

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 04, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Curtis L. Pickels called the meeting to order with Commissioners Annie D. Bower, Wendell E. Chisholm, Ronald Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

Commissioner Chisholm led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No.1: Approval of July 2009 Minutes

Mr. Bryant moved that the July 07, 2009 Regular minutes be approved as submitted to the Board.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending July 2009 were made available for the Board's review.

No certificates of deposit matured during the month of July 2009.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of July 2009.

An update was given on collection of past due advalorem taxes.

Notice of Qualifying for the upcoming City of Quitman General Election will be published in the August 05, 2009 issue of the Quitman Free Press. Qualifying begins on Monday, August 31, 2009 and ends on Friday, September 04, 2009. Qualifying will take place between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Candidates are to qualify at Quitman City Hall.

The Board was provided with a summary of bank account balances as of July 31, 2009.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

Attorney Spencer had an prepared an ordinance pertaining to the charter amendment to change the name of Chairman/Commission to Mayor/Council.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the ordinance be read one time at this meeting. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

The City Attorney read the ordinance aloud one time at this meeting.

Item No. 4: City Manager's Report

1] Health Department Request

Representatives from the South Georgia Health District were present and requested that the City provide additional financial assistance to the Brooks County Health Department to be used for building cleaning costs. The City of Quitman currently provides \$5,000.00 annually to the Health Department. It was brought out that Brooks County will assist with an additional \$5,000.00 contingent on the City's assistance in the same amount.

It was brought out that the City of Quitman has already approved it's 2009/2010 budget and that funds are extremely tight. The matter will be studied and a decision made at a later meeting.

2] Brooks County Library Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the Library Report for the month of July 2009.

3] COPS Hiring Program Award

The Quitman Police Department was awarded \$105,709.00 for the hiring of a uniformed police officer for a three-year period. The City is required to employ the officer for one additional year.

4] Travel/City Employees

The Board agreed that travel be restricted to classes that meet continuing education requirements.

5] CDBG Project

The City Manager gave an update on the status of the City's current CDBG Project.

6] Game Room Application

Mr. Alfred Gray, 9069 Greenville Highway, Quitman, GA has applied for a commercial recreation center license to be located at 804 East Screven Street.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Board approve the game room license pending approval of a final inspection by the City Manager. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7] MEAG Contract Amendment

The City Manager presented an amendment requested by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia which would allow cities to have more levelized billings and would also ultimately result in a savings to customers.

Mr. Walker moved to approve the amendment as presented. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

8] Citizen Complaint

The City Manager informed the Board that he had received a complain from Ms. Angela Bryant of West Bay Street concerning trash and liter coming from the Hill Street Apartments. Recommendations were made to the Quitman Housing Authority concerning a solution to this issue. A response from the Housing Authority has been received. The Housing Authority took immediate action in eliminating the problem.

9] Internet Sub Count

The internet sub count for month ending July 31, 2009 was 169.

10] Cable Sub Count

Basic:	76
Advanced:	515
Premium:	346
Adv/Cinemax:	32
Prem/Cinemax:	88

Total Count: 1,057

Item No. 11: Employee of the Month

The August 2009 Employee of the Month is Mr. Terrell Kimbrough.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

1] Railroad Agreements

The City Manager presented agreements allowing utility crossings of railroad property in the industrial park. Upon approval of the City Attorney, Ms. Bower moved that the agreements be executed as presented to the Board. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

2] Gema/Fema Reimbursement

The City of Quitman has received a check in the amount of \$23,548.14 as assistance from Gema/Fema for storm related costs incurred earlier in the year. These funds will be distributed in the appropriate accounts.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 7:33 P.M. in order to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:33 P.M.

Chairman Curtis Pickels called the Executive Session to order with Commissioners Annie D. Bower, Wendell E. Chisholm, Ronald E. Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

A discussion was held on a pending litigation.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Executive Session be adjourned at 7:41 P.M. and that the Regular Session resume. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

REGULAR SESSION 7:41 P.M.

Chairman Pickels called the Regular Session to order with Commissioners Annie D. Bower, Wendell E. Chisholm, Ronald Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

Mr. Walker moved to authorize City representatives to negotiate on the City's behalf in the EEOC mediation with Joann Saunders. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 P.M. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman