

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?

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Repair of the porch ceiling?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Brenda has gotten someone to get the electricity done for the gift shop and the lights over in the garden area. Apparently, Luis' help has cut some of the wires. It might be a good idea while we have the electrician here, to let him look at the chandelier in the community center also. See if he can determine why, it keeps blowing bulbs in certain areas.
- Matt was kind enough to move the cabinet we're using for the 'little library' to our new storage building until we're able to get it completed.
- We've received the envelope back for Mr. Duerfeldt as time allows, I'll try to schedule a meeting with our attorney Tina, to see what we can do to get this matter resolved. I also texted him to notify him of the local debris pickups if he'd like to take advantage of using it while available ... but haven't gotten any kind of response.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- Now that our parking lot has been paved and we've received the signs and posts. We need to get with Luis to have them installed. Once everything has been finished, I'll take some photos to add to our Facebook page. We also need to ask him to have about 2-3 broken low hanging limbs cut down in the garden area.
- Registration is now open for the 2025 Newly Elected Officials Institute training. This year's training will be held in the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center on March 19-21. Apparently, the training is only offered in Tifton this year. They only offer the two location options of Athens and Tifton every other year. Matt will be the only one needing to get the training this year.
- I got with [Michael Carroll](#) (Triton Fire & Security) to discuss where he should install the 2 new cameras at the pavilion. We're still waiting on the installation as he had to order the remaining cameras and supplies for our safety grant.
- We met with Mr. Bill Powell Thursday, November 7th at the Community Center. It was to allow him to go over and explain the rate analysis that he worked up for the city to address our water & sewer systems. We will adjust the rates for January of next year.

- I've got to send the final information to Harris for them to finish our taxes for this year. I should get that to them within the next day or so.
- Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission submitted our request to the Department of Community Affairs for a variance in the process completion deadline for our community's upcoming comprehensive plan update. The extension was approved. The October 31, 2024 deadline was extended to February 28, 2025.
- I met with Lynn Rowland (Lyons City Clerk) and she was kind enough to assist me in filing the Homestead Tax Relief Grant. We have mailed our grant application for \$1,916.67 and are awaiting approval confirmation.
- I purchased replacement batteries for our solar lights that are located along the city hall walkway. Two of the lights were damaged. I was able to piece the 2 damaged ones together to get 1 working one. I went ahead and ordered its replacement along with a couple others so we'll have them on hand should we need to replace them. I went ahead and put new batteries on all the lights.
- Reminders: Our Annual Tree Lighting is Thursday and we changed the start time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. Our resident's dinner will be December 5th at 6:00pm. And Lyons Christmas parade is Friday night December 6th at 6:00pm.
- I still have to install the slip strips on the community center steps and take the tarp to the lift station to cover the spare pump.
- John Jones (County Manager) and I met with Mr. Chad Bowman (FEMA Floodplain) November 13th. He discussed the steps that we need to take to be eligible for any assistance from FEMA concerning floods. He asked Ms. Emily Wingo (EPD) to assist with me submitting the necessary documents. In order for FEMA to assist any residents we have to sign a Resolution of Intent and fill out an application for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. It doesn't cost us anything to participate however, if we don't and there is a flood in (for example Walter/Renee's house) they will not be able to file for FEMA assistance for the flood. So, in light of the 'possibility' even though not likely I feel that we should participate.
- We received notice from Republic Services that they are going to increase the current rates effective January 1, 2025 by 4.8%. We need to respond with our approval.
- The debris groups that are helping clear the trees/limbs from the right of ways will soon be starting to help with the city removals. I've taken pictures of the debris that Luis cleared and hope that we can get reimbursed for the funds. He moved the debris to his property so we wouldn't have to incur the cost from the landfill. I've asked the debris groups to see if they will remove the trees/limbs from his property so he doesn't have to try and burn it. I've still got to get together with ER Assist Services to determine what we'll be able to get assistance with. We might be able to get assistance with the fence around the lift station. I'm still waiting on Mr. John Morris to come and look at the fence to determine if it can be

repaired or will have to be replaced. They are also planning to start making passes on the creek/stream areas. They will have to have residents' permission to clear any of the debris from along the creek as its private property and they aren't allowed to do anything without their consent. The residents impacted are Walter/Renee Wright, Mary Kay Thompson and Barry Toole. I've contacted and discussed the matter with each of them and they've agreed to allow them to proceed. They will be required to sign documents (for legal matters) before they start. They have also mentioned that they will clear an easement section that runs through the woods below the park. This will help for any future needs to access the water line that runs through there. The line was recently damaged when an oak tree had fallen on it and busted it causing the residents to be impacted by low water pressure.

- GIRMA (insurance) came and did an assessment of the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. We're still waiting on the response from them.
- What is the status of getting the roads resurfaced?
- We don't have a council meeting for the month of December but we should schedule a time to work on our budget for next year. Suggestions?