

City of Santa Claus, Georgia
Regular Monthly Council Meeting

June 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Santa Claus City Council was held June 17, 2025. Those present were Mayor Donita Bowen, Councilmembers Renee Wright, Monte Powell, Matt Lynn, and Brenda Sells, Secretary Sue Grisham, and several residents. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of May 20, 2025, meeting was read. Matt made a motion second by Renee to accept the minutes. Council agreed unanimously to accept the minutes as read.

Old Business: The financial reports were reviewed by the Council and discussed. The Gardens: WADE Const. has repaired the fan at the gazebo and installed two new electrical outlets and new spotlight at the flagpole. Park: There are no new issues. Community Center: No issues at the facility. Roads: Asphalt speed bumps have been installed back on Dancer ST and Rudolph Way.

Donita stated she tried to contact Cliff Duerfeldt again with no response from him. Council decided the city should not pay to have the grass cut on Duerfeldt's property as it is private property. Donita met with Zac Moore of Parlor and discussed the texting/email notification system which he will install for the city in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS: Council members Monte Powell and Renee Wright are required to fill out the Personal Financial Disclosure Statement before June 30, 2025, to run for reelection in the fall. The fee of \$18.00 each is due to remain in their council seat. This will be processed before the deadline. Sikes Civil has completed the projects, submitted invoices and has been paid. Nolan of FEMA emailed the mayor that he is still working on completing the culvert project at Salem ST to be funded by FEMA and GEMA. Also, Donita has received an email from GDOT that they approved the Local Road Assistance Grant. The LRA grant was used for grading, crush & run, etc. on Salem ST last month.

Banners have been received for the lamp posts on December DR from Universal Concepts. The mayor stated that she met with Fernando concerning repairing a bench in the Garden damaged during Hurricane Helene. Council discussed this. She also contacted Greg Goff about him replacing the fence at the Lift station stating Greg will honor his original price for the project. The fence has been ordered and will arrive in 2-3 weeks. Too, Donita had guys remove the slats in the old fence for storage in case they are needed in the future as they will cost approximately \$6,400 if replaced. Council discussed a life station at the Joyner residence deciding the city will not install this due to legalities.

June 17, 2025 -page 2- Donita informed the Council that she has been notified by QuickBooks that the city license has expired. She explained the process for the city to update with a total cost of \$6,047.99 including taxes which she has done.

Donita met with Darel Corley on June 11 to check a manhole cover in the ditch on Noel ST. It seems there is possibly an issue with a missing gasket that will allow rainwater into the sewer system adding to the excessive bills from Lyons. She also informed Darel that the streets project is complete and the Sikes crew has moved out allowing the guys to install the remainder STOP signs and signs at the park and at Salem ST.

Donita has purchased a new shelf unit for storage and installed it in the closet. She also put the new safe on it to be used for the office.

Brenda informed the Council that she has received some information on options for work and/or items possibly needed for the lift station and will present it at the next meeting for review. Lance Sikes quoted a water & sewage bill from a Lyons resident which is lower than ours. This was discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Donita Bowen, Mayor 