

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 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? Did Eddie ever get in touch with TLake?

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update? We need to thank Walter Wright for installing the microwave at the Community Center for us. I've ordered the replacement bulbs from Lowe's for the chandelier and they're supposed to be delivered Wednesday, Oct. 18th. Cost - \$139.62

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - David Evans - Update?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- 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. This looks like it may need to be held off until next year due to time constraints.
- I've dropped off the house numbers to the residents for the 911 information. I've also texted Maggie Brice again concerning a few apartments that still need addressing. Therefore, as far as I'm concerned I'm through with addressing this matter.
- I have received information from CGI Digital concerning the banners. Considering everything we have going on at the moment I'm suggesting we postpone this until the beginning of next year. That way we'll have enough time to really look at what we'd like to display on them and it won't be a rushed job. I've informed them that we'll get in touch with them at the first of next year.
- We need to keep in mind the dates for the GMA Newly Elected Officials Training session for next year which 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, I've retrieved some of the trash cans. The one I got from the mini mart I've placed at the city hall. I thought we might need additional room to throw away trash as we're decorating. I've also placed another one at the Community Center as there were originally 4 there. And with the upcoming holidays and rentals there might be a need for it as well.
- I'm holding off filing the application for the LMIG grant for the Fiscal Year 2024 until next year. The application must be received no later than February 1, 2024. I'll resubmit it after we get through with the holidays. This is the grant that we applied for before to assist with redoing the road section of Noel St.

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3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Eddie is working on getting the dirt delivered and done at the cleared area in the park for the parking area. Hopefully they'll be able to get this done this week.
- I've made our reservations for the GMA Fall District 9 meeting. It is to be held Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM in Lyons at the Durden Building located at Parton Park.
- Vince and I went to attend the Lyons council workshop to further discuss the fire fee contract. We were hoping that maybe they would reconsider the rate for the storage buildings. But when we got there apparently they had the meeting the week before and neglected to inform us. But Jason said that they did discuss it and decided to leave as it was. I dropped off the signed contract Friday, Oct 6, 2023 at Lyons City Hall. I've requested Jason to give us a copy of the signed contract once they also sign our records.
- In light of looking at the fire fees, Vince and I started thinking about the fact that the city is paying for the fire fees when any of the property is empty as it's included in the water bill. While the water is turned off we still get a monthly bill from Lyons covering ALL property. Therefore, we're paying for the empty apartments and any rentals, etc. Any suggestions on how this should be handled?
- We've contacted Curb Appeal Power Wash (Jimmy Warren) about pressure washing the fences, and buildings for us again before we begin decorating. He's provided an estimate - Wash one side of 400 ft of 6 ft solid panel vinyl fence - \$140. Wash both sides of 225 ft of 6 ft solid panel vinyl fence - \$157.50. Surface clean 1000 ft of 5 ft wide concrete walkway for a total of 5000 sq ft of concrete surface area - \$600. Wash Community Center building - \$300. Total for all listed services - \$1197.50. We did contact him back concerning cleaning the Gift Shop and he said that he was to include that for us for FREE. Everyone in approval for him to begin? Hopefully he will be able to start this week.
- Once the pressure washing has been completed and since the weather seems to have cooled off, hopefully Vince Meadows will be able to assist us with installing the device for remotely accessing the internet over at the gift shop.
- Beverly Youmans, along with Walter and Renee Wright went to Cumming, Georgia to Universal Concepts to get our Christmas decorations. The lights, wreaths, etc are commercial grade quality so we're expecting them to last us for years to come. They're wanting to get started with decorating as soon as the pressure washing has been completed. I'm hoping that we can be finished decorating by the 1st of November, so we can use any remaining time to focus on getting things done for the tree lighting, treats, games, snacks, etc.
- Dara with Designs by Dara Dennis has come and gotten one of the entrance Santa's. Currently she's working on the Island of Misfit Toys wood decorations and repainting the Santa. Once she delivers those I've asked Wayne Ward if he'll cut them out for us and I'll see about applying some water sealant to the wood decorations to help preserve them. I'm wanting to put them up in front of the Community Center.

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- Since we determined last month that we were going to hold off purchasing any playground equipment this year, I need to adjust our budget to reflect the funds that will be redistributed to the Christmas decorations and park areas. I will adjust these as soon as I know the approximate cost to finish the park area (ground area).
- I've also repainted and put some water sealant on the snowman and toy soldier wood decorations that we had last year so we can reuse them. I've also repainted & sealed the large waving Santa that we found in the attic. David was nice enough to look at the motor and tell me what we needed to get to replace. He's going to install the motor so we can get him back working and I'm hoping to install him in the area across from City Hall and close by the memorial wall. Putting him in the ground we can then leave him up year round. The cost of the motor was \$101.16. I also purchased 2 work lights for lighting the areas during the tree lighting ceremony. And was finally able to get the cut-out faces put on our photo boards.
- Last but not least, I've posted our flyers for the Annual Tree Lighting and Christmas Residents Dinner. Do y'all want to do the contest again this year, maybe overall decorating? Sue also sent out notices in the water bills of the upcoming festivities.