MINUTES
TOWN OF DUE WEST, S.C.
Civic Events Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Gayle Beaudrot, Beck Eleazer, Jay Lown, Bob Mock, Gail Hawthorne, Matthew Busby, Leland Beaudrot, and guests: Jeannie Knight and Kitty Storey

Topic of the day: Christmas Parade

Christmas parade will be December 1, 2023, beginning at 5:15 p.m. Entrants will line up on Beulah Street, travel down Main Street, turn left onto Washington Street and disband on Haynes Street. An alternative disbanding for those desiring to do so is to travel on down Main Street and disband at the four-way stop sign.

Grand Marshall suggestions were (1st) School District Interim Superintendent Lori Brewton, (2nd) Col. John A. Simpson, the oldest living former mayor of Due West, or (3rd) Dee McDill, esteemed citizen and owner of the town’s hardware store.

Gail Hawthorne was to contact Louise Robinson’s sorority sisters to determine if they would be interested in providing some type of entry in memory of Due West friend, Louise Robinson. Louise often assisted the town with song at the parade.

Melvin Jackson and members of his choral group are to be contacted about providing vocal music for the event.

Matthew Busby will provide the sound equipment and set it up.

It was suggested we have barricades along the parade route, with tape strung between them to assist in keeping people, especially children, out of the street. Candy will be handed out by entrants. It should be tossed underhanded and thrown beyond the barricades.

The table for our three judges will be placed in the street, abutting the curb in front of 101 Pizza, Pasta and Deli. Shane Bradley will once again emcee the parade.

Ana will be present with her horse drawn sleigh and Representatives Billy Garrett, Mike Gambrell, and Craig Gagnon will be invited.

Following the parade and disbandment, the Due West Lions Club will have the Tree of Life celebration in Washington Street Park, followed by a reception hosted by the Town. Refreshments will be cookies (this year purchased at Sam’s Club), hot chocolate provided by Aramark, and apple cider provided by the town.

Santa will pose for pictures with the children at the park following the parade and during the reception.

Mayor

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