

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2025

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?

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Update?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- The electrician (W.A.D.E) has installed the light bulbs in the new garden lights. Has he completed the outlet to the area at flag poles? Darel's guys had completed installing the signs, but we have since decided to install 4 stop signs at the corner of Reindeer & Salem rather than just the 2 on the Salem side. We also ordered & have received 3 signs to install around the park area for No Motorized Vehicles to ride in the park. I will get Darel to have his guys to install those also. Unless anyone has any objections, I believe that since we usually allow at Halloween the mini train to be driven on the walking trail that we continue to allow this as an exception. It is a city event and any damage would have to be incurred by the city. Others causing damage would be subject to the individual(s) riding in the area.
- I haven't received any contact from Cliff Duerfeldt since we had his 'packet' delivered to him. I still need to get with our attorney to schedule a meeting to see how to proceed.
- Matt had a meeting in Tifton for the 2025 Newly Elected Officials Institute training - on March 19-21. Everyone now has completed our mandatory training.
- Still waiting on Zac Moore (Parlor) to get back with me concerning the texting/email notification system. Once we get everything set up, we can proceed about getting our residents information entered.
- Waiting on the information from the IRS that they've set up our account to be able to send electronically. The Georgia Department of Labor & the Georgia Dept of Revenue have been done electronically. I called the IRS Thursday inquiring on the status of the 10-digit PIN code that we were to receive to allow us to file electronically. I had received emails from QuickBooks acknowledging that the IRS had accepted our request. They will need to send another PIN since we didn't receive the previous one, they said they mailed in March. Once we receive the PIN from the IRS, I will get with Shea to inform her how to file all the quarterly reports. We won't need to file the reports again until August.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- We're still working with FEMA concerning the items damaged due to Hurricane Helene. I'm still waiting on funds from our insurance for those items covered by the insurance.

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- I've got the remainder of the safety grant items that we obtained last year from Michael Carroll (Triton Fire & Safety) to submit for this year's Safety Grant. This should include the remaining items to finish out the safety cameras, etc. at our community center. It looks like I've got to do another Crisis Coordinator class to submit this year's Safety Grant. I've emailed Dan Beck with LGRMS inquiring about what is required for this year.
- We didn't get the notice for our homestead opt out (HB 581) meeting put in the paper for this month's meeting in time. Therefore, the meeting that was to be held tonight has been rescheduled for next Tuesday, March 25th at 7:00pm. The other 2 meetings have also been run in the paper for next month. April 15th & April 22nd both at 7:00pm. I'm not sure how many people are going to show up but we need to ensure we have at least a couple members here. Matt and I were here for the March 25th meeting, however no one showed up. We need to have someone volunteer to be here for the April 22nd meeting. We also received and deposited the Homestead Grant amount for \$1,916.67.
- Larry Sikes (Sikes Civil.) has paved the roads with the assistance of McLendon. Once they have been completed Sikes will put dirt along the roads and then finish up by painting the stripes on the roads. Larry has said that they should be painting the stripes hopefully this week. I will close out the Roads Account and also finalize the LMIG grant once everything has been completed.
- Larry (Sikes Civil) should go ahead and put the topsoil & grass seeds at the park and redo the walkway over at the gift shop once they've completed the other work.
- We received notice that our District 9 Spring Meeting is to be held in Reidsville this year on Tuesday, Apr 22, 2025 at 5:30. The meeting will be located at 103 Tattnell Street at the Reidsville Garden Club. However, that is also one of the nights that we are having to hold the HB 581 (Homestead Exemption Meeting).
- We received notice that on April 10, 2024 the EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for six PFAS compounds. The PFAS Rule establishes a reporting compliance date of April 26, 2027. It also requires water systems to come into compliance with the finalized Maximum Contaminant Levels on or before April 26, 2029. Additionally, the rule also established a requirement for all Community Water Systems (CWS) and Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems (NTNCWS) to complete PFAS Initial Monitoring. PFAS Initial Monitoring requires all CWS and NTNCWS to conduct non-routine compliance monitoring at each active entry point to the distribution system and report the results to the GA EPD on or before April 26, 2027. PFAS Initial Monitoring results will be used to determine water system's routine compliance monitoring schedules in April 2027. **The purpose of the letter is to inform us that our water system has at least one entry point subject to the PFAS Rule and must conduct PFAS Initial Monitoring.** I sent a copy of the letter in an email to Trey Pearson (Tindall) on March 3rd inquiring how this will affect us. I was informed that the state will at some point send the kits out (to them) and they will collect them. He didn't mention if there will be an additional charge for doing this ... but can only assume that there will be as when we were required to with the Lead Service Line Inventory.
- We had a scheduled onsite visit/inspection with FEMA March 29th at 1:30.
- I will be working to close out our ARPA grant this month.... ends April 30th.

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- I sent the zip file that I obtained from CGI digital to Universal Concepts to see if they could use any of the files to do a banner for us. [Lori Fulwood](#) informed me that they can put any artwork on the banners and that the average cost for a custom banner (double sided) is \$100 ea. or less. We will need 10 banners. This is for the fabric banners as we had before. For some reason Lori wasn't able to open the Zip file so I had to send her another file. I also think that we should choose which artwork we want for the banners and choose another one for doing another T-shirt for the gift shop.
- Debbie Toole/Barry Toole has reached out to see if we would be interested in purchasing the corner lot area (Reindeer/Salem). They have also contacted the current residents (Jeremy Winge) to see if they would be interested in it. They have responded back that they're not interested. It has come to my attention also that Ricky Wilson might be interested in purchasing ... but his decision is dependent on whether we will allow a zoning variance for him to put in a Christmas tree 'farm'. This is for growing Christmas trees to sell. We had some questions as to whether the area could be used for this use. I notified Mr. Wilson that according to our Zoning Ordinance the area is Zoned for Residential use, but it also allows for Agricultural use with the exclusion of cattle or poultry.
- We received the invoice for our GIRMA insurance for this year. The amount is \$7,035 which is up \$465 from last year.
- I received an email concerning the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program). FEMA approved the application for our participation in the NFIP. We should be receiving a letter from FEMA confirming our participation.
- Since we have raised our water/sewage payments I reached out to our GMA district representative (Ms. Artiffany Stanley) to see if there is actually a law that requires a maximum amount that can be used for our deposit for the utilities. According to her she doesn't know of any law. We had previously charged \$250 but was led to believe that we couldn't charge any more than \$175, which is our current charge. In light of the recent increase in the fees do you think we should increase the deposit amount to get it closer in case anyone doesn't pay their final payment? Ms. Stanley gave me a listing of several different cities and their rates. Most cities didn't require as much as we do. However, Tybee Island's deposit is \$200. Should we maybe increase to \$200 or \$225 or leave as it is?
- I have also gone through our RVS software and hopefully cleaned up the accounts. I'm hoping to make some instructions for our training manual so if anyone else has to step in and fill in for Sue then we can.