

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Annie D. Bower called the meeting to order with Council members Wendell Chisholm, Ronald Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

Mayor Curtis L. Pickels was not present at this meeting.

Council member Wendell E. Chisholm led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of November 2009 Minutes

Mr. Walker moved with Mr. Chisholm seconding that the November 05, 2009 Regular and the November 07, 2009 Called/Workshop minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Motion carried.

Item No. 2: Zoning Issue

Mr. Chisholm moved to approve a request for a setback variance submitted by Mr. Stephen Burton. Mr. Burton request to have a building setback of 10 feet on the north side of his property located at 608 South Court Street. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending October 2009 were provided for the Council's review.

Bank account and certificate balance will be forwarded to council members.

A copy of the November 2009 accounts payable, manual checks and journal entries will be forwarded to council members.

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

No depository accounts were opened during the month of November 2009.

Advalorem tax payments are due on December 20, 2009.

Council members were informed that software is in place that will allow citizens to make installment payments on advalorem tax bills. Agreements must be made with the City Clerk or City Manager prior to making payments.

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the November 03, 2009 Election results as follows:

Chairman at Large

Curtis L. Pickels (I)

153 total votes
4 write-in votes

City Commissioner
District 1, Post 1

Nikki L. Bradley
Ronald E. Bryant (I)

137 total votes
58 total votes
2 write-in votes

City Commissioner
District 2, Post 3

Virgil P. Walker (I)

48 total votes
0 write-in votes

Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item No 4: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Gerald Spencer informed the Council that Justice Department approval on the charter change from Chairman/Commission to Mayor/Council had been received and change was effective as of November 30, 2009.

Attorney Spencer further informed the Council that he has prepared an ordinance allowing the use of golf carts on City owned streets. The proposed ordinance will be provided to council members for review.

The City Attorney requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting in order to discuss two pending litigations.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

1] Library Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the November 2009 Library Board report.

2] United Way Request

Council was informed that United Way contribution forms were placed in payroll envelopes on November 20, 2009.

3] Resolution No. 254-09

Mr. Chisholm moved that Resolution No. 254-09 be approved. This resolution awards the construction contract for the Brooks County Industrial Park road, drainage, water, sewer improvements, sewer pump station and controls to Reames and Sons Construction. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4] MLK Celebration

Mr. Walker moved to approved a request from Ms. Mattie Nelloms to use the Walker Street auditorium for the Martin Luther King Ceremony on January 18, 2010. A march will follow the ceremony and possible parade. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5] Christmas Parade

Mr. Bryant moved to approve the 2009 Christmas Parade route. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6] Golf Cart Resolution

Mr. Walker moved to approve Resolution No. 255-09. This resolution will allow the United Parcel Service (UPS) to use golf carts (only) on city-owned streets. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7] Yard Debris

Staff continues to research ordinance to control littering street with grass clippings.

8] Cable Television Sub Count

Basic:	80
Advanced:	515
Premium:	355
Adv/Cine:	35
Prem/Cine:	87
Total:	1,072

9] Internet Count

The November 2009 internet sub count was 147.

10] Employee of the Month

The December 2009 Employee of the Month is firefighter Daniel Warren of the City of Quitman Fire Department.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

The City Manager informed the Board that a luncheon has been schedule for the Brooks County Commission and the Quitman City Council on December 14, 2009 in order to discuss Economic Development issues. Details will be provided at a later date.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Council enter into an Executive Session in order to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:30 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Annie Bower called the Executive Session to order with Council members Wendell Chisholm, Virgil Walker and Ronald Bryant in attendance in order to discuss two (2) pending litigations.

After a discussion, Mr. Chisholm moved that the Council adjourned the Executive Session and resume the Regular Session. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

7:45 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Bower called the Regular Session back to order with Council members Wendell E. Chisholm, Ronald Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

Mr. Chisholm moved that City Attorney Gerald Spencer be authorized to negotiate a monetary settlement on the City of Quitman's behalf regarding the case of Timothy Bellamy (non-compliant single-wide manufactured home located at 500 North Webster Street). Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant moved that the 2009 Safety awards be given as budgeted. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Walker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk
Pro-tem

Annie D. Bower, Mayor