

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 3, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:32 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smart (Zoom) and Mark DeVane were in attendance. City Manager Raphael D. Maddox, (Zoom) City Clerk Lola Slydell and City Attorney Karla Walker was also present.

II. INVOCATION

Led By: Fire Chief Floyd Demps

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).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Lula Smart to approve Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2023, Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane).

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Lula Smart to approve business license requests from:

- A. Southern Wildlife Artistry- 807A W. Screven St.- Taxidermy Services
- B. The Good Book- 103 E Screven St.- Book Sales (new & used)
- C. Desseri LLC DBA... Johnson Grocery-1010 N. Washington St. -Leasing Gas Station

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

VII. ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST- Homecoming Parade

Mayor Zinda McDaniel expressed to council the nature of the road closure request. She stated that the road closure would be as it has been every year for the homecoming parade. She also asked the Police Department to be present with additional coverage.

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Mark DeVane to approve road closure request with added police monitoring. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane).

VIII. DEEP SOUTH UPDATES

Council welcomed Jared from Deep South Sanitation to speak on some of the progress they have made since the egress of hurricane Idalia. Jared presented council with a detailed report of some of the areas that has been serviced. The report showed the routes that the sanitation trucks took during debris pick up for Hurricane Idalia as well as some of the problem areas that needed some extra attention. Jared also spoke on matters around trash pickup, customer service issues and a plan of action for the remaining limb and leave pickup from hurricane Idalia. City Clerk Lola Slydell and Jared briefly discussed potentially putting in place a cannister ordinance which in turn would assist in city beautification. City Manager Raphel D. Maddox also informed the council that a grinding company will be in town Thursday to provide additional clean-up assistance. No Action Taken

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Raphel D. Maddox stated that The City of Quitman has been declared through FEMA (federal emergency management assistance) to be eligible for Public Assistance from the damages of hurricane Idalia. He also mentioned upcoming meetings as well as some deadline dates for other resources. Mayor Zinda McDaniel mentioned that there were still a number of street lights out around the city and there needed to be a plan in place to get them replaced.

X. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Gary Christian mentioned the FEMA reimbursement as well as the storm emergency management procedure. He was advised to reach out to the 911 center with his concerns.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in 7:04 P.M motion by Neloms second by Donald Morgan was approved.

Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan).


Time out 7:35 P.M. motion by Mattie Neloms second by Lula Smart was approved.


Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan).

To discuss/ deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA50-14-(6)).

XII. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Donlad Morgan to adjourn at 7:36 pm. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan).


Zinda McDaniel, Mayor


Lola Slydell, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved 11-7-23