

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Zinda McDaniel called the meeting at 6:30 PM. Council Members Don Morgan, Mattie Neloms, Lula Smartt, and Mark DeVane were there. Interim City Manager Lola Slydell, Interim City Clerk Karla Carreon, and City Attorney Karla Walker were also present.

**II. INVOCATION.....Steve Shierling**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led By: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Don Morgan to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2023. Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane).

**VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES**

Upon Motion by Mark DeVane and second by Mattie Neloms to approve business license request from:

- i. Cathy Parker, dba-Reel Coffee- 103 E Screven Quitman, Ga. 31643
  - ii. \*Jerome Tucker, dba-Peach State Warehouse- 512 S. Washington St. Quitman, Ga. 31643
  - iii. Rey Merlin Hernandez, dba Hernandez Auto Care- 108 S. Warren St Quitman, Ga. 31643
- Voting Yes, (Neloms, Morgan, Smart, DeVane).

**VII. DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL AND UPDATING LICENSING FEES**

Interim City Manager Lola Slydell advised the council on the current cost of licenses for the businesses here in Quitman. She explained that a review of the current cost needs to be considered and a potential increase is recommended since the current business license fees are significantly lower than other comparable cities. Business License renewals have already been disbursed for the year 2024 so an proposed increase would not apply till the year 2025. No action taken.

**VIII. DISCUSSION OF CONTINUED DEBRI BURNING AT RECYCLE CENTER**

Interim City Manager Lola Slydell explained that there is continued debris burning from hurricane Idalia taking place at Brooks County Recycle Center. This activity will continue until all debris is fully disposed of. She advised for council to continue to let her know of any area that they see around town that has not yet been serviced.

**IX. DISCUSSION OF AUDIT UPDATE**

City Manager Lola Slydell updated the council on the progress of the audit. She stated Consultant will continue to work on the 2018/2019 yr and in- house adjustments on the current years are taking place. Brenda Norton (Consultant) stated a water rate study would be recommended after review of the financials. Consultant is scheduled to return again in January and February of 2024.

**X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim City Manager Lola Slydell explained to the council the DOT Bridge Project. An engineer might need to come in and help with plans. Assistance will be received if utilities need to be moved. ESG contract is up for review. Interim City Manager has continued to work with FEMA. Interviews for customer service representatives have been completed, no applications for the financial advisor have been received. The City of Quitman's Christmas party is set for December 17, 2023, at The Event Center. Christmas bonuses are scheduled to be disbursed as usual if there are no objections. The Christmas parade will continue for Sunday December 10, 2023.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Time in 7:19PM** motion by Don Morgan and seconded by Mark DeVane.

Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan)

**Time out 7:51PM** motion by Mattie Neloms and seconded by Don Morgan was approved.

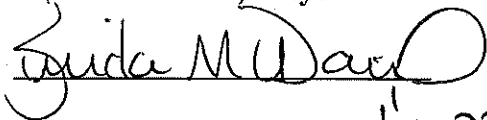
Voting Yes (Morgan, Smart, Neloms, DeVane)

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))

**XI. ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Don Morgan and second by Mark DeVane to adjourn at \_\_\_PM. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan)

**Zinda McDaniel, Mayor**



Date minutes approved 1.2.23

**Karla Baena, Interim City Clerk**

