

# Christmas in Calhoun

City Hall, 110 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Calhoun NE  
December 3, 2019 7:00pm

Call to Order at 7:00pm

Open meeting announcement

Present: Beth Dieteman, Corbin Helmandollar, Jeanne Knight, Katie Knight, Lori Lammers, Coleene Robinson, Mitch Robinson, Rose Therkildsen,

Minutes: November 12, 2019 meeting minutes approved as presented.

## **Tree Lighting – Saturday, November 30, 2019**

**Park:** The Christmas tree, gazebo and decorations, including the new 50' Santa, Sleigh and Reindeers, were turned on during the Tree Lighting. Everything looked and worked beautifully. Corbin said they used red and green lights on the Christmas tree because some of the original lights did not work. It looked great and goes with the overall red and green lights throughout Fort Calhoun.

**Program:** The Parade of Lights had 10 golf carts (or ATV's) decorated with lights and with various Christmas themes. The plan is to have a larger parade route next year with designated parking for golf carts at the end of route. Santa and Mrs. Claus (Mike and Mary Conrad) were in the parade and a big hit.

The Fort Calhoun High School choir sang carols and Nikki's Dance Team performed. The sound system needs to be improved. The FOP set up the cocoa and cookie station late; next year stress the time needed to arrive and set up.

There were 150 adult tickets and 106 children tickets for the drawings; a 6' Stocking full of gifts donated by the Longhorn Bar and an Outdoor Smoker donated by Tony Knight Carpentry.

## **Christmas in Calhoun – Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**Events:** Kids Shopping: Corbin and the maintenance men plan to bring the Kids Shopping Gifts to the Community Building on Thursday. Jeanne will decorate the stage and main area on Thursday at 1:00pm and will need volunteers to help. Friday at 4:00pm we will put out the gifts, set up the wrapping stations and finish up the decorating. Mitch and Coleen plan to purchase more men's gifts; to date we have 417 for women and 280 for men.

There will be two teams of Shire Horses and hayracks; the cost is about \$750. They will determine the route.

**Publicity:** The Christmas in Calhoun Schedule was sent out with the December water bill and with the elementary school children. City Hall will have additional schedules available.

**Sponsors/Donors:** We have received \$2,225.00 in donations.

**New Business:** Mitch suggested we discuss changes for the Christmas in Calhoun committee at the wrap-up meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next Christmas in Calhoun meeting will be a wrap-up meeting and the date is to be determined.