

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, August 12, 2024**  
**6:00PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Mayor Lula Smart at 6:02 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, and Mattie Neloms, were present. Interim City Manager Willie Burns, City Clerk Karla Baena, and City Attorney Karla Walker were also in attendance.

**II. INVOCATION.... Rev. Willie Freeman**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Lula Smart

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Don Morgan to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms,).

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2024

Called Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2024

Called Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2024

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Donald Morgan to approve Regular Meeting Minutes and Called Meeting Minutes presented.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan).

**VI. DISCUSSION OF SECURITY PERSONNEL AT CITY PARK EVENTS**

Interim City Manager Willie Burns proposed to the council use city officers when using City Parks for events. One officer per 100 personnel should be used during any event. The event holder should pay the city prior to holding an event for the use of officers at the rate of \$40 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours.

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve the use of officers at City Park events.

Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan)

**VII. DANIEL HANIFREN – PROPOSAL FOR HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE (OLD JAIL)**

Daniel Hanifren presented to the council an outline to transform the Quitman Old Jail into a Halloween maze. Hanifren proposes this to be a 20-day event, 3 hours per night. Mr. Hanifren has experience in creating these types of events, he has worked along with Wild Adventures. Daniel expects this maze to bring revenue to the city and use it towards investing in the following years for more Halloween festivities. The Council has tabled this proposal and will be deciding at their next called meeting.

**VIII. ANIMAL SERVICES – BROOKS COUNTY CHAIRMAN FOLSOM**

County Attorney Jason Kemp presented the council with a County-City Intergovernmental Agreement. The Council informed Jason Kemp the City already provides animal services. The council tabled this proposal for the next called meeting.

**IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Rev. Freeman suggested the City finds other alternatives to inform citizens of storm preparedness.

**X. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**A. Informational Items**

- Cemetery Mowing Service

Martinez Mowing LLC is now maintaining City cemeteries.

- ESG Contract

The City has already signed the new contract with ESG and now has the Electric, Meter reading, and Public Works department under City administration.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to (OCGA 50-14-(6))**

Time in 7:17PM motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Don Morgan was approved.  
Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan)

Time out 7:41PM motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Don Morgan.  
Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan).

To discuss/deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA50-4-(6))

Consult with the City Attorney to on updates with pending or potential litigations with the following: Bentley vs City of Quitman and Christian vs. City of Quitman.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Don Morgan to adjourn at **7:42PM**.  
Voting Yes, (Morgan, Neloms).

  
Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

  
Karla Baena, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 9-3-24