

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 WILLIE BURNS  
INTERIM CITY CLERK HEIDI GARDNER  
ATTORNEY KARLA WALKER  
CHIEF OF POLICE LAWRENCE McGEE  
FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY GUARINO

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
Emergency Called Meeting Minutes  
Thursday January 8, 2025  
6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Zinda McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Those present were Council Members Kechia Harrison, Robby Christian and Christopher Cole. Also present were City Manager Willie Burns, Calvin Troy and Interim City Clerk Heidi Gardner. Council Member Harrison made a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Robbie Christian 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Council Member Harrison made a motion to table the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem until the attorneys sort out the discrepancy in the charter. Council Member Christian 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

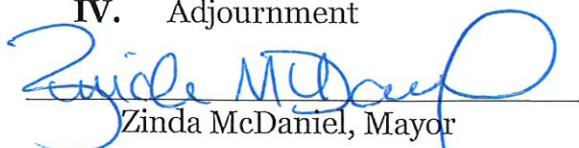
**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

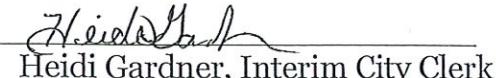
Time Began: 6:04 Time Out: 6:29pm

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor McDaniel received a motion from the Council Members in reference to City Manager Willie Burns. Council Member Christian made a motion to terminate Mr. Willie Burns. Council Member Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor. The Council Members voted to appoint Mr. James Lawrence as the City Manager. Council Member Robby Christian made a motion, Council Member Harrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**IV. Adjournment**

  
Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

  
Heidi Gardner, Interim City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 2/4/26

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QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
Emergency Called Meeting Agenda  
Thursday January 8, 2026  
6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. RE-ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**
- III. DISCUSSION**
- IV. ADJOURN**