

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING  
June 20, 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? Brandon fixed light down at the park and Logan replaced the camera that the wire had been cut. (Need to ensure we check at least once a month to ensure still working & no one has tampered with them) Squirrel issue?

**COMMUNITY CENTER** - Renee Wright - Update? TJ cleaned the ice machine last Monday.

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

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

- We received the eyeglass cleaning wipes and they've been given to Sue to place in the 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.
- Since we've completed our GMA insurance issues, I sent an email to Artifanny inquiring on the items that I thought that we would qualify for. Some items listed we've actually already purchased but the application does mention to provide receipts.... So I'm hoping we'll be able to include those. Things mentioned I thought we could use are Playground Mulch; Security Cameras and Systems; Slip Resistant Floor Mats; Slip Treads for Steps/Stairs; Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections/Tagging; and SEWER/WASTE Water Line Inspection/Assessment. She informed me that she has passed along my email to Weston Cox (our Risk Control Consultant that performed our inspection last December). I'm currently awaiting his response.
- I contacted Tina Maddow again about our concerns REVOKING the Dollar General's business license. She said she'd thought about it some more and another possible suggestion was to adjust their business license fee to include the maintenance portion of maintaining the retention ditches and pressure washing the fence.
- GMA sent an email concerning our Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Santa Claus. They apparently have a plaque for us but we won't be attending their annual meeting at the end of this month in Savannah. I responded to the notice that we don't have anyone that will be attending. Therefore, I'm not sure if they'll mail the plaque to us or not.
- 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.

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**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 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. I know there were some concerns about implementing so once I've completed it I'll just keep unless something comes up that we need to proceed further.
- Since we now have a list of the residents' homes that still need their house numbers posted, Sue, if you will give a copy of the list to Rusty and have him check which ones have done it and update us? I know Shellie mentioned she will be doing hers, but asked if she can wait until after she gets some painting done.
- We're still needing to address the animal\dog issue. Noticed the neighbors dogs have been released from their pin.
- I thought about maybe inquiring with John Jones and seeing if they may possibly have any residual dirt from any of their 'projects' that we might have.
- Beverly mentioned the Atlanta Market will be having in July 11-17th the vendor markets. She contacted me yesterday afternoon to inform me of the changes that they've implemented since she's attended. Apparently, we will need to provide some invoices showing some recent purchases but she said they didn't specify the amount and they're now charging \$50 apiece for attendants. She had also previously suggested us going up the day before and spending the night and then going to the show the next day and then coming back home afterwards. But considering all the additional expenses; gas, room, food, entry fees we didn't figure it would be cost effective for us to pursue that method for purchases. We can still use that money on purchases. Beverly is still going to check and see about maybe contacting some of the vendors directly and see what we might be able to do.
- I've started working on the Square Terminal for taking credit card payments over at the gift shop. I did check to see whether the internet connection would reach over there without anything ... but unfortunately it didn't so we'll need to proceed with purchasing the CC Vector Extended Long Range WIFI Receiver System - Works with All Devices - Receives Distant WIFI and Repeats to All WIFI Devices in a New Location 2.4GHz - \$349.99 .... had been \$385.08 plus 4-year protection plan - \$52.99
- May 18th I watched a Cities Connect: First Amendments Audit webinar. It addressed how to handle auditors that have started showing up and recording, panhandling, etc. Basically, we are to kill with kindness. Some of these individuals are making recordings and then trying to sue the cities due to how they were treated and also posting on YouTube and making money off those videos also. It did mention that just because people show up doesn't mean that they have access to everything just because it's a government facility and open to the public. They also gave an example of when we open the floor at the council meetings that we can limit them to 3 minutes, etc. I can provide anyone that would like to watch the webinar the link just so they'll feel comfortable knowing what to do Just In Case they should ever get approached.
- Suggestions for the Park (see handout). Should we do some or all of the games included? Suggestions concerning swing sets, etc.?