

CITY COUNCIL:
MAYOR ZINDA MCDANIEL
MAYOR PRO TEM LULA SMART
COUNCIL MEMBER KECHIA HARRISON
COUNCIL MEMBER ROBBY CHRISTIAN
COUNCIL MEMBER CHRISTOPHER COLE



CITY OFFICIALS:
CITY MANAGER JAMES LAWRENCE
INTERIM CITY CLERK HEIDI GARDNER
ATTORNEY KARLA WALKER
CHIEF OF POLICE LAWRENCE MCGEE
INTERIM FIRE CHIEF MONCHEZ THOMAS

Quitman City Council
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 15, 2026
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:30 PM. Council members Smart, Harrison, Christian and Cole were present. City Manager James Lawrence, City Attorney Karla Walker and Interim City Clerk Heidi Gardner were also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION

Paster Renee Theophille

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Kechia Harrison to amend the proposed agenda to move item V.B (Contract Approval) to item VIII after Executive Session was approved. Voting Yes, (Christian, Smart, Harrison, Cole)

V. DISCUSS OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Upon motion by Lula Smart and a second by Robby Christian to update all City of Quitman financial institutions account signatures to include the following four signatures: Zinda McDaniel, Lula Smart, James Lawrence and Heidi Gardner. All previous authorizations are void. The motion was approved. Voting Yes (Christian, Cole, Smart, Harrison)

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to (OCGA 50-14-1)

Time in **7:09** P.M. Upon motion by Kechia Harrison and a second by Robby Christian, the Council entered Executive Session. Voting Yes (Cole, Smart, Harrison, Christian).

Time out **8:04** P.M. Upon motion by Lula Smart and a second by Robby Christian the Council exited Executive Session. Voting Yes (Cole, Harrison, Smart, Christian).

VII. REAPPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

Upon motion of Lula Smart and a seconded by Robby Christian to reappoint Anthony Guarino as Fire Chief was approved. Voting Yes (Smart, Cole, Christian, Harrison)

VIII. REAPPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

Upon motion of Robby Christian and a second by Lula Smart to reappoint Lawrence McGee as Police Chief was approved. Voting Yes (Smart, Christian, Cole, Harrison)

IX. APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK

Upon motion by Robby Christian and a second by Christopher Cole to reappoint Heidi Gardner as Interim City Clerk was approved. Voting Yes (Cole, Christian, Smart, Harrison)

X. REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Upon motion by Lula Smart and a second by Kechia Harrison to reappoint Karla Walker as City Attorney was approved. Voting Yes (Christian, Cole, Harrison, Smart)

XI. APPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER

Upon motion by Robby Christian and a second by Christopher Cole to appoint James Lawrence as City Manager was approved. Voting Yes (Harrison, Cole, Christian) Abstained (Smart)

XII. SALARY OF CITY MANAGER

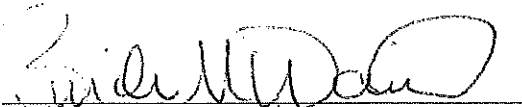
Upon motion by Kechia Harrison and second by Robby Christian to accept the agreed upon contract and salary of James Lawrence as City Manager was approved. Voting Yes (Harrison, Cole, Christian) Voting No (Smart)

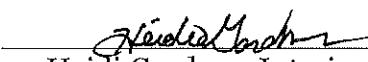
XIII. CONTRACT APPROVAL

Upon motion by Robby Christian and a second by Lula Smart to approve the purchase of supplies from Hydra Services in the amount of \$10,800.00 for the water treatment plant was approved. Voting Yes (Christian, Smart, Harrison, Cole).

XIV. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Lula Smart and a second by Kechia Harrison to adjourn at 8:07pm was approved. Voting Yes (Christian, Cole, Harrison, Smart)


Zinda McDaniel, Mayor


Heidi Gardner, Interim City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved by Council 1/22/24