

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
6:30PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:35 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smart, and Kechia Harrison were present. Interim City Manager Lola Slydell, Interim City Clerk Karla Carreon, and City Attorney Karla Walker were also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION..... Nick Hampton

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Donald Morgan to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023, and Called Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart,). Harrison abstained; stating she was not present to confirm minutes.

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES & ALCOHOL LICENSES

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve business license requests

- Food Lion #2832 – 1207 W Screven St. Quitman GA – Food Lion, LLC Alcohol (Sunday Sales)
- Family Dollar Store #20349 - 904 W. Screven Street, Quitman, GA –Family Dollar Stores of GA, LLC (Beer and Wine Package/Sunday Sales)
- Tractor Supply Company #2771 – 1203 W Screven St. Quitman GA – Tonja Cook
- The Green Chile – 103 E Screven St. Quitman GA – Michael A. Stiller
(Located inside The Reel Coffee (Breakfast and Lunch Take Out))

Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison)

VII. APPOINT MAYOR- PRO-TEM 2024

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to appoint Lula Smart for Mayor Pro-Tem 2024.

Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison).

VIII. APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY 2024

Upon motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Mattie Neloms to reappoint Karla Walker as City Attorney for 2024.

Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison).

IX. APPOINT CITY COURT JUDGE 2024

Upon motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Kechia Harrison to reappoint William Folsom as City Court Judge 2024.

Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, Harrison).

X. APPOINT CITY MANAGER

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms to appoint Dr. Nancy Dennard for Interim-City Manager instead of Lola V. Slydell, motion was seconded by Kechia Harrison. Discussion on floor concerning charter procedures around motion. City Attorney Karla Walker addressed the motion on the table. After further discussion, the motion was made by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Kechia Harrison to unappoint Lola V. Slydell as Interim City Manager. Voting Yes (Neloms, Harrison, Smart) No Morgan.

XI. DISCUSSION OF BANK SIGNATURE UPDATES

Item tabled for later date. No Action Taken

XII. ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Upon motion by Kechia Harrison and seconded by Don Morgan to approve the following appointment of officers:

Fire Chief: Floyd Demps

Police Chief: Roy Hart

City Clerk: No Action Taken.

Voting Yes, (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, Harrison).

XIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ESG explained the spill on December 17 at the treatment plant was due to the excess of rain the city received in the past 24 hours. The Spill was contained and ESG is working to correct future overflows to prevent these issues.

A Barwick Rd. resident expressed her concern around a neighboring home that she feels is a nuisance. Mayor Zinda McDaniel advised code enforcement to look into this matter.

Other residents expressed their concerns over some streets in the city that need to be cleaned up. Those streets of concern have been passed along to ESG for follow-up.

North End Cemetery was also brought to the council's attention; when it rains, there's flooding at the cemetery's back side. Mayor Zinda McDaniel sate that the city is aware of this issue and is looking into additional measures to address.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Lola Sydell explained ESG has been given the okay to start replacing the streetlights that were out due to Hurricane Idalia. Interim City Manager Slydell also explained the situation with the Fire Department's phone not working during power outages or when the internet is down. This is being investigated to prevent the phones from disconnecting in bad weather. Lola Slydell welcomed Ms. Brenda Norton (gov't finance consultant) to update the council on the progress of the city's audits. Ms. Brenda Norton explained some of the concerns around the delayed audits and strongly urged the council to consider hiring a financial director. She also expressed the urgency around this matter and the importance so that the city would qualify receive funding again. No action taken.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in 7:25PM motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Kechia Harrison was approved.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Morgan, Harrison).

Time out 8:37PM motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Kechia Harrison.

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))

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Kechia Harrison to appoint Dr. Nancy Dennard as Interim-City Manager. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Harrison). No (Morgan).

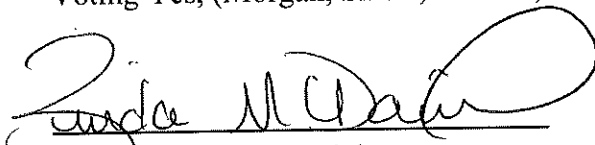
Upon motion by Kechia Harrison and second by Don Morgan to appoint Lola V. Slydell as City Clerk.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Morgan, Harrison).

XVI. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Kechia Harrison to adjourn at 8:38PM.

Voting Yes, (Morgan, Smart, Neloms, Harrison).



Mayor, Zinda McDaniel



City Clerk, Lola Slydell

Date Minutes Approved: 2.6.2024

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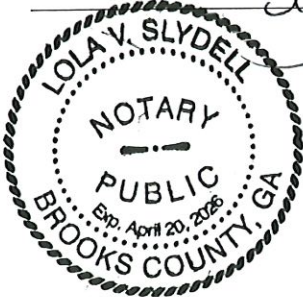
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

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 January 2nd, 2024. During such meeting, the Council voted to go into executive session. The executive session was called to order at 7:25 am/pm and the executive session ended at 8:37 a.m./p.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. ___ 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 2nd day of January, 2024. Zinda McDaniel, Mayor



Sworn and subscribed

Before me this 2nd day of January 2024.

[Signature]

My Commission expires: April 20, 2026