

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:31 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smart, and Kechia Harrison were present. Interim City Manager Wilkie Burns, City Clerk Karla Beena, and City Attorney Karla Walker were also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION

Led by Nick Hampton.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Zinda McDaniel.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Donald Morgan to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes..... December 3, 2024- Regular Meeting

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES &ALCOHOL LICENSES

- Reroof America Contractors —510 North Walker Street — JR Emrich

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

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

Vii. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Informational Items

The City of Quitman has received the last check for Hurricane Idalia. Currently the expenses for Hurricane Halene are approximately two million dollars.  
All City employees are required to attend a mandatory workshop/training on February 15, 2025, Renovations have started for the Fire Department building.

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**VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A resident expressed his concern over the noise ordinance. The resident on South Walker Street has made several complaints to the Quitman Police Department of a neighbor playing music very loud in the early morning hours. City Attorney Karla Walker informed the resident to make a formal complaint and provide video or audio of the incident.

A resident on North Barnes Street expressed her concern for vehicles speeding on North Barnes about the safety of the children and those that live in the area.  
A complaint on off-road vehicles was made also, Captain Gaskins informed the residents that off-road vehicles can be on the road if they are registered.

Courtney Brown came to the council concerned she had not received a response to the open record request sent to the City of Quitman. City Attorney Karla Walker informed Mrs. Brown she had called Mrs. Brown and left a voicemail requesting more time to gather the information requested. City Clerk Karla Baena reassured and showed Mrs. Brown that the response was sent via email on January 7, 2025. Mrs. Brown also requested the electrical department to replace the bulbs on the streetlights of Battle Street.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Time in 7:18PM motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Kechia Harrison.

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

Motion: Councilman Don Morgan made motion to appoint Mr. Burns as City Manager

Second: Councilman Lula Smart

Third: Councilman Mattie Neloms

Vote: Yes- Morgan, Smart, Neloms

Abstain- Harrison

Motion carried.

Time out 8:33PM 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))

## IX ADJOURN

Upon motion by Kechia Harrison and seconded by Mattie Neloms to adjourn at 8:33PM. Voting Yes, (Morgan, Smart, Neloms, Harrison).