

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:30 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smartt, and Mark DeVane were in attendance. Interim City Manager Lola Slydell, Interim City Clerk Karla Carreon were also in attendance. City Attorney Karla Walker attended (via Phone).

II. INVOCATION

Led by: Pastor Willie Freeman

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Lula Smart to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023, and Called Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane).

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Lula Smart to approve business license requests from:

- Dolgen Corp dba Dollar General Store #25314 –1107 E. Screven St - retail/general merchandise
- Alcohol License – Jess &Co, Wiregrass Southern Bistro -103 S. Washington St.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane)

VII. DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY PERMIT REQUEST- (Willie Freeman)

Willie Freeman explained to the council the Street Ministry he will be providing. Pastor Freeman will be located at a public corner on Screven Street and Barnes Street and operate between the hours of 11:30 AM to 1PM. A sound system/speaker will be utilized during this event. Dates the event will be held are November 27, 2023, through December 1, 2023.

Upon motion by Don Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve the temporary permit request for Willie Freeman. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, DeVane).

VIII. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Interim City Manager Lola Slydell expressed to the council that funds are available for this year's Christmas decorations. ESG will be helping with installing the brackets to place lights on downtown buildings. Council Members are encouraged to suggest decorations for Downtown Quitman. Mayor Zinda McDaniel advised that city employees participate in this year's Christmas parade on December 1, 2023. Also, Mayor McDaniel wants the Quitman Fire Department to ride around the city at least two nights per week playing Christmas music and handing out candy to the kids. No Action taken.

IX. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Resident from the public expressed her concern about the overgrown grass and lack of care for address 818 North Lee Street. Interim City Manager, Lola Slydell, suggested Code Enforcement to oversee this matter.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Lola Slydell updated council on the current progress of the city's annual audit. She stated that the consultant would be back in the office November 13, 2023, through November 15, 2023 to continue assisting with the audit. The audit focus will be on completing the years that would be more beneficial in order to receive government grant assistance. Interim City Manager also stated she attended storm mitigation meeting with the other counties this month and plans on attending more. A Hurricane Plan for the State will be created. She also informed the council that the last day for hurricane debris pick up will be November 17, 2023. David Frost stated ESG will continue fixing potholes. City is still awaiting new meter reader tablets to come in.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in **6:49** PM motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Donald Morgan was approved.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan)

Time out **8:17** PM motion by Lula Smart and seconded by Mattie Neloms was approved.

Voting Yes (Morgan, Smart, Neloms, DeVane)

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))

Council approved pay for Interim City Clerk Karla Carreon and for Interim City Manager Lola Slydell.

Discussion of recent RPI work on Bartow St.

Discussion of Cemetery maintenance

Discussion of amending Annual Appointments

XII. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Donald Morgan to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan)

Zinda McDaniel, Mayor



Karla Baena, Interim City Clerk



Date Minutes Approved: _____