

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:30 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.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

III. UPDATE ON STORM DAMAGE (4-11-24)

▪ The roadways at four locations were significantly damaged by the recent storm. Work on S. Jefferson Street is scheduled for next week. The road to the spray fields is washed out in multiple areas, but it is passable.

1. 900 block South Jefferson
2. 500 block South Clay
3. 600 block East Crawford
4. Dirt road to spray fields

▪ Waiting to hear from local EMS if the recent flooding will qualify for any relief funds.

IV. DISCUSSION OF CITY FINANCIALS

- Collection of payments on delinquent utility accounts is continuing.

V. DISCUSSION OF 2024-25 BUDGET

Established the 2023 adopted budget meeting calendar

May 7th 6:30pm – Regular Council Meeting – Department Heads present their proposed department budgets

May 21st- 6:00pm – Called Council Budget Workshop Meeting

June 26 – 1:00pm – 1st Budget Public Hearing

June 27th 10:00 am – 2nd Budget Public Hearing

5:30pm – 3rd Budget Public Hearing

6:00pm – Called Council Meeting to adopt 2024 Annual Budget

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Concerns for the utility cut offs, and staff confidentiality with billing information
- B. Concern of large gatherings at a resident in the 400 block of MLK, potential gun violence, request Council & Mayor review ordinances for proactive intervention
- C. Concern with the resident's driveway being blocked by several cars
- D. Mayor expressed concern for safety as people crossed the street, she suggested the Council review the possibility of BC3 Park usage as an alternative.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in **7:33PM** motion by Don Morgan and seconded by Lula Smart was approved. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Morgan, Harrison).

Time out **8:49PM** motion by Kechia Harrison and seconded by Lula Smart. 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 on the ESG contract and potential contract for financial services.

VIII. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and seconded by Lula Smart to adjourn at 8:50PM. Voting Yes, (Morgan, Smart, Neloms, Harrison).



Mayor, Zinda McDaniel



Linda Morrison, HR

Date Minutes Approved: 5/7/24

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 April 16, 2024. During such meeting, the Council voted to go into executive session. The executive session was called to order at 7:33 am and the executive session ended at 8:49 a.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. X 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 17th day of April, 2024
Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

Sworn and subscribed
Before me this 17th day of April, 2024
My Commission expires: 10-29-2027
LINDA B MORRIS
NOTARY PUBLIC
BROOKS COUNTY, GA