

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 13, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:30PM, with Council members Smart, Morgan, Neloms and DeVane present. City Manager Maddox, City Attorney Karla Walker and City Clerk Lola Slydell was also in attendance.

II. INVOCATION

Led by; Minister Daughtry

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led By: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

City Clerk Lola Slydell noted on agenda that the address for Nusie's by Nature LLC. Business License address needed to be corrected to 310 E. Screven St. Upon Motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve Agenda with the changes to address. Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Mattie Neloms to approve meeting minutes from May 2, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Donald Morgan to approve business license requests:

- A. Southern Threads Boutique-109 E. Screven St. -Retail Shop- location change
 - B. Bri Cookie Creations & Bakery-113 E. Screven St.-Bakery
 - C. Nusie's by Nature LLC-108 W. Screven St.-Specialty Shop (handmade items, jewelry, soaps etc.)
 - D. Aviagen-100 Prospect Dr.-Parent Stock, Poultry Hatchery
- Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

VII. UPDATE-ESG

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox spoke on the current work that ESG is doing. He also expressed his gratitude towards some of the quick turnaround improvements that has take place within the city of Quitman. Council had the opportunity to look at a slideshow clip of some of the work that has taken place and was pleased at all of the improvements. David Frost project Manager from ESG address council on improvements at the WWTP (Waste Water Treatment Plant) Wells and Spray Fields. Several lift stations

were on bypass and have since been taken off. David Frost updated council on updated council on upcoming projects and expected deadlines. Chlorination system on pump #1 and #2 are almost up and running again. Also, ESG has since brought on new hires to maintain progress and general upkeep of the city.

VIII. CITY OF QUITMAN/ESG WATER RELEASE FORM

David Frost (ESG) explained to Council the guidelines of the water release form. Best Practice for turning on/off water is for the residence to be present at the home. The water release form gives them the option to have water turned on without the residence being present but waives any claims of liability against the city of Quitman, ESG Operations, Council Members, Commissioners, officers, employees or agents related to any claims of damage. Water Turn on release form must be signed and completed before services are rendered. City Attorney Karla Walker seemed to be in favor of implementation of the water release form. Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Donald Morgan to adopt the water release form. Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

IX. DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION/COUNTY 3YR AGREEMENT

City Clerk Lola Slydell presented council with an agreement form Brooks County Tax Commissioners office for a 3 yr agreement for collection of city taxes. The term of the agreement shall commence with the 2023 Tax Digest and shall continue through 2027 Tax Digest and until all taxes due and payable are collected for each tax year. Upon Motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve the 3yr agreement presented by the Brooks County Tax Commissioner. Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

X. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FROM TRI-SSI

David Frost (ESG) discussed the 2 proposals from TRI-SSI. One Proposal covered the Quitman WWTP Effluent Pumping Station which covered the monitoring, management and communication of the pumping station from the Pure I/O and scada system. The second proposal covered the WWTP Spray Field Application with the Pure I/O system which would cover also the monitoring and communication for the spray field. Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Donald Morgan to approve both proposals from TRI-SSI as presented. Voting Yes (Neloms, DeVane, Morgan, Smart).

XI. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Branches of Blessing and City of Quitman will be partnering together on a Community Food Drive. The food drive will be to help support local families in need. The Food Drive will be June 19th-June 23rd. Drop off locations are: City Hall-100 W. Screven St., Fire Department-205 S. Madison St., and Quitman Police Department-308 S. Lee St. for more information contact Branches of blessings at 470-831-3754 or the City of Quitman at 229-263-4166.No Action Taken

XII. DISCUSSION OF JUNTEENTH CELEBRATION

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox updated Council on the City’s participation in the upcoming Juneteenth celebration on June 17, 2023. He discussed the cleanup downtown for the event, the proclamation that would be presented and safety and security for the residence during this event. Councilman Donald Morgan urged that the City plan to meet with the County, Chamber, Development Authority and others to address some concerns from the community. City Manager Maddox advised City Clerk Lola Slydell to reach out to all and schedule a meeting on or around July 17, 2023. City Clerk Lola Slydell reminded Council of the upcoming Public Hearing and called Meeting to be held on 6/19/2023 at 6:00 pm and 6:30pm for the 2023-2024 Budget. No Action Taken.

XIII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox addressed upcoming GMA Conference and current projects for ESG.

XIV. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Gary Christian had a concern about postponement of council meetings, crime rate changes within the city and maintenance of Right of Ways. City Manager Raphael D. Maddox and Mayor Zinda McDaniel advised they will reach out to Joey Wright and ESG to help with some of his concerns.
Council Woman Mattie Neloms requested that trash cans be delivered to one of the local parks for members of the community that frequent there.

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

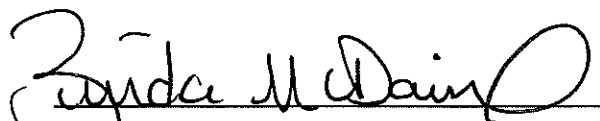
Time in 7:08 P.M motion by Mattie Neloms second by Donald Morgan was approved.
Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan).

Time out 7:52 P.M. motion by Mattie Neloms and 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)).
Discussion of Landfill and Recycle Center Agreement with Brooks County.

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion by Lula Smart and second by Mattie Neloms to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. was approved.
Voting Yes- (Neloms, DeVane, Smart, Christian).



Zinda McDaniel, Mayor



Lola Slydell, City Clerk

7.6.23
Date minutes was approved