

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 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 Morgan, Neloms, DeVane and Smart were in attendance. City Manager Raphael D. Maddox attended by ZOOM, City Attorney Karla Walker and City Clerk Lola Slydell was also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION

Led By: Pastor Renee Theophile

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mayor Zinda McDaniel to replace Development Authority as number VII and replace with Steven Shirling to discuss transient funds. Motion was seconded by Donald Morgan to approve changes made to agenda and to adopt. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, DeVane, Smart).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve regular meeting minutes from February 7, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Lula Smart to approve business license from Ag-Tech Recycling. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

VII. DISCUSSION OF TRANSIENT FUNDS

Steven Shirling addressed council concerning current transient funds and there need for assistance from the Quitman police department to assist in the process of distribution. Joey Wright stated that they are familiar with the process. Councilwoman Neloms exclaimed that this was a great idea and agreed we should participate. Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Lula Smart for the Quitman Police Department to partner with the ministerial staff in assisting with the process. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

VIII. CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE-JOEY WRIGHT

Joey Wright updated council on the current properties that he has been working on. Current process is for residence to call city hall to report unkept properties around time. City Clerk Lola Slydell did ask if the city could reach out to the tax assessor for assistance if needed in locating homeowners. City Attorney Karla Walker explained the current process in locating homeowners and some guidelines that are already in place. No Action taken.

IX. UPDATE-ESG

David Frost – Project Manager updated council on the current progress of ESG. He stated that things are coming along smoothly. They have recently hired an assistant project manager, with three positions still remaining to be filled; all positions are currently posted on their company website. Public works labor will be supplemented in the meantime with temporary staffing. Water & Sewer update: water tower is up and back online. Spray Field still has some repairs that need to be taken care of. David states that they have gotten pump #1 back online and working. Looking to have pump #2 repaired within the next 4-6 weeks. Waste water treatment plant affluent pump is being replaced. ESG has repaired 5 major water leaks this week. New Chlorination system has been installed at all three wells. Mosquito spraying has started and will continue throughout the week. David also stated that ESG has relocated some gas lines and updated on council on electric updates as well. Councilman Donald Morgan asked concerning sidewalk updates for certain areas of town. Lula Smart expressed her concern around cutting limbs from back around powerlines.

X. COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

City Clerk Lola Slydell advised council on choosing a day to designate for community clean-up day; also advised them to start locating problem areas to be covered during this time. ESG/Deep South are both on board to assist. Mark DeVane stated that there is also work detail(inmates) that may be available to assist as well. Chief Hart stated that he saw Harp & associates in the area and wanted to know why they were in the area. David updated on Harp & Associates continued scope of services. Mayor McDaniel closed out by advising ESG to follow-up on a day. No Action Taken

XI. DISCUSSION OF SALE OF SPIRITOUS LIQUORS

City Attorney Karla Walker addressed council on the changes that were updated to the language on the Sunday sales of spiritous liquor sales. Section 4-179 Business Hours and Days. Updated changes state: Retail dealers in spiritous liquors shall not engage in the sale of such liquors on Easter and Christmas. Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Lula Smart to approve the updated change. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

XII. CITY ACCOUNT FOR PAWS & PLAY DONATIONS

City Clerk Lola Slydell updated council on the recent donations that have come in for the animal shelter; she recommended opening a bank account specifically for animal shelter donations to better keep track of the shelter spendings and needs. City Attorney Karla Walker advised that city issue a donation receipt for all funds received. Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Mattie Neloms to approve to open an account at Citizens National Bank for the purpose of animal shelter donations. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

XIII. FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE/ADOPT 2023

City Attorney Karla Walker updated council on the flood damage ordinance. The council reviewed ordinance and was encouraged to designate an administrator to assist. City Attorney will update and change the language to better fit the needs of the city. Councilman Mark DeVane suggested the city speak with Stan Folsom for some additional information. The flood prevention ordinance was tabled for further review and updates. No Action Taken

XIV. FAIR UPDATE

City Clerk gave an update on the progress of having a fair come to the city fairgrounds. She advised that the promoters are still trying to lock in a date and will keep us updated as they want it to be successful.

XV. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Irene Brown- expressed her concern around receiving the new cannisters. City Clerk updated on the progress of the delivery of the remaining cannister. Ms. Brown also expressed her concern about the water leak at 300 block of E. Lafayette. Another residence stated that same location was fixed once before in the past, but seems to have started a leak again. Council advised that ESG will be looking into this issue.

Lula Smart on behalf of Cheryl Holmes 400 W. Green St.-expressed her concern about her neighbor being able to repair pallets in his back yard. She states that this has become an issue with the noise and the smoke that comes across from his property. She is wanting the city to assist in stopping the activity. She feels his property is too small and too close to other homes and is creating an issue and should be considered as a safety hazard. City Attorney Karla Walker and Police Chief addressed this matter and the steps that need to be taken according to statute to proceed.

Gary Christian- expressed his concern about a water leak on Railroad St. and Crawford-states that the water looks green and needs attention soon.

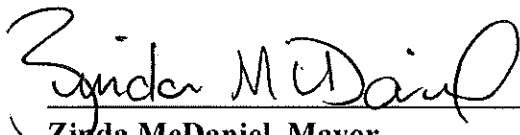
Lula Smart- expressed her concern about the water leak on N. Culpepper and Bartow

David Ragsdale- expressed his concern around wheelchair accessibility for residence downtown. Mayor McDaniel stated that the city has someone looking into the matter currently.

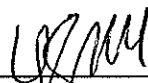
Danny Patel- expressed his concern around being able to sale liquor on Sundays. City Attorney Karla Walker explained the current guidelines around retail sales of liquor on Sundays.

XVI. ADJOURN

Upon Motion by Lula Smart and second by Mark DeVane to adjourn at 7:32 P.M. was approved.
Voting Yes (Smart, Morgan, Neloms, DeVane.)



Zinda McDaniel, Mayor



Lola Slydell, City Clerk

April 4, 2024
Date minutes was approved