

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**  
**6:30PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:30 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Kechia Harrison, Mattie Neloms, and Mayor Pro-tem Lula Smart were present. Interim City Manager Willie Burns, City Clerk Karla Baena, and City Attorney Karla Walker were also in attendance.

**II. INVOCATION**

Led by Karla Walker.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor McDaniel.

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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Upon motion by Don Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve the meeting minutes as presented.  
Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Kechia, Smart).

**VI. BUSINESS LICENSE**

- ❖ Simonds International LLC DBA Burton Mill Solutions – 702 E Chapel Street – Eddie Collins

Upon motion, Lula Smart and second by Don Morgan approve the presented business license.  
Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Kechia, Smart).

**VII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Informational Items**

- i. Thanksgiving Lunch – The employee Thanksgiving Lunch will be held on November 25, 2024, for all City of Quitman employees as well as Inframark employees.
- ii. Christmas Event – Brooks County Chamber and City of Quitman will have an event for the community (Christmas on the Square) on December 5, 2024. Residents will be able to enjoy refreshments and other Christmas activities, downtown business will be open. The Brooks County school band will be having live entertainment.

## **VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Informational Items**

- i. Fire Department Roof – Interim City Manager Burns has decided to proceed with fixing the roof to the fire department and explained to the council any future grants will be used for a future fire house.
- ii. After-hours Answering Service – City Hall administrative office will have an answering service in place for after-hours emergency utility calls.
- iii. Compere CPA Group – The City's audit is still in process. Compere CPA Group will continue to be in City Hall every two weeks. This will be a 12-month process.
- iv. Gov Deals- The City of Quitman has placed some vehicles for sale at Govdeals.com.
- v. Council member Don Morgan announced the City made \$513.00 with the Old Jail event.

### **B. Action Items**

- i. Electric Rates – Electric Cities of Georgia presented the council with a plan to increase the electric rates at a 3% increase throughout the next 3 years. The City of Quitman has not had an increase in electricity rates since 1997. New rates will be in effect for the new billing cycle in January 2025.

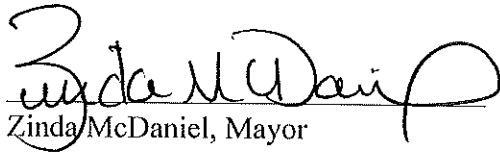
Upon motion by Don Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve the rate increase.  
Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, & Smart). Voting No (Harrison)

## **IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Quitman resident, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, were concerned about the water bill increase after his water meter was moved. Mrs. Brown spoke to City Attorney Karla Walker to obtain records of City employees. Mr. and Mrs. Brown want city administration to review their utility billing account to look for any miscalculations.

**X. ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Mattie Neloms to adjourn at 7:14PM.  
Voting Yes, (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

  
Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

  
Karla Baena, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 12-3-24