

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING

July 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? Sue mentioned Sunday George Powell said lights were out

PARK - Monte Powell - Updates?

COMMUNITY CENTER - Update?

ROADS AND APPEARANCE - Update?

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- Greg Goff has installed the new fence at the lift station. He did NOT include the privacy slats. However, we do have the old ones if we decide we want to see if we can use those. After inspecting it was determined that it needed some adjustments on one of the gates. One of the doors was set too high and could allow animals, etc. to crawl underneath it. I contacted him to see about fixing it. I also checked with Darel Corley on the gate that is being blocked by the handicap sign for the parking lot. He said that it should be okay if they need to work around it. He also mentioned that I should let Greg know that he should put some pipes in the ground where the pole slides down so it can't be easily kicked in, etc. He also said that the gate is really hard to open - mentioned that I have Greg coming to adjust the fence and that might remedy the problem. I let Greg know about the pipes and Darel is to let me know if everything is okay. I've gone ahead and done Greg's check ... we just need to ensure everything is as we need before we give it to him. As of Monday evening, the fence gate has been lowered & pipes installed in the ground.
- The signs have been put up - stop signs, handicap and no playing in the ditches.
- I've started adding the residents' contact information into the new messaging system. When I get a chance, I'll start seeing if I can send a few test messages to see how it works and if I've got things set up correctly.
- This month I'm hoping to get instructions created for running the quarterly reports electronically through QuickBooks. I have some but need to have the federal set up. I had to wait on the PIN #. Since I've received it I'm going to get it implemented and do the instructions as I submit it. I'll then go over everything with Shea and put a copy in our Training Manual.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- I've resubmitted the forms that GEMA needs to finish processing out claims. We have received the funds for the generator, etc. Hopefully we'll continue to receive the other funds as the projects are processed. I also submitted the information for the culvert so they can finish processing it. FEMA should pay 75% (\$30,000), state (GEMA) should pay 10% (\$4,000) leaving us having paid the remaining 15% (\$6,000).
- June 24th, I submitted the necessary paperwork for Harris Local Government to go ahead and get started on preparing our property taxes for this year.

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- Fernando has picked up the garden bench for repair.
- Monday, I contacted Karen Anderson (Toombs County Health Dept) in order to make one last effort to see if we could help in swaying them allowing Kathy Joyner to install a septic tank. I was informed that the only option for her was to install a lift station. I contacted Kathy and informed her of my discussion with Ms. Anderson. She mentioned that she isn't interested in installing a lift station. I informed her that was her choice but just wanted to remind her that she would have to continue dealing with the problem as it is currently. Therefore, her matter has been resolved from the city's perspective.
- I've purchased a new handle for the toilet at the Gift Shop. Hopefully I'll get over there to replace it within the next week or so.
- We received an email from Peyton Jamison, Mayor of Milton, Ga. He's brought to our attention a resolution that we should review. The case carries significant implications statewide, stating that our city's involvement would make a meaningful difference. There is a Multi-City Amicus Brief that has a deadline of July 24th. They are requesting that we opt in to support it. The matter entails the City of Milton was the subject of a \$35 million + damages award due to the existence of a masonry planter located along the shoulder of a Milton roadway. Prior to the regrettable collision that is the subject of the litigation, the planter had existed in the City's right of way for decades with no issue. The City is concerned that without assistance from the Supreme Court, a rule of law may develop in Georgia where benign fixed objects along the shoulder - become sources of tremendous liability exposure. What they are asking is for our city's consent to join the multi-city amicus brief. Do you consent to me filling out the form and returning with our support?
- I had to go ahead and purchase a new computer (desktop/monitor) for the office. It had run out of disk space. I'm finishing setting up the new computer and moving the data over. It's been very time consuming and I've tried to get everything to where we could at least get QuickBooks operational to do checks. I also purchased a one-time copy of Microsoft Office Home & Business 2024 (\$249.99). It's the latest version and I cancelled the Microsoft subscription for Office. It was charging \$99.99 yearly). Everything has been installed & updated to the new computer. Any suggestions of what to do with the old one once it has been wiped clean?
- I met with our attorney Tina Maddox Friday, July, 11, 2025. I had taken a copy of our sewer contract to her earlier for her to be able to review beforehand. I've got copies of the information that I provided her. I also have copies of the letter that she was kind enough to provide us with her assessment of its legal standing. I also asked for any kind of recommendation or suggestion concerning Cliff Duerfeldt's property. She suggested for us to maybe have a 'firm' purchase offer on any of the properties to see if he would possibly take it up. Do we want to make an offer or see if Eddie may want to make an offer for the property on the highway and have them deliver it to Cliff?