

City of Santa Claus, Georgia

Regular Monthly Council Meeting, July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council was held June 15, 2021. Present were Council members David Evans, Donita Bowen and Monte Powell, Sue Grisham, Eddie and Elaine Wright, Colan Galbreath, Chris Rustin, and Vince Meadows. Mayor Amy Lawler was on speaker phone to participate in the meeting and had emailed the agenda for the meeting. The meeting began with the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag to open the meeting. Sue read the minutes for the June 15, 2021 meetings. All council voted to approve both minutes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: City Financial report was reviewed by the council for all accounts. Amy informed the Council of a check in the amount of \$29,688.00 was received from ARPA. This was discussed. A motion was made by David second by Monte to open a new account at People's Bank for this special fund. Council agreed unanimously

Sue stated there had been young boys riding bicycles in the Gardens. She added that she stopped and spoke with the 2 boys and informed them bikes are not to be ridden in the Gardens but may be ridden on the Reindeer Trail at the city park. Amy said she is awaiting a return call to get a date on the delivery of the mulch at the new tire swing at the playground. When it is delivered, the truck will need access to the playground to dump the mulch.

Donita stated that Murray Plumbing came out and worked on a toilet at the Community Center but it is still needs repair. She stated that, when Murray is called out for a repair, he requires payment upon completion of the job and asked if Sue Grisham may sign a check with her to give to Mr. Murray. Amy agreed Sue may sign her name on a check for the payment of Mr. Murray's check.

Stacy Avery of Swainsboro is working on the city audit and it should be completed by about July 24, 2021 and filed to the state. Linda Bishop will then come back out and complete the 2020 year, Amy added. She also said she has talked with Adam Moore of Lark Builders and the price of a new shed over the pump at the well is \$9,450.00. However, foam is required in the building with an additional \$2,200.00. Budget for the shed is \$10,000.00. Council agreed increase the budget for the shed to \$15,000.00 due to this increase. Motion was made by Donita second by Monte for \$15,000.00 to replace the old shed at the water tank with all agreeing unanimously.

The new security light at the south end of the park has been installed. The weeds at Dollar General retaining pond have not been cut although the store owner called with a message that Dollar General told him the weeds around the retaining pond would be cut down immediately. David has picked up the posts for the new street signs and is prepping them for painting. He turned in the receipt for the purchase. David added that, during his inspection at the Duerfeldt property on Reindeer St, he found a manhole cover missing. Council agreed to go over to the property to check for the manhole.

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NEW BUSINESS: Sue presented a letter to the council for review from Attorney Bryant O'Conner representing Ms. Dale Wiggins concerning a water and sewage line issue on her property. During construction of the Dollar General Store, Teramore Development damaged the line to her property. Ms. Wiggins is asking for a repair including a lift station by McDonald Plumbing of \$5,500.00 and a loss rent of \$42,000.00 for her property. Vince stated that, if the city puts in a lift station for this property, any home owner in the city without sewer service could demand the city furnish sewer service to their home. After discussion, council agreed that, since the water and sewer lines were available to Ms. Wiggins property line, the city has met the obligation to her. A motion was made by Monte second by Donita not to install a lift station to the Wiggins property. Council agreed unanimously.

Amy informed the council of the ARPA check in the amount of \$29,688.00 received and stated some of this money may be used for the shed or to correct the sewer drainage in the street when there is excessive rainfall.

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

RESOLUTION 2021 - 02

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT LOCAL RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Congress authorized the disbursement of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to aid local government in responding to and recovering from the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said funds will be distributed to the City of Santa Claus by the Georgia Office of Planning & Budget following the completion of an application for funding as well as registration with certain federal programs, including the System for Award Management ("SAM") program, and compliance with the guidelines, terms and conditions specified by the United States Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Claus desires to authorize the Mayor to complete and execute all documents required online for the disbursement of funds, to establish an account for the receipt of said funds, to authorize the Mayor to execute originals of all documents required to participate in the ARPA program and to ratify actions taken by the Mayor and the members of City Council.

WHEREAS, the City desires to develop a program specifying the use of funds disbursed to the City under the ARPA program and requests the City Council, along with the Mayor, prepare a list of recommended eligible uses for submittal and approval by all.

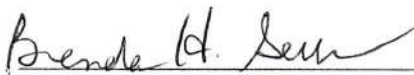
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Santa Claus that it authorizes the Mayor, and the City Council to execute all documents necessary to apply for, accept, deposit, and report on local recovery assistance dollars under the ARPA program, ratifies said documents and directs the Mayor provide quarterly reports on the ARPA program and the City's participation in said program following approval by the City of eligible projects. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

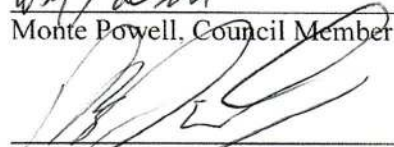
SO RESOLVED this 20th day of July 2021.


Amy G. Lawler, Mayor


Donita Bowen, Council Member


Monte Powell, Council Member


VACANT Council Member


David Evans, Council Member

ATTEST:


Susan Grisham, City Clerk



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17 September 2021

Peoples Bank
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I am requesting the addition of Ms. Susan Grisham, the City of Santa Claus' clerk/secretary, to the signature cards of all of the City's accounts. As the checks require two signatures, this will ensure that payments to vendors are not delayed, since she is in the office everyday.

Below are the accounts I am authorizing her to be co-signer on:

Account ID	Description
****2018	Water and Sewer
****2029	LOST
****5428	Mayor
****0696	SPLOST
****8946	General
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*To be Opened	ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act

Thank-you for helping us with this situation.

Respectfully Yours,

Amy G. Lawler



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I am requesting the removal/deletion of Charles Bryant, from the signature cards, and of all of the City's accounts. Mr. Bryant resigned his position as a city councilman and mayor Pro-Tem in June 2021, with his last official day being June 30, 2021. He also turned in his Debit Card for the Mayor's account, which will need to be canceled.

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