

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 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?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update? I received the purchased tables and have put them in the community center (room with ice machine) Microwave needed to be replaced. Pick up tomorrow from Lowe's

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Update? Tree down across the road from the community center due to hurricane Idalia that passed through at the first of the month. Luis has cut up and removed it. I've also had to secure/restore a couple of the street names on the poles (guess they blew off)... corner of December/Noel and Reindeer/Noel (this one needs additional work done on it - Stop sign sliding down pole)

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Eddie was able to get Herndon Farms & Forestry Services to come and (hopefully) get our sewage problem resolved. The manhole was repaired on December Dr. to fix a leaking sewer tap. A HUGE thank you if this resolves our excessive sewer bills that we've been having to incur from the City of Lyons due to the excessive rain water flowing into the sewage line. I paid the invoice through our Water & Sewage account and added it to our list for the appropriated ARPA funds.
- 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 updated the number of residents needing to have their house numbers posted and also sent a text message to Maggie Brice concerning the ones for the apartments. She responded that the tenants aren't responsible so she'll get it done next week. (09/02/23) No more than the numbers cost... should the city go ahead and purchase the remaining ones to get this matter resolved? I believe we'd need about 20, excluding apartments.
- I have received approval and information from CGI Digital concerning the banners. They are willing to provide us with 20 banners to fly 2 per pole. They will provide us with the necessary hardware to install them but we will have to install the hardware and the banners ourselves. I've provided a copy of the information they sent for your review and approval.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Eddie has gotten the clearing for the parking area located beside the park started, they started at the first of September. They're also supposed to get with the resident to assist with getting the storage building moved that is located on our property.
- I've reached out to Wallace Thompson (Toombs County Sheriff's Department) to see if they will increase their drive through to help with any inconspicuous activities. He said that they would be glad to assist us.

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- I've gone ahead and purchased 4 more boxes of candles for doing the luminaries on Christmas Eve. The cost was \$377.44 (\$312.00 + \$65.44 s/h). I've replaced the Georgia flag. I've held off installing the US flag since it doesn't look like it needs replacing at this time. I put it in the storage room at City Hall.
- We received notice from GMA that the Fall District 9 meeting will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM in Lyons at the Durden Building located at Parton Park. There isn't a cost associated with the meeting but everyone that wishes to attend will need to register so that they can get a head count since they do serve a meal at the meeting. The meeting is open to council members and any staff that is interested in attending.
- I've received an email from the City of Lyons (Jason) concerning the fire fee contract. We held off signing due to Vince Meadows trying to renegotiate the fee for his storage buildings. They are to have another workshop meeting September 26th that it can be discussed. We will sign the renewal contract pending the outcome.
- GMA has also sent notification that the Newly Elected Officials Training session for next year will be held February 28th - March 1st, 2024 (leap year) at the UGA campus in Athens. There will also be another training session that will take place March 20th - March 22, 2023 at the UGA campus in Tifton if they can't make the one in February. Registration will be open October 2023.
- Concerning the trash cans. Sue contacted Republic and they were kind enough to get us 3 more spares. I've already taken one and swapped it out with the Dismuke's - the one they had it appears the wheels don't want to turn. I did discuss with Lyons how they handle theirs and they said they pickup and drop off trash cans as the water service is turned on/off.
- 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?
- I've removed all the lights on our Christmas tree (those that I could reach). I've also gotten with Beverly Youmans to see if her contact (Universal Concepts - Robin ... wholesale) will maybe sell the LED lights, etc. we need for decorating the city and chapel areas. Also want to replace the bow with something else. She mentioned maybe a 3D star. I've calculated maybe getting around 50 - 100 LED color lights for the December Drive and Gift Shop areas. Also around 50 - 100 LED white lights for over in the garden area. We will probably need 10 white LED icicle lights for the gazebo. And guessing 10 - 100/150 LED white lights and 8 - 200 color LED lights for the big Christmas tree. Beverly contacted them about going next Wednesday (09/27/23) about getting a visual inspection and hopefully get a tree topper & LED lights. They had previously suggested we wire the wires ourselves to save on the cost.
- I contacted Dara with Designs by Dara Dennis to give us an estimate for painting some wood Christmas decorations. 5 Island of Misfit toys & sign for it to place at the

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Community Center ... includes plywood, paints & labor - we'll have to cut them out.
(\$650) I also had her look and give us an estimate for repainting the Santa's at both
entrances. (\$350). Total - \$1000