

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Budget Workshop
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 5:40PM. Council members Morgan, Neloms, Smart and Harrison were in attendance. City Clerk Karla Baena was also in attendance and City Attorney Karla Walker was present via ZOOM.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Don Morgan and seconded by Mattie Neloms adopt agenda as presented. Voting Yes, (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

III. INTRODUCE MR. BURNS

Mr. Willie Burns presented himself to the council and Mayor. Mr. Burns was previously City Manager for the City of Quitman.

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Lula Smart to appoint Mr. Burns as Interim City Manager for the remainder of the year 2024.

Voting Yes, (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

IV. PARK RESERVATION APPLICATION

➤ BC3 Park –Marquavious Thomas, 4th Annual Tron Day -Family and Friends Gathering- July 20, 2024.

Council members suggested monitoring the amount of people at these events when using City Parks. City Attorney, Karla Walker suggested the applicant must provide security or officers at their own expense when hosting large events.

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Don Morgan to approve Park Reservation Application. Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison).

V. DISCUSSION OF ESG CONTRACT

Jeff West will be taking the regional manager position for ESG. Mayor explained to the council the departments that are coming to work back with the City, Electric and Public Works. The employees have applied for insurance open enrollment through the City. The contract for ESG will be signed at the next monthly council meeting with the Interim City Manager, Willie Burns, present.

VI. MAYOR'S REPORT

i. Informational Items

Mayor McDaniel informed the council the City of Quitman will be working with Water Finance Exchange; WFX is a nonprofit organization that aids cities in need of funding for water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects.

A breach in an account at Ameris Bank was discovered. Mayor McDaniel gave the council the option to remove the accounts from Ameris Bank if security measures were not reached.

Termination of services with MCM Group LLC, Gwendolyn Lowe, and CHK CPA's & Advisors has been in effect since June 11th, 2024.

Southland Contractor's will begin culvert work and asphalt paving for various street in the City. The amount projected for these repairs is \$135,905.00.

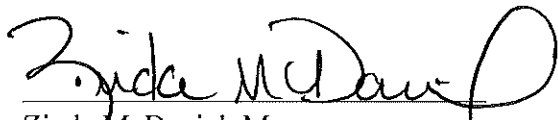
VII. DISCUSSION OF 2024-2025 BUDGET


The Mayor and Council review the last drafted proposed budget. The budget included a 5% cost of living pay raise to all city employees, as well a proposed pay raise for police officers and firefighters.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion by Kechia Harrison and seconded by Lula Smart to adjourn at 7:40PM was approved.

Voting Yes, (Smart, Morgan, Neloms, Harrison).


Zinda McDaniel, Mayor


Karla Baena, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 7-2-24