

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:31 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smart, and Kechia Harrison were present. Interim City Manager Dr. Nancy W. Dennard and City Attorney Karla Walker were also in attendance. The meeting was also accessible to the public through Zoom.

II. INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Nick Hampton

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Mattie Neloms to adopt agenda as presented. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2024

B. Called Meeting Minutes- February 19, 2024

Upon motion by Matie Neloms and second by Kechia Harrison to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024, and Called Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2024, Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Harrison, Morgan).

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

- a. Smokers Corner-Convenience Store-111 Screven St.-Retail Business License (existing business- conditional approval contingent on fire/police inspection)
- b. Smokers Corner- 111 Screven St.- Alcohol License (Package Beer sales only)
- c. Becton's Fish and Seafood Market, LLC (408 S Washington Street)
- d. El Mezquital, LLC (216 S Court Street) Restaurant
- e. Sundayz at Tiffany's (411 S Court Street) Drive-up restaurant
- f. Meraki Designz By Javahine (406 E Screven Street) Braiding/Hair Studio existing business-conditional approval contingent on fire/police inspection)
- g. Southern Regional EMS, LLC (215 S. Culpepper Street) – Ambulance Service

Upon Motion by Don Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve business licenses A, B, C, D, E, F, & G. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison)

VII. APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL (Edward Jones)

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Mattie Neloms to renew certificate of deposit with Edward Jones. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

VIII. DISCUSS GEORGIA CITIES WEEK – APRIL 20TH – 26TH

- t-shirts for city employees
- art contest prizes for elementary schools
- pastor breakfast to begin at 8:30 am
- public safety expo
- professional administrative luncheon – BC Chamber of Commerce
- employee lunch
- spotlight on downtown shops and pet adoptions
- City cleanup day
- Flyer will be developed and distributed

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Informational Items

- Dr. Dennard informed the Council that Category A & B had been completed and submitted today to FEMA for approval. FEMA has scheduled site inspections tentatively during the week of March 12 for category E & F. Ongoing weekly meeting with our FEMA assigned agent continue.
- Brenda Norton continues to work remotely on data input for the financial audit. She will be onsite in mid-March.
- Dr. Dennard informed the Council that she has begun conversations with the County administrator for the possibility of renewing intra governmental agreements for developmental services (zoning, inspections, building permitting, code enforcement, etc.)
- Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols visited City Hall on March 2, 2024, to provide an update on Plant Vogtle and a new plastics initiative that he is working on in South Georgia.
- Dr. Dennard informed the Council of GMA's annual conference to be held June 21- 25th in Savannah. Registration opens on March 27th. Emily Davenport (GMA member consultant) was in attendance and gave each council member a copy of their transcript to aid in registering for classes.

B. Action Items

- Dr. Dennard recommended that the Council in conjunction with the County send a letter to EPA to request evaluation/clarification on the landfill agreement/obligations. Motion by Don Morgan and second by Lula Smart. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison).
- Dr. Dennard recommended that the Council purchase one of the two needed chopper pump for the MLK Lift Station for \$12,653.00, after further explanation and a more recent quote of \$8000.00 from David Frost, ESG site coordinator, Lula Smart made the motion and Kechia Harrison seconded that the Council purchase two chopper pumps for the MLK lift Station. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Concerns for the sidewalk along South Court street as related to the GDOT bridge expansion.
- B. Concern of reduction in the City's ISO rating - due to the loss of use of the County's fire rescue truck.
- C. Concern with the increased electric billing- bill audits are available to customers upon request
- D. Possible New Group Life Insurance Policy- referred to City's HR coordinator

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in **7:11PM** motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Lula Smart was approved. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Morgan, Harrison).

Time out **8:09PM** motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Kechia Harrison.

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

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))

Discussion with Police Chief Hart on police department personnel policy.

XII. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and seconded by Lula Smart to adjourn at 8:11PM.

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



Mayor, Zinda McDaniel



Linda Morrison, HR

Date Minutes Approved: April 2, 2024

City of Quitman, Georgia

Brooks County

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Zinda McDaniel, Mayor of the City of Quitman Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief: The City of Quitman Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on March 5, 2024. During such meeting, the Council voted to go into executive session. The executive session was called to order at 7:11 am/pm and the executive session ended at 8:09 a.m./p.m. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

- 1. Consultation with the City's Attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceeding, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City of Quitman, any City employee or in which the City of Quitman, or any Commissioner/City employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-2(1); Voting on settlement of pending or potential litigation O.C.G.A § 50-14-1(b)(1)(A);
2. X Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a City employee but not when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action of a public officer as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2) & O.C.G.A § 50-17-72(a)(11). Interviewing candidates for City Manager as provided in O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2);
3. Discussion or voting authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B);

This 5th day of March, 2024

Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

Sworn and subscribed

Before me this B. MORRISON of March 2024 My Commission Expires: 10-29-27

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