

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2024
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? Status on lights, needs walk around

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update? Any information on the eroded area on Reindeer/Salem?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- I'm working with Mr. Dan Beck concerning our Safety Grant. They have agreed to make some exceptions for us concerning our eligibility for the grant. As soon as we complete all the necessary requirements we can submit our request for the safety items. I was informed that this year we will be allowed \$2,600.
- List of items to be done before we are eligible for grant.
 - Foremost, we have to ensure we are up with our contributions and fees - No Exception.
 - We have to have someone go through the Crisis Coordinator training. I believe there are 3 courses that will need to be taken. I've already started taking the courses.
 - Current in response to recommendations made by LGRMS during an on-site visit - No Exception. We are currently up to date following the on-site inspection from December 21, 2022.
 - Safety Coordinator will also need to review 3 Safety Coordinator webinars and write a paragraph on what was learned.
 - We have been given an exception from having to have Safety Meetings. However we (me/Safety Coordinator and Sue) will need to review the LGRMS monthly publication SHARE (via email).
 - No Exception - Show proof of a written policy on requiring a minimum of two safety self-inspections per year. Along with document recording inspections, dates, etc.
 - Exception - Mandatory Seat Belt Usage Policy
- I've also contacted Triton Fire & Security to get estimates for setting up a surveillance system at the community center and 2 additional cameras down at the park. Given the cost of the system and cameras along with other items such as mats in front of the gift shop, community center and city hall doors; etc. we will have to only purchase some items this year and others in the following years. Other items that we might consider being able to apply are Annual Fire Ext Inspection/Tagging; Playground Mulch and I'm going to also look into a Lifevac (choking) device along with an emergency first aid kit. We can also submit for approval any other items if we provide a legitimate explanation of how it will assist us in reducing risk of injuries.
- I talked with Mike (Heath) concerning the GMA Newly Elected Officials Training session for this year and due to work restrictions he won't be able to attend this year. He's notified his boss and hopes to attend next year's session..

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- Any update on addressing the election process?
- Waiting on follow up with CGI Digital concerning replacing our current banners for the light poles. Also after further inspection I informed Nikki that the pole in question being an electrical pole was not actually being used also for our banners. It just appeared that way in the photo. She has sent proofs for our review and I've sent our response back to her. The decision was made to use proofs 1a and 1b along with 2b and 2c since we're able to select 4 different banners. She's also asked for the height of the poles we intend to use them on and if they should plan on using their standard size 30 x 72 on the poles.
- Vince looked at our connectivity issue with accessing the internet over at the gift shop. It appears that he was able to resolve the problem. I ran a card through while inside the gift shop and it went through on the 1st try.
- Any update on the storage building? We've received the Christmas decorations from Universal Concepts. I've gotten the inflatable and the wood decorations taken up and stored. The decorations (angels/Charlie Brown & Snoopy) along with the lights from the bushes/trees in both the garden and city hall/gift shop areas have been taken up and stored also. Beverly removed and stored the decorations over at the chapel also.
- Like to thank Eddie and Walter Wright for picking up the bookcase/filing cabinet for us. I was informed that it is definitely heavy. I've contacted Wayne Ward to see if he'll help us modify it to allow us to use it as a 'Little Library'. I've also contacted Dara Dennis to see if she will look and maybe give us an estimate to paint it for us using a Christmas theme.
- We received confirmation from the Altamaha Bank & Trust/Ms. Miranda Johnson that our CD has been renewed with the current rate of 3.50% and is valid through August 2025.
- We received the information concerning the Water Procedure and Map of Direction from the EPD. We had 2 violations, a recommendation along with the need for us to update our permit to reflect that we use the City of Lyons as our backup water source. These have been resolved and submitted to Michael Derrick (EPD) by Tindall's representative Trey Pearson. I have signed the permit and emailed it back for modification. I've also emailed Mr. Derrick to ensure everything has been completed to their satisfaction. I saw an email where he responded back to Trey that he had forwarded our signed permit and would let us know if they needed anything else. Hopefully everything has been resolved except getting the water tank cleaned (Mobley) I believe in either June or July.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- I've submitted our required DCA (Department of Community Affairs) GOMI & the Wages and Salary Surveys for this year.
- We received notification GMA concerning their Spring Listening Session for our District 9 Meeting. It will be held on April 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Coastal Pines Technical College in Baxley. There is no fee to attend and a meal will be provided. If anyone is interested in attending let me know so I can get you registered.
- We've got to determine our response for our ARPA items. The site will open April 1st through April 30th and we have to have our funds spent or at least allocated by the end of this year. We should probably meet to discuss our options.

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- I noticed on Tuesday, February, 27th that Mr. Duerfeldt had gotten the grass cut and it appeared to be working on cutting up the downed tree. Vince Meadows also provided him with someone to contact to assist him with the demolition and hauling off of the debris for the building. He notified me he had a close friend that had just passed. I texted him back on Sunday, March 17th for an update on any progress he may have made concerning the demolition of the building. Haven't gotten a response back yet.
- As of March 15th GDOT will begin accepting the LRA (Local Road Assistance) funding for 24 supplemental grants. The LRA funds will be the same as our LMIG with the exception of having to provide the 10% match. The electronic applications have to be submitted by June 15, 2024. We need to get an estimate for the fix/resurfacing and striping for the section of Noel St. that we've already requested the LMIG grant to address. We have been granted to allow for a 3 year rollover to complete the project. From my understanding the GDOT 'thinks' that the supplemental 24 funding can be included in those projects, if needed. Once we determine the current estimated cost of the repairs we can also determine if we would like to include these funds to be included. This can help reduce any outstanding funds that we may have to provide to complete the project. The LMIG grant for 2025 will open in July. We may be able to go ahead and submit the application and get the 3 year funds to allow us to go ahead with the project. The amount of the LRA funds that have been allocated to Santa Claus is \$5,403.55. This is determined by our population and our total mileage.