

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zinda McDaniel at 6:31 PM. Council Members Morgan, Neloms and Smart were in attendance. City Manager Raphael D. Maddox, City Clerk Lola Slydell and City Attorney Karla Walker was also present.

II. INVOCATION

Led By: Pastor Gwin Jarrel

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Mayor Zinda McDaniel

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Mattie Neloms to approve Meeting Minutes- August 1, 2023, Called Meeting Minutes August 3, 2023 and Called Meeting Minutes August 24, 2023. Voting Yes (Neloms, Morgan, Smart).

VI. ESG UPDATE

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox gave update on the progress of ESG gave updates on wells and the additional assistance that came to help with the recovery from hurricane Idalia. Mr. Maddox stated there were crews from 6 different cities that came to the aid of the city of Quitman. City of Covington, City of Marietta, City of Griffin just to name a few. He also stated that additional help and resources will still be working to assist with cleanup over the next few weeks.

VII. VIRTUAL SECURITY UPDATE.

City Clerk Lola Slydell presented to Council quote provided for updating IT Support and hardware for cyber protection and management. She stated the new services will provide additional security for all the departments of the city which would include Fire, Police Department and the Administrative Offices.

The upgrade and added protection would help prevent fraud, impersonation, data breaches, enhanced protection for devices and also provide security training for the staff. Proposed amount has already been budgeted for this fiscal year. No Action Taken

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Raphael D. Maddox updated council on current condition of the city after hurricane Idalia. He stated that additional resources would be available for the residences and how to contact. Mr. Maddox stated that there would be a meeting with FEMA and GEMA tomorrow 9/6/2023 at 1:00 pm to discuss and assess the damage the city incurred from the hurricane. Mr. Maddox also thanked the surrounding cities for their help with getting power restored to the citizens of Brooks County. He stated that there was a total of 80 additional bodies that came from all around to assist. Council woman Mattie Neloms gave Mr. Maddox a big thank you for all his support and direction during this time as well. Mayor McDaniel gave the floor to the Police Chief Roy Hart and Fire Chief Floyd Demps. Police Chief Roy Hart stated that for the Police Department had no pressing issues that needed to be addressed as it pertained to the storm and Fire Chief Floyd Demps stated that they had over 45 medical calls were received and he was happy to say they were able to get the customers the help they needed.

IX. OPEN FLOOR

Gary Christian commended the city on how well they did on working together to get the city back u and running after the storm. He also wanted an update on the Tiny House Ordinance and where the city was in the process of getting one passed. City Attorney Karla Walker addressed Mr. Christians concern.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Persuant to (OCGA 50-14-(6))

Time in **6:51** P.M motion by Lula Smart second by Mattie Neloms was approved.

Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, Morgan).

Time out **7:15** P.M. motion by Mattie Neloms second by Lula Smart was approved.

Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, 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)).

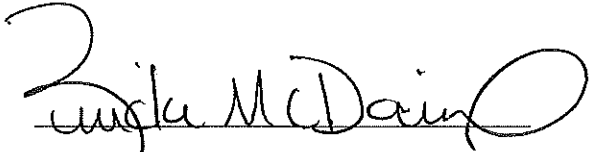
Discussion of Maleka Jones- Workers Comp Payout and re-bidding of the Bartow St. project.

Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Lula Smart to pay out a portion of what was requested by Maleka Jones for workers Comp. Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, Morgan).


Upon motion by Donald Morgan and second by Lula Smart to put the Bartow St. project back out for bid. Voting Yes- (Neloms, Smart, Morgan).

XI. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mattie Neloms and second by Lula Smart to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Voting Yes (Neloms, Smart, Morgan).



Mayor, Zinda McDaniel



City Clerk, Lola Slydell

Date Minutes approved 10.3.2023