

## City of Santa Claus, Georgia

### Regular Monthly Council Meeting

August 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Santa Claus City Council was held August 15, 2023. Present were Mayor Donita Bowen, Councilmember Renee Wright, Eddie and Elaine Wright, Attorney Tina Maddox and Sue Grisham. Brenda Sells, David Evans and Monte Powell were not present. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of July 18, 2023, meeting were read. Due to no quorum, minutes were not approved.

**Old Business:** The financial reports were reviewed by the Council. Due to the absence of Monte, Brenda, and David, there was no report from them on city status. However, issues are being solved. Renee said the Community Center is O.K. Donita stated she has purchased (2) 6' white and (4) 8' black plastic tables for the Community Center expected to arrive soon.

Attorney Maddox was present to discuss the ongoing problem of unkept retention ditches at the Dollar General Store. Donita stated she has again spoken to Kathy Adams, daughter of Mr. Sfassie owner of the property that Dollar General occupies, along with Dollar General corporate office, and Paul Welch, E.P.D. concerning the matter. This was discussed at length with Ms. Maddox explaining the process to legally enforce the request by the city to all parties to clean up the property.

The pole for the city flag needs to be replaced as it was broken in a recent storm. Eddie informed Council the work would begin on the manhole repair at the east end of December RD on Dancer ST on Thursday, 8/17. Also, work to clear out trees at the Park on the north side off Dancer ST for the parking lot will begin around 9/01. The right of ways on the east side of town on Reindeer ST, Salem ST, and Rudolph Way need cutting. The statues of Santa Claus at the city limits sign are very worn and fading and need to be replaced.

Donita stated she has received an email concerning a Safety Grand and is looking further into it. She is still concerned about residents who do not have house numbers on their homes. She placed numbers on the Pavilion and will place them on the Community Center. The white fence on the left of December Dr beside the Santa Claus Minit Mart had a section blown down during the storm and has been replaced. Stacy Avery has completed the 2022 audit, reported it to the state and the city has received our copy.

**New Business:..** Donita stated she has received an email from Vince Espi, a reported for Peach Tree Times which is a media organization. He was inquiring about the location of the flags on city property according to the Georgia Open Records Act S50.18.70 et seq., etc. She added the Georgia state flag presently flying at City Hall has a tear. Sue said she will order one to replace it. Eddie suggested she call Sen. Blake Tillery and inquire if his office may provide a replacement for the city.

**August 15, 2023 meeting -page 2-** Trey Pearson of Tindall has requested a listing of all residents within the city and the year of construction of the homes. This is needed for Trey to complete the CWS and NTNC water systems service line inventory to report to the GA EPD on or before October 16, 2024. Donita has created an Excel spreadsheet providing all this information and maintained a copy for the city. She also listed the residents with a swimming pool.

The city has received an application for the LMIG grant for FISCAL Year 2024 which must be submitted no later than February 1, 2023. This is to fund resurfacing portions of Noel ST.

New playground equipment for the park was discussed with some suggestions and prices. As Christmas nears, the city needs to decide on new lights, etc. needed for 2023 so that Beverly Youmans may order them. Also, council discussed he Christmas Eve street candle lighting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Donita Bowen, Mayor Donita Bowen