

**QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 4, 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 Raphel D. Maddox, City Attorney Karla Walker and City Clerk Lola Slydell was also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION

Led By: Pastor Rodney Tenery: Providence Community Church

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. A DOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Donald Morgan to approve business license requests:

- A. Dannah Investment Group LLC-219-F East Screven St.- client facing / professional service/ business office.
- B. GUD Coffee-103 E. Screven St.- Retail Coffee Shop
- C. Pease on the Go 24/7-403 Waterside Dr.-home based business
- D. El Rosal -400 E. Screven St.-party décor/ floral arrangements

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

VII. DISCUSSION OF GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Councilman Mark DeVane updated council on the upcoming annual Georgia Cities Week. The City of Quitman will be participating in this years events. The week of April 22, 2023- April 28, 2023. The city will be hosting a different event each day. Mark DeVane expressed that the city has already received multiple sponsorships from different organizations to help make Georgia Cities Week for the City of Quitman a success. Donations have already come in from companies such as: Southland Contractors, Citizens National Bank, ESG and Aviagen to name a few. Saturday, April 22nd will be City Clean Up Day, Monday, April 24th Youth Art Contest Day, Tuesday April 25th will be Public Safety Expo (touch a truck event) Wednesday, April 26th Pastor's Breakfast Social, Thursday, April 27th Spotlight on Downtown and Friday City Employee Luncheon.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF AUDIT- UPDATE

City Clerk Lola Slydell updated council on the progress of the city audit. She informed them that Brenda Norton will be assisting next week in the next steps in reconciling numbers. Brenda Norton is familiar with the city's history and the current billing software and was also present during the city's conversion in 2017. No action taken.

IX. DISCUSSION OF 203 S. MADISON ST.

Council was presented with a confidential non-binding letter of intent for the potential purchase of 203 S. Madison St. parcel number (Q14 0135) inclusive of 0.51 acres. Purchase price of \$58,000.00. Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Lula Smart to accept the proposed cost and proceed with the purchase of 203 S. Madison St. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, DeVane).

X. BROOKS COUNTY COLLECTION OF CITY PROPERTY TAX AGREEMENT-CONTRACT

Council reviewed the contract for Brooks County to continue to collect taxes for the City of Quitman. Council discussed distribution of funds according to contract and approved to disburse one check to the county for compensation of services. Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Lula Smart to accept contract for the county to continue to collect taxes for the city. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, DeVane).

XI. DISCUSSION OF FLOOD PREVENTION INSURANCE PROGRAM/ORDINANCE-ADOPT

City Attorney updated council on some of the changes that were made to the ordinance. Reviewed answered questions and read aloud the flood ordinance for adoption. Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Donald Morgan to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Voting Yes (Morgan, Neloms, Smart, DeVane).

XII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox updated Council on recent conversations around Sunset Lake repairs. He discussed some of the repairs that were already done and the current condition of the road. At this time there is no bid submitted for future improvement of the private lake. No immediate emergency repair observed at this time.

City Manager Maddox discussed the 1100 block of S. Walker St. there is a road safety hazard for the residence in that live in that area who have to use that road. ESG will be taking a look at the road for immediate repair. David Frost (project manager from ESG) will be following up with the progress on the road repair.

XIII. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

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. She expressed her frustration with the services from Quitman Police Dept in this matter as well. Chief Police and Attorney Karla Walker provided some clarity on next steps in the process to assist in resolving issue for the residence.

Gary Christian 404 S. Walker St.- stated he needed ditch clean-out for his location

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to (OCGA 50-14-(6))

Time in **7:18 P.M** motion by Mattie Neloms second by Lula Smart was approved.

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

Time out **7:36 P.M.** motion by Donald Morgan second by Mark DeVane 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)).

XV. ADJOURN

Motion by Lula Smart second by Donald Morgan to adjourn at 7:38P.M. was approved.

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



Zinda McDaniel, Mayor



Lola Slydell, City Clerk

May 2, 2023
Date minutes was approved