. Example - paid bill to Xylem Water for pump repair done in March.
- I'm currently still 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 or either have council drop by and review independently. Suggestions?
- Brenda & I went around the city Saturday and checked the residents' homes to see who had their house numbers on their home. I've given the list to Sue to have her contact them and ask if they will get them added as soon as possible ... These are for 911 purposes.

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- I've finished our Water & Sewage Ordinance. Need to confirm a couple areas to ensure they're as we're wanting and also sign. Do we also want to adopt using an Arrangement Agreement?
- We're still needing to address the animal\dog ordinance. Some of the dogs have been pinned up. Checked with Tina also to see if she would provide information concerning dogs while working on Dollar General issue. She is going to check with some other attorney's that also handle smaller municipalities to see if they may have any suggestions.
- I ordered the laptop computer, etc. and have received it and installed all the software and files.
- Eddie was able to get Kyle Wiggins (Wiggins Backhoe Services) to come and clean out the ditches to allow the rain water to pass through the culverts. He's also provided us with an estimate of \$6000 to remove and clear trees and stumps at the park and haul off. Once the area has been cleared the excess dirt that was removed from the ditches can be added to help level out the ground. We may still have to have more dirt brought in also. What is the motion to have Kyle proceed with removing\clearing the trees?
- It was mentioned before about having the gazebo pressure washed and treated. Should we go ahead and have someone complete this or wait?
- Beverly mentioned that in June they should be having the trade show in Atlanta to allow us to get discounted Christmas decorations. She mentioned that 3 people can go so I believe that Beverly, Renee and myself will try to attend. Thought we'd attend the one that has older decorations from previous years as I don't believe that should affect us. Would like to get a tree topper for our big Christmas tree, replace all the lights for the trees with LED ones, etc.