

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 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)

I've asked our city attorney (Tina Maddox) to discuss our options concerning the retention ditches at the Dollar General store.

1. COUNCIL AGENDA /ISSUES/WORK UPDATES:

GARDEN - Brenda Sells - Updates? TLake?

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update? I have purchased the tables from Sam's and they should be here soon. I ordered 2 6' White Granite; and 4 8' Black.

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Update? Like to thank Eddie for fixing the stop sign at the corner of Reindeer and Dancer.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- 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.
- Received email concerning the Safety Grant. Need to look into further but noticed it appears that the items have to have been purchased or will be purchased within 2023. Also I'm not sure if this is a one time grant or can be submitted annually.
- I still need to check on the number of residents needing to have their house numbers posted? I've nailed the numbers on at the pavilion (23) and I had to purchase the sticker numbers to put up at the community center. The ones we were using that you nail in were too big for the wood section of the door frame and the siding is plastic.
- I registered for a NLC and CGI Digital webinar scheduled for August 15th 2:00pm. The topic is The NLC Community Showcase Banner Program

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- I cleaned up the items within the fenced area between the storage buildings and notified Luis to cut the weeds and maybe spray the area. Luis has already taken care of it and it looks good again.
- Eddie has marked and arranged for them to begin working on the parking area located beside the park being the first of September. We've got to get the resident to move the storage building located on our property beforehand.
- We finally received the notification from Stacie Avery that our annual audit and the RLG (Report of Local Government Finances) have been submitted to the State for 2022. We've also received copies of them as well if anyone would like to review them.

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- I've registered for a webinar this Wednesday, August 16th @ 4:00pm. The topic is State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SL FRF) 2023 Interim Final Rule. If anyone would like to also view you can join me in my office at city hall.
- We recently had to replace the small fence on December Drive by the store. Apparently someone hit and broke it. Now the section of fence on the other side has been broken. We've contacted Luis to go ahead and replace/repair it for us also.
- We need to determine how to handle all these trash cans disappearing. Do we need to include a checkup when they are leaving and hold their water deposit until we're sure they haven't taken the trash can? Lyons said they pickup and drop off trash cans as the water service is turned on/off.
- I received an email from Vince Espi who is a reporter from Peach Tree Times. They're a media organization and he's inquiring about our flags that are currently being displayed on municipal properties. He's requesting the following records under the Georgia Open Records Act § 50.18.70 et seq., 1) The location where flags are currently being displayed; 2) The date on which each flag was raised and when they are planned to be taken down, if applicable; 3) Any official policies or guidelines regarding the display of flags on municipal properties; 4) Any correspondence, memos, or official communications related to flag display decisions. **Also noticed that it appears our Georgia flag has a tear and we should probably see about ordering another to replace it.**
- We have been notified that Georgia Association of Regional Commissions and Georgia Municipal Association have partnered together to provide free, professional training for local elected officials, local government staff and Regional Commission staff on grant writing and being grant-ready. I've got a list of the session topics and the date that they are being offered. If any of you are interested let me know and I can get the information to you also.
- I created an Excel spreadsheet for Trey Pearson (Tindall) with the information that he was requesting to complete the required CWS and NTNC water systems service line inventory to GA EPD on or before October 16, 2024. He was needing a list of all properties with the year built inside our water system. We've also maintained a copy of the list for our records and I also included the information concerning any residents having swimming pools.
- We've received the application for the LMIG grant for the Fiscal Year 2024. The application must be received no later than February 1, 2024. This is the grant that we applied for before to assist with redoing the road section of Noel St.
- I mentioned last month some suggestions for the park. It was brought to my attention about maybe adding a swing for small children/toddlers so they won't fall out of the swing. Should we proceed with this? Other suggestions... 2 seat seesaw/teeter totter \$967.00 or 4 seat \$1995.00; (Great Outdoors Play - Price is supposed to reflect standard delivery & installation .. Merry Go-Round \$6738; Monkey Bars \$2999; Bumble Bee Spring Bouncer dual seats \$1,275. Have you made any decisions as to whether you want to add any additional playground equipment at this time?
- Last but not least we need to determine how many lights, etc. we need to get/order for our decorations this year.