

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 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? Walk-around?

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Renee Wright - Update? Ice Machine - Lauren fixed clogged drain; Possibly get Walter & Mike to repair the ceiling on the porch?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update? Place post w/chains across both ends for the moment?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Any update on addressing the election process? Have discussed with Shea her handling if needed
- Sent email Wednesday, May 15th inquiring on the status of the banners for us from CGI Digital. Haven't received a response.
- Storage building has been completed and the electricity has been installed for the lights and a few outlets. At this time the insulation hasn't been blown in the top therefore we haven't been able to have the decorations put inside. As soon as we get the clearance and sign off that everything is complete, we will issue their check and have things moved inside. Since the electrician used was contracted through Pittman, we will still need to contact someone to have them update/install circuit breaker/box over at the gift shop. This is to keep the circuits from overloading during our tree lighting festival. Do you have some suggestions of ones to inquire with to get bids? We can place it on the website also ... just not sure how many people will notice.
- I haven't been able to get in touch with Wayne concerning the bookcase/filing cabinet and him converting it into a 'Little Library' for us. I'll check and see if I can get someone else that might volunteer to help us. I still need to get in touch with Dara Dennis also to see if she is interested in painting it for us. I believe she is a teacher so hopefully I can arrange a meeting with her since school is or about to be out. But she can't do anything anyway until I have the building alterations done.
- I've submitted our ARPA report that ended last month on April 30, 2024.
- Vyve has updated our internet service and I did a test to ensure that we are running at the faster speeds for the download/uploads.
- I submitted our agreement to participate in the NLC (National League of Cities) designating May as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month along with sending notifications to Parlor to post on our city website.
- We honored our city clerk as brought to our attention by GMA concerning the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week which was held May 5-11, 2024. I asked Parlor to post the notification for it on our city website as well.

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- 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. If we don't have any further information, I'm going to submit it once I can get the application notarized using the information we already have. I'm hoping to get that done this week then all I'll need to do is submit it.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mobley has been contacted about doing the cleanout of our water tank. The cost will be \$695.00 and tentatively scheduled the last week in June (24-28). This will need to be coordinated with Rusty to ensure that he flushes the line to Lyons before to ensure that while we are on Lyons water that the residents don't get the 'settled dirty line water'.
- The end of April we received a notification from QuickBooks that our support service had expired. I contacted them to determine how much it would cost to renew the subscription. I was informed that for 1 year it would cost \$1000, for 2 yrs. it would be \$1500 and 3 yrs. it would be \$1950. I went ahead and renewed and extended our support for 3 more years due to getting the cheaper rates. Last year we renewed the software with a 3 yr. contract - Product # - 401228 and the Product # for support is 953332.
- I submitted our application for the Safety Grant. The 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. I have provided you with a copy of the items that I submitted for approval.
- I haven't been able to contact Mr. Duerfeldt concerning his property on Reindeer St. I contacted the building inspector Eddie gave me the contact information. Mr. Johnny Parham (Dublin) was able to come and access the property May 8th. His fee for the inspection was \$250. Once I receive his report and pictures I'm going to compile those, along with the letter Sue was kind enough to do for us concerning his unpaid taxes, a copy of our city property ordinance and send them certified mail to his Vidalia address. From my understanding they will allow 7 days for him to pick it up and then they will resend it again allowing an additional 7 days for him to pick it up before it will be returned to us. I believe then we should proceed with contacting our attorney about starting issuing a citation that he's got so many days to respond and/or comply. If needed take it to the magistrate court. I will also text him in an attempt to notify him that we've contacted a lawyer and will be proceeding with a suit. I will try to retrieve and get a copy of the text messages also to give to our lawyer.
- Sue was informed by Southland Fire Protection that next year we will need to replace 3 fire extinguishers costing approximately \$115. Then later we will need to have the remaining 2 replaced also. They have 6 years maintenance plus our standard service agreement which is currently \$80 per year.

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- We had some minor damage done from the bad weather we experienced on May 9th. I believe we can all agree we were blessed to have not suffered any more damage than we did. Mike was kind enough to cut up some of the fallen tree limbs for us. We greatly appreciated him helping us try to save as much money as possible. He was also kind enough to talk to Mr. Russ Bell about purchasing a chainsaw from him if they had any. Mr. Bell informed him that if we needed one that we could get it and he would take care of the bill. I intend to fix him a cake and if Sue will get him a Thank You card we can see if Mike would be kind enough to give it to him for us.
- It's currently tentative but I may have a phone call with Anna Weaver (HOGARC) this Friday to go over and discuss our CWP (Community Work Program. This is pertaining to our Toombs County Comprehensive Plan. If anyone would like to attend the conference call let me know. This will allow you to voice your opinions.