

The Santa Claus Town Council met in a special session on November 22, 2021 at the Santa Claus Town Hall located at 90 N Holiday Blvd Santa Claus, In.

The meeting was called to order by President, Michael Johannes at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Council Present: Jason Little, Patricia Vaal, Michael Johannes, Kevin Burke

Seth Windell arrived at 5:34 pm

Present by Zoom: Zoom was not offered **Meetings streamed on YouTube**

Absent:

Also, Present: Clerk-Treasurer; Kelly Greulich, Superintendent; Russ Luthy, Park Director; Zach Tischendorf, & Police Chief; James Faulkenburg.

Absent: None

Danita Grosvenor was present to discuss the 2022 insurance renewal for the employees with different amounts of deductibles per the November 8, 2021 council meeting.

UNITED HEALTHCARE

Current	\$ 1,200.00	other options	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Out/Pocket	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Coinsurance	\$ 80/20		\$ 80/20	\$ 80/20	\$80/2050/50
Prescription	10/40/125/300		10/40/125/300	10/40/125/300	10/40/125/300
Office Copay	\$ 30/60		\$ 30/60	\$30/60	\$ 25/50
Total Monthly	\$ 16,060.57		\$ 15,898.30	\$ 15,875.22	\$ 15,436.55
SIHO	OPTION # 1		OPTION # 2		OPTION # 3
Deductible Tiers	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,500.00
	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 4,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 8,000.00		\$10,000.00
Out/Pocket Tiers	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,500.00
	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,500.00
	\$26,100.00		\$26,100.00		\$26,000.00
Prescription	\$ 10/35/70		\$ 10/35/70		\$ 10/35/70
Office Copay	\$ 35/70		\$ 35/70		\$ 35/70
Total Monthly	\$ 15,760.97		\$ 15,568.12		\$ 15,270.90

The premium is based on the current employees enrolled in the program. A reminder to the council the options are very limited due to the smaller number of employees the town has.

Patricia Vaal stated the town needs to do what we can to keep the valuable employees we have and in the future the town has look into finding a way to offer family insurance.

Seth Windell made a motion for no changes concerning United HealthCare \$ 1,200.00 on the health insurance deductible, employee vision and life insurance and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Grosvenor stated employee sign-ups are scheduled December 15, 2021 starting at 10:00 am.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the bid from Jasper Equipment & Supply in the amount not to exceed \$ 19,000.00 from CCB fund pending paperwork is in order and Zach Tischendorf has reviewed their bid specs and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

BIDS POLICE VEHICLE:

The following companies were sent bid packets for two 2022 Ford Explorer police vehicles. Bids are listed below:

Sternberg Ford- \$ 39,510.00 per vehicle

Town & Country Ford- \$ 35,974.00 per vehicle

James Faulkenburg stated the town may trade in the 2014 Ford Explorer when the time comes.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve the bid from Town & Country Ford in the amount of \$ 35,974.00 for each vehicle pending paperwork is in order and James Faulkenburg has reviewed their big specs and Jason Little seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich stated she received an email back from Todd Caldwell concerning the time frame on the police vehicles, Caldwell stated the town can order the vehicles now since delivery time is set for later in 2022. The vehicles were budgeted in the 2022 budget.

Kevin Burke asked if the new vehicles will be marked? Faulkenburg stated as Police Chief his vehicle will not be marked but the other one will be marked.

Faulkenburg presented to the council a proposal from Axon Enterprises, INC a Cloud based company for the police body cameras. The state police use this company and have been very satisfied. The cost of the storage would be \$ 2,828.00 each year for five years. The service would start in 2022. Greulich noted this item was not budgeted in 2022 budget. Faulkenburg stated we can use one of the special funds or even our donation fund for 2022.

Seth Windell made a motion to approve Axon Enterprise for the storage of the body cameras footage for 5 years at a rate of \$ 2,828.00 each year and Patricia Vaal seconded the motion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Greulich stated she has The AMENDED ORDINANCE 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY GRANT FUND to include GIS mapping.

Seth Windell made a motion for the 1st reading of AMENDED ORDINANCE 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY GRANT FUND Patricia Vaal seconded the notion.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried

Michael Johannes stated he has contacted Stephen Bartels concerning the personal property tax decrease of possibly 30% that is being discussed at the state house. Greulich stated this decrease could be devastating to our Amusement & Commercial TIF area, Greulich encourages all council members to contact our state representative. Johannes stated he will update the council on the issue of any changes.

Greulich stated she had emailed the council the invoice from Barnes & Thornburg concerning additional cost for the water and wastewater bonds in the amount of \$ \$ 606.50. Back when the council made a motion for Barnes & Thornburg to be the bond council the motion was for \$