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CITY OF QUITMAN

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The work session roll call was administered by the City Clerk on March 31, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Of the five eligible voting members, all were present. One attended by phone. A quorum was declared as outlined in Article II, Section 16 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Quitman, Georgia. Others in attendance were City Manager James Lawrence, City Attorney Karla Walker, Police Chief Larence McGee, and City Clerk Dawn Montgomery.

II. INVOCATION

Led by Councilman Robby Christian

III. FINANCIAL & COMPLIANCE

HB 1567

Mr. Lawrence discussed the passing of HB 1567, its importance to the City, and its impact on our reconciliation process. The amended version of the bill has not passed the Senate. It created a path for the residents of Quitman and Brooks County to vote on the future of both municipalities. The election will take place in November 2026. The Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts (DOAA) requires 5 years to become compliant. The bill requires submission from 2017 to the present. Fiscal year 2017 has been submitted to the state. It will require a lot of work. However, it is achievable.

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Mr. Lawrence stated that the financial firm's fee was based on using a 2019 trial balance and would apply moving forward. Following the passing of HB 1567, the previous \$60,000 amount will be adjusted to include the years 2017 and 2018, as requested in the bill.

IV. CEMETERY LAWN MAINTENANCE

Mr. Lawrence stated that the only company to submit a bid was Martinez Mowing Services LLC. This company currently provides the upkeep and maintenance for the cemeteries. They submitted a 3-year contract to be paid bi-weekly from March through October for 2026, 2027, and 2028. The total payout each year is \$115,900.00.

V. CENTRAL WAREHOUSE FOR INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Lawrence discussed the need for a central location to store all City inventory. A site has been recommended. The facility is located at 510 N Walker Street. The current lease amount is \$ 5,400.00 per month for 21,700 square feet of space.

VI. SEWAGE VAC TRUCK REPAIR

Mr. Lawrence presented the invoice for the water pump repair on the vac truck. The cost is \$18,977.99

VII. WEST BATTLE STREET REPAIR ESTIMATES

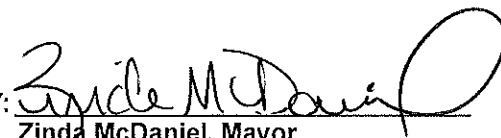
Mr. Lawrence presented two proposals for the repair of Battle Street. One from Southland Contractors. The other is from David Taylor Constructions, Inc.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor McDaniel to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters under O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2). The council departed at 6:44 pm.

IX. ADJOURN

The Council returned from executive session at 6:56 pm. A discussion began regarding a beloved employee, David Milton. Mr. Milton transitioned earlier in the week. His funeral services will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Bethel AME. Councilwoman Kechia Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Robby Christian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

BY: 
Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Dawn Montgomery, City Clerk

Minutes Approved: May 5, 2026

AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICIAL(S) FOR A CLOSED PUBLIC MEETING

While in Regular Session, the motion was made to enter Executive Session to discuss certain matters in a closed session.

- () To discuss with council pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).
- () A meeting to discuss the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- (X) A meeting discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- () Discussion in Executive Session of Records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act as pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(4).

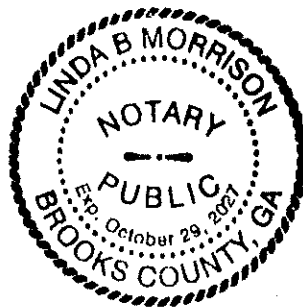
X The subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.

Because of events occurring during the closed session, I am unable to affirm the subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to only matters within the exceptions provided by law.

Zandee McDaniel
Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of June, 2026.

Linda B Morrison
Notary Public



10-29-2027
Commission Expires