# QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES <u>Tuesday, August 1, 2023</u> 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 were also in attendance.

#### II. INVOCATION

Led By: Rodney Tenery

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Zinda McDaniel

# IV. A DOPTION OF AGENDA

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

#### V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Lula Smart and second by Mattie Neloms to approve meeting minutes from July 6, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, DeVane, Smart).

#### VI. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Donald Morgan to approve business license request from United Vending Inc. LLC-107 N. Blair St.- Ice Machine

D & G Prep Training Services-903 Swamp St.- CPR training

The Spotless Knobb LLC-606 N. Warren St.- home based business

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

# VII. ESG UPDATE

David Frost (ESG) updated council on the Chlorination and new chlorine building that is now installed, additional modifications will need to be made before system is complete. He also advised that additional testing will be needed on well #1 concerning this. Spray field update was mentioned by councilman Mark DeVane and followed up by David stating that all 5 sprayers are currently working, but additional repairs are being performed as needed. Pure I/O system is being installed for monitoring of the wells and is expected to be a great improvement going forward for well monitoring. City Manager Raphel D. Maddox gave praises to ESG for the additional help in the public works department brought in to maintain the cemeteries as well as the help from there employees during a animal shelter incident.

#### VIII. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

City Manager Raphel D. Maddox and Mayor Zinda Mcdaniel proposed to schedule another community clean-up day prior to the annual Skillet Festival. The Community Clean- Up day was approved to be held on October 14, 2023 additional information will be available to the public soon

#### IX. DISCUSSION OF MUSEUM CULTURAL CENTER

Upon Motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to become a sustaining member to the Quitman/ Brooks County Museum and Cultural Center by contributing \$450.00. Voting Yes. (Morgan, Neloms, DeVane, Smart).

#### X. DISCUSSION OF DATES TO SET MILLAGE RATE

City Clerk Lola Slydell discussed with council dates for the annual millage rate approval for 2023 Upon Motion by Lula Smart and second my Donald Morgan to accept the proposed meeting dates as follows: August 17, 2023- Public Hearing 10:00am and 5:30pm

August 24, 2023- Public Hearing 6:15 pam and Called Meeting to adopt 6:30pm Location of Public Hearings will be held at 102 N. Lee St Council meeting Room and also available by ZOOM.

# XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Raphel D. Maddox discussed the current status of the Bartow St. Project and recommended moving forward with the re-bidding process. Mr. Maddox also discussed the upcoming annual employee appreciation luncheon to be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Praises and appreciation was expressed to Donald Sapp the city's shop worker for his additional efforts of going above and beyond for the citizens of Quitman. Upon Motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mark DeVane to proceed with the rebidding process of Bartow St. Voting Yes. (Morgan, Neloms, DeVane, Smart).

#### XII. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

Residence at 818 N. Lee St. expressed her concern for overgrown grass in the lot next to her as well cemetery maintenance.

**Bobby Christian** addressed the council and asked that they consider acknowledging Gary Christian on assisting with the campaigning process that assisted in the retail sale of alcohol in the City of Quitman.

Robby Christian also wanted the council to consider acknowledging Gary Christian for this cause.

Commissioner Maxwell also wanted the council to consider Mr. Gary Christian for this same cause.

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

Time in <u>7:16</u> P.M Upon motion by Donald Morgan second by Mark DeVane was approved. Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, DeVane, Morgan).

Time out <u>7:39</u> P.M. Upon motion by Mark DeVane and second by Donald Morgan 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))

# XIV. ADJOURN

Motion by Mark DeVane second by Lula Smart to adjourn at 7:39P.M. was approved. Voting Yes (Smart, Morgan, Neloms, DeVane.)

Zinda McDaniel, Mayor

Lola Slydell, City Clerk

Date minutes was approved