

City of Santa Claus, Georgia
Regular Monthly Council Meeting

November 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Santa Claus City Council was held November 18, 2025. Those present were Mayor Donita Bowen, Councilmembers Renee Wright, Monte Powell, and Matt Lynn, Secretary Sue Grisham, Vince Meadows, Lance Sikes and Eddie and Elaine Wright. Brenda Sells was absent due to illness. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Minutes of October 21, 2025, meeting were read. Renee made a motion second by Monte 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: No issues to address. Park: Repairs have been made in the area. Community Center: The facility is O.K. Roads: No issue with the roads. It was stated that the Lyons Fire Department was called out to a fire on South Sleigh ST where the owner was burning trash earlier and it reignited.

Donita stated that she still needs to contact Allgreen to discuss their fees for trash pickup in the city. The city currently has a contract with Republic. She added that we are still waiting for a check from FEMA/GEMA for reimbursement for ER Assist fees and for copies of documents from ER Assist.

NEW BUSINESS: The mayor informed the council that she had been interviewed at 5:00 A.M. on Wednesday by WJCL Channel 22 Frank Sulkowski which went well. She stated that she has contacted Darel Corley requesting his assistance in getting someone come out and meet with Eddie Wright with a camera to check the sewer lines to possibly locate any infiltration into the system.

Clarence Pittman came out and repaired the foot bridge at the Park that was rotting. He also repaired/replaced the steps and handicap ramp at the Pavilion and painted the roof on the Gift Shop.

Donita spoke with The Tillery Firm concerning the Cliff Duerfeldt issues and agreed this would be tabled until after January due to the busy holiday schedule.

Wade Mosley has been contacted to replace the ceiling fans and lights at the Gift Shop and to check the lights on the memorial wall whether they need repair or replacement. Donita is inquiring on replacing the signs at the memorial wall as they are tarnished with age. She added that she has installed concrete steps at the photo board at the Gift Shop for safety.

November 18, 2025 -page 2- Sue was asked to contact Mike Heath concerning the reimbursement for the damages at the north entrance gate torn down on October 12 when his daughter-in-law hit it while turning in on Reindeer ST.

Walter Wright contacted Chad Edge and they have erected the new banners on December DR at the entrance.

The new messaging system in operating correctly, Donita stated. She has finalized all data for Harris to proceed in printing and mailing the property tax notices to all property owners in the city.

LGRMS Group contacted the mayor stating they will join GMA and ACCG (Association County Commissioners of Georgia) but operations will continue as is for several months into 2026 gradually winding down its activities allowing a smooth transaction. She has contacted Michale Carroll requesting that he complete the security cameras at the Community Center to insure the completion before she files for a Safety Grant.

The annual Christmas Tree Party is on Thursday of the week and everything is on schedule for the event. Sue stated that, in the past, the Council had given a small Christmas gift to all senior citizens and shut ins asking permission to reinstate this small token for them. Renee made a motion second by Monte for Sue to purchase a small Christmas gift for all senior citizens and shut ins.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Grisham

Donita Bowen, Mayor 