

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 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? Schedule 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:

- Any update on addressing the election process?
- Waiting on follow up with CGI Digital concerning replacing our current banners for the light poles. I believe we've submitted everything needed from our end. I'm guessing they are probably working on getting the advertisers.
- Sue, have you used the Square (card reader) over at the gift shop since we've gotten it fixed? Probably a good idea if you're able to use it go get familiar with it before Christmas season gets here.
- Storage building has been completed and looks awesome. We just need to get the remaining decorations put up and move the others. If any haven't seen it, you should ride by and get a look. We're also getting electricity installed such as lights and also recommended installing a few outlets also just in case for some reason we ever end up needing them. Also requested to have them update/install circuit breaker/box over at the gift shop while they're out here if possible. This is to keep the circuits from overloading during our tree lighting festival.
- I'm still trying to contact Wayne concerning the bookcase/filing cabinet about him converting it into a 'Little Library' for us. 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. Hopefully she'll be able to come and look at it sometime this week or maybe the next.
- I mentioned last month about the GMA Spring Listening Session for our District 9 Meeting being held on Apr 16, 2024 and asked if anyone would like to attend. As you see I didn't realize at the time that it was the same date as our council meeting. So they should be having another meeting in the fall and I'll let you know when it is if you'd like to attend it.
- Have we been able to get any kind of estimates for resurfacing/repairing the roads? I will still need to submit the application for the LRA (Local Road Assistance) grant. The electronic applications have to be submitted by June 15, 2024. The amount of the LRA funds that have been allocated to Santa Claus is \$5,403.55. The LMIG grant for 2025 will open in July. This is the grant that was passed to help with our roads that we don't have to provide a percentage match.

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3. NEW BUSINESS:

- We received the invoice from GIRMA (Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency) , our insurance agent. The invoice amount is \$6,570. Does everyone agree to continue to cover our property with them at this amount?
- I asked Sue & Renee to check into renewing our phone/internet service. It looks like our discounted contract with Vyve has expired. I wanted to check and see if Altamaha Fiber would allow us a discounted contract and if so how much it would cost. And I also wanted us to see if Vyve would allow us to renew the discounted contract also and see how much it would cost. The intention was for us to see which we could get the best deal before renewing as the previous contract locked us into 4 years. Even though Altamaha is fiber optic and Vyve is cable we need to determine if we really need to spend extra money on it at this time as we don't have exceptional usage.
- I received an email from NLC (National League of Cities) that they are officially designating May as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month. This to commemorate NLC's 100th anniversary by celebrating the incredible contributions of America's local governments. They ask us to join in marking this historic milestone by issuing a proclamation in our community. They are asking that we issue it by May 24, 2024 if we wish to participate. I've downloaded the forms and will respond back if you are in agreement, do you wish to participate? They also are partnering with the National Bell Festival to ring bells through the country on May 22nd. If you would be interested in participating in it let me know so I can inform them. I will also pass along to Parlor to add to our website.
- I received an email notification from GMA concerning the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week which will be held May 5-11, 2024. I believe we should honor our clerk and I randomly picked the date of May 8, 2024 for our proclamation. If in agreement I will sign the proclamation and also have it posted on our website.
- I've completed everything that was on our to do checklist for us to be able to submit our request for the Safety Grant. I'm now officially our Crisis Coordinator. This is the Safety Grant Process. Grant process time (average payment processed in 3 to 4 months) LGRMS receives your grant application, identifies any issues with your documentation, and sends the member an acknowledgement e-mail with any needed documentation. This will usually take 2 to 6 weeks. LGRMS will review your application with the GMS Grant Board. This Board will either approve or decline the items you have requested. This will usually take an additional 2 to 6 weeks. LGRMS will then send the member an email indicating the items approved for the grant. The member will then purchase the items requested and send LGRMS the proof of purchase documentation. Once received, it will usually take 2 to 6 weeks to deliver your check. Now we need to determine what we're wanting to submit for approval. I believe we were deemed \$2,600. Do you want to meet to discuss or would you like me to parse through the items that we should be eligible for and pick those to as close as the dollar amount as possible and leave any remaining items for next year?
- I tried (Sunday, April 14th) to call Mr. Duerfeldt to find out the status of the building demolition. I have tried several times to reach him via phone so I sent him a few text messages. I'm going to contact our attorney (Tina Maddox) to determine what our next course of action should be.

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- The ARPA portal is open now through April 30th. I contacted Ms. Artiffany Stanley (GMA) to check whether we can include some of the excessive sewer bills we've had as items for the grant expenditures. She informed me that we can so I've included 4 of the bills. Sunday, April 14th, Darel Corley also had his men come and check all the sewer lines to see if they can find why we keep getting these unreasonably high sewer bills everytime it rains excessively. I contacted Darel this morning to see if they've been able to pinpoint the problem. He said they haven't located it yet but they're still searching. The remaining funds that we have available currently is \$13,561.17. We need to determine if we want me to go ahead and try and use the remaining funds towards some more of the previous high water bills. This will help leave the remaining funds in the water & sewage account to cover remaining bills that arise. If we need to address anything else out of the scope we can transfer some funds out of our General Account.