

CITY OF SANTA CLAUS COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 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:

- I contacted Wade Mosley (electrician) and he has installed 2 outlets and installed 2 new LED lights to the area at our flag poles. He also fixed the fan in the gazebo and one of the walking trail lights that was undone from the base.
- I tried calling Cliff Duerfeldt Wednesday, June 11th. He didn't answer so I sent him a text message informing him that we have an ordinance in place concerning the upkeep of residents' property. The ordinance allows for a \$250 fine and we can also have the grass cut and the bill passed along to him. We have to wait at least 10 days from notification to proceed. So, if I don't have a response from him cutting the grass (at least the front yard) by Monday, June 23rd I suggest that we ask Luis to have his guys cut it and bill us separately. We'll then keep a file of the various fees that he owes us ...
- I've contacted Zac Moore (Parlor) concerning the texting/email notification system. Zac met with me to show me how to use the messaging system. Once I get the link and login information, I'm going to test it with my information to see how everything works.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- We need the council members (Renee & Monte) to fill out the Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. The deadline is June 30, 2025 and the cost for filing is \$18. If you will go ahead and fill out the forms, I will take them to Helen Harris (county) and have her notarize them for us. Sue if you will please see about getting them sent to the state.
- Larry has completed his projects and submitted his invoices and I issued his checks. I received an email from Nolen (FEMA) that they are still working on completing the culvert project but it's just slow going. We're also still waiting on funds from FEMA & GEMA.
- I received an email from GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) that they have approved the LRA (Local Road Assistance) Grant. I have confirmed that we have received the funds in the account. We used the funds for grading, crush & run, etc. on Salem Rd. last month.
- We received the banners from Universal Concepts. I recommend that we postpone hanging them though until closer to Christmas due to the weather (strong winds and excessive rain).

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- I met with Fernando (the guy that Darel recommended that does their ironwork) about putting some new sides on the bench for us that was damaged during the hurricane. We weren't able to get it repaired as it was. I also noticed that one of the trash cans is damaged. Do you want me to see if he can do something for the sides of it also?
- I was finally able to get in touch with Greg Goff concerning him replacing the lift station fence on June 4th. He is honoring his original estimate and said it would take approximately 2 to 3 weeks for him to order the fence. I also had Darel's guys remove the slats from the old fence before he comes to remove the old fence in case, we need to reuse them. According to Security Fence they quoted them costing approx. \$6400. I texted him 06/16/25 to find out the status. He said the fence has been ordered and it's scheduled for next week.
- Darel was finally able to get with Herndon about the lift station for Kathy. He gave an estimate of \$6500 - \$7800 for the grinder pump or the septic tank. He said the septic tank would be best. I asked Darel to see if he would be willing to send me an email stating that his recommendation is to have a septic tank installed. Once I can get that, I'm then going to get in touch with the health department again to see if I can get them to approve for Kathy Joyner to get a septic tank installed on her property. I texted Darel if he's received any response from Herndon on the recommendation.
- We were notified by QuickBooks that our license had expired earlier and that we need to get it renewed so that we can also get our updates for the software. I went ahead and renewed the license for another 3 yrs. for \$1999.99. While I was at it, I also increased the File Storage as it was about to run out to 3Gig (5yrs) for \$2999.99 and the updated version for \$599.99 ... Totaled \$6047.99 including taxes.
- I met with Darel Wednesday, June 11th to have him check into the manhole cover within the ditch of Ali's property (Noel St). Trying to ensure that when there is excessive rain filling the ditch that it isn't going into the manhole and adding to our sewer bill. Larry Sikes was kind enough to take a picture of it without the cover and I sent it to Darel on Monday 06/16/25. The picture did not show a gasket on the manhole so I've asked him to get one put on it.
- I also informed Darel (06/16/25) that Larry has completed his projects. Since they shouldn't be in each other's way now, I've asked him to get the 2 stop signs, and the 2 No Playing in the Ditches put up at the corners of Reindeer and Salem. Also to have the 2 handicap signs put up at the park's parking lot.
- I purchased a shelving unit for the storage closet. In doing so, I also was able to attach the safe to the wall. This will enable us to keep funds in the safe until Sue is able to make deposits at the bank.