Christmas in Calhoun

Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2020
Fort Calhoun City Hall
6:30 pm

Call to Order at 6:30pm Open meeting announcement.

Present: Coleene Robinson, Deb Sutherland, Corban Helmandollar, Lori Lammers, Lianne Reed, Theresa Stangl, Ben Stangl, Scott Stangl, Beth Smith. Brenda Orr joined at 6:50pm. Minutes: November 10, 2020 meeting minutes approved as presented.

Tree Lighting – Saturday, November 28, 2020

- Traveling Grinch started November 28 and will run through December 21.
- Coleene and Corban presented the results of the Parade of Lights, there were 21 golf carts/ATV that participated. Unfortunately, the other tree lighting events were canceled due to COVID.

Christmas in Calhoun - Saturday, December 12, 2020

After contacting the businesses prior to the meeting on their opinions and the discussion from the group which attended the meeting, it was decided to cancel the Christmas in Calhoun event this year due to COVID and lack of volunteers able to help.

The school will allow the city to make up 400 candy bags for the elementary students to distribute the day before school gets out for Christmas break. We need to use the candy which was purchased, since it will not last until next year, all other supplies will be stored for next year.

There was discussion and suggestions on how we could still get canned goods/money donations for the food bank.

- Possibly doing a random drawing at the December, City Council meeting for the large gift donated by AP Plumbing
- Put donation boxes at the local businesses
- Have people bring cans or checks to city hall

The Enhancement committee will join the Washington County Chamber on their lighting display contest, anyone can nominate a display anywhere in Washington County.

The fire hall, Abiding Faith Church and Big Red Barn studio will decide if they want to go forward with their free-standing events that day. They will contact Deb to let her know if we need to add them to the Grinch and lighting contest flyer. It was suggested that they keep informed of the current mandates for gatherings.

This is the final meeting for the year. The next meeting for 2021 event TBD.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by Deb Sutherland