Zinda McDaniels, Mayor
Lula Smart, Mayor Pro Tem
Robby Christian, Council Member
Kechia Harrison, Council Member
Vacant, District 2 Council Member

James Lawrence, City Manager
Dawn Montgomery, City Clerk
Karla Walker, City Attorney
Lawrence McGhee, Chief of Police

THE CITY OF QUITMAN

100 W. Screven Street
Quitman, Georgia 31643

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
6:30 pm, City Hall Annex

I. **Opening Ceremonies**

Attendance: Councilman Harrison, Councilman Christian, and Mayor Pro Tem Smart were present, establishing a quorum. Also in attendance were City Manager Lawrence, City Attorney Walker, and City Clerk Montgomery.

II. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved

III. **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from July 16, 2026, session and 3 business licenses were unanimously approved.

IV. **Mayor's Report**

No report was given.

V. **Police Chief's Report**

Chief McGhee reported a total of 763 calls dispatched. 16 arrests, 14 DUIs, 13 Domestic disputes, 6 verbal disputes, 15 vehicular accidents, and 10 shots fired in areas.

VI. City Manager's Report

Audit Recovery (James Moore Co.)

- Auditors were uncomfortable with opening balances for fiscal year 2018 due to lack of a capital asset schedule. Capital Assets are defined as big items. Anything over $10,000.00 is considered an asset. A maintained schedule for assets did not exist for 2018 to present. The schedule is being constructed. Capital assets were found in email archives.

Audit Recovery Update (CKH Group)

- CKH sent bank reconciliation files from 2018 to present. The City will begin performing its own bank reconciliations, beginning July 2026. The City Clerk and finance will perform reconciliations. CKH will catch up to where we are saving time for FY26 audit.

Utility Departments

- Electric department dealt with many outages including two incidents where motorist struck light poles. Poles were replaced and insurance companies are being pursued for costs.
- An online work order system was introduced, allowing residents to submit requests

- Public Works Infrastructure repairs, 84 and Shiver Road, required concrete and two layers of asphalt; Gordon and Court Street a hole was filled.
- A right of maintenance schedule was developed separating the city into four quadrants for routine maintenance.

- Gas Department responded to and completed 53 work orders along with their normal routine
- Human Resources, total employees 68, 7 open positions, 26 applications received, 2 interviews conducted, 3 separations since July, and 2 training sessions conducted.

VII. Citizens to be Heard

Mr. Gary Christian, 404 S Walker: asked if the city received revenue from the spray fields, the City Manager explained the operation. Mr. Christian also inquired about the open positions. The administration confirmed all open positions

Mr. Wheeler, 334 N Washington Street: noted an unnotified increase for commercial dumpsters. He also Thanked the City for handling two previous requests; a stop sign at 84 and Seymour Street and a light bar at storage units

VIII. Executive Session

A motion to adjourn to executive session was passed unanimously at 6:57 pm

Returned from session at 7:43 pm

A motion was made by Councilmember Christian to hire Tray Sanders as Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harrison. It was unanimously approved.

IX. Action Item

2026 Millage Rate: A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison to maintain the current millage Rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christian. It was unanimously approved. There will be three hearings to adopt the rate.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

BY: Zinda McDaniel ATTEST: Dawn Montgomery

Zinda McDaniel, Mayor **Dawn Montgomery, City Clerk**

Minutes Approved: 10/6/26