

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2026
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 - Updates? Eddie & Wade got the gates fixed

PARK - Updates? Maybe get Sue to work with notifying Danielle about cleaning the restrooms

COMMUNITY CENTER - Update?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update? Had Darel have his guys to put the stop sign back up on Salem

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- I received a copy of the contract for Allgreen. Their rate for residential carts is **\$15** per month. There is a 5 yr. agreement renewable annually. I've also provided you with a copy of the Compensation Adjustments and Rights to Petition section. Looks like the other items are pretty comparable to what we currently have with Republic. Republic has a rate cost of 4.8% annual which currently is \$14.09 and will bring it to **\$14.77** per unit. Do you want to remain with Republic or change over to Allgreen?
- We're still waiting on the last check from FEMA/GEMA concerning our reimbursement for ER Assist fees. I did receive a request to finalize some of the FEMA projects that they were still showing open. I submitted them again, so hopefully they'll be sending the funds soon. Still waiting on copies of the documents from ER Assist also. I'll follow up with them again once everything has been finalized.
- Michael Carroll (Triton Fire & Security) has completed installing the security/camera system at the community center. I've submitted the information to LGRMS to get our Safety Grant reimbursement. I received an email from GMA's Loss Control Dept (Dennis Watts). He informed me that the grant program will continue and they have just sent the request to have our reimbursement check done. Though LGRMS as an entity will be phasing out this year, GMA is forming its own Risk and Loss Control services with most of the same staff. Wade also installed a couple of vents on the storage room at the community center where we've put the security system. It was noticed after the system was installed that it got hot in the room due to the computer and monitors running and the room being small.
- Wade has replaced the ceiling fans in the gift shop but he still has to do some of the spot lights. Apparently, squirrels have chewed through the wires.
- I purchased and we've received the lights and bases to replace the lights on the memorial wall. Wade has gotten them and will get those installed. I still need to get some estimates on replacing the signs on the wall.
- I have done instructions for the messaging system and put them in our training book. I still have to go over with Sue.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- I renewed the Cummins contract December 22nd at an increase of \$20.28 per year.

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- It was asked by a couple residents if we have a burn ordinance. We do not currently have an ordinance concerning burning yard debris, etc. I informed them that I would bring it up to the council for you to determine if this is something that we want to pursue.
- We completed our tax information with Harris and our annual property taxes have been sent out. While getting this done, I was informed that we need to address increasing our property taxes. Therefore, I'm going to look into this.
- I was hoping to have Jansen Killian (The Tillery Firm) come and discuss options to proceed with the Duerfeldt property. However, since we have a smaller council and Monte isn't able to attend, I've asked her to postpone it until next month. They did draw up an ordinance pertaining to the matter for us to use if we'd like. I've provided you with a copy to look over if you'd like to make any changes.
- Luis contacted me concerning removing the 2 trees in the garden. He had previously provided us with an estimate of \$1700 to remove and plant 2 new trees. I believe he said that he will be planting Crepe Myrtles. I was previously going to put them on our budget to cover the cost through the LOST funds. However, after looking at the trees I opted to get him to go ahead and remove/replace them and did through our SPLOST funds as one of the trees was leaning from Hurricane Helene and I deemed it becoming a possible safety issue.
- I met Friday, Jan 16, 2026 with Lesley Taylor concerning our 1099s. We went back over our vendors to see if we have any new or remaining ones that we need the W9 information from. It appears that we still need information from Wade Mosley and Clarence Pittman. Once we get their information we will complete submitting and providing them with the 1099.
- The Quarterly returns have been submitted, the Gift Shop taxes have been submitted and paid, the SAM renewal has been sent awaiting confirmation and [Stacie Avery](#) has gotten our information and should be working on getting our Audit reports completed.
- It's been brought to our attention that our council woman (Renee Wright) is wanting to step down from her post. Walter Wright has volunteered to replace her and we still need to find someone to fill the open position left by Brenda Sells. If you have any suggestions on anyone that might be a good candidate or interested let me know.
- I attended a webinar on December 29th for Georgia Ethics Commission: Ethics Reporting Requirements. I will need to get with Carey Alligood to see if I can get a better understanding of our municipality's circumstances. It appears that this year the clerk is to obtain and file the necessary paperwork for the Elected Filers. However, starting in 2027 the filers themselves will be responsible for filing their information electronically themselves. This includes their Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR) and Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFDS). I will update you as I get more information.
- In applying for the CDBG grant for this upcoming year (April) we need to determine the Engineering group and Grant Writer. I met Friday, January 09th with Hofstadter (Hayes) and Carol Southard to go over our goals and to find out more about them.
- I provided everyone with a copy of this year's budget. Does anyone have any questions or concerns? Do we need to make any adjustments or are you prepared to accept it as is? We will need to provide GIRMA (insurance) a copy of our accepted budget in order for them to proceed with determining our insurance fee.