

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2010
AT 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Curtis L. Pickels called the meeting to order with Council members Annie D. Bower, Nikki L. Bradley, Wendell E. Chisholm and Virgil A. Walker in attendance.

Fire Chief Clay L. Phillips led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of January 2010 Minutes

Ms. Bower moved that the January 2010 minutes be approved as submitted to the Council. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: Zoning Issues

Ms. Cynthia Meeks Williams has applied for a special exception to the City of Quitman's zoning ordinance. Ms. Williams requested permission to place a manufactured home on her property located at 505 West Hill Street. The Board of Zoning Appeals held a public hearing/meeting on this application on Thursday, January 28, 2010. The BZA recommends approval of the application.

Mr. Chisholm moved to approve Ms. Meeks application for a special exception to place a manufactured home on her property located at 505 West Hill Street. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

The Council was presented with summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending November and December 2009.

Copies of January 2010 Accounts payables and manual checks were presented to the Council.

No certificates of deposit were purchased during the month of January 2010.

No depository accounts were opened during the month of January 2010.

The Family Connection Grant Account held a Ameris Bank was closed during January 2010. The Family Connection Board chose not to reapply for this grant.

The Council was informed that utility bills are high due to the recent unusually cold weather. Copies of December and January temperatures were provided to the Council. Late charges will be waived on bills paid during the month of February 2010 and customers will be given until the end of the month to pay bills.

The Council was informed that administration continues to cut costs in every possible way in order to meet budget. Council input was encouraged.

Item No. 4: City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney called for an Executive Session following the Regular Meeting in order to discuss a pending litigation.

The City Attorney informed the Council that he has worked on the Bellamy case, pending EEOC case (Saunders) and forfeiture deeds from drug busts during the month of January 2010.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

The City Manager informed the Council that former City of Quitman employee Eddie Stroud had passed away recently. Mr. Stroud was a long time employee and served as Chief of Police for approximately 14 years.

Item No. 1: Quitman/Brooks County Library Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the Library report for January 2010.

Item No. 2: Wastewater Spill

The Council was updated on sewer spills occurring recently due to rainfall infiltration. Spills have been reported to EPD as required.

Item No. 3: State of Georgia Energy Rebate Program

The Council was briefed on the Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program which launches on February 12, 2010. This a state program and utilizes stimulus funds.

Item No. 4: Triangle Utility

Triangle Utility Company of Lakeland, Florida has requested permission to connect to the City of Quitman's sewerage system. The site is planned to be approximately 10 acres and contains wells, tanks, a bottling plant and warehouse. The estimated number of employees on site is 25.

Engineer Ben DeVane was in attendance and addressed the Board on behalf of Triangle Utility Company.

It was brought out that there are many unknowns as to the process to be used by Triangle Utility Company.

After a lengthy question and answer period between the council and Mr. DeVane, Mr. Chisholm moved that the City provide Triangle Utility Company with a letter of acceptance onto the City's sewerage system with the following limitations: 1] only domestic wastewater not to exceed 250 gallons per day X 25 employees will be accepted 2] only minor wash down (floors) not to exceed 5,000 gallons per day will be accepted and 3] no acceptance of wastes from any sterilization process will be accepted at this point. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 5: Cable TV Sub Counts

Basic:	76
Advanced:	505
Premium:	356
Adv/Cinemax:	37
Prem/Cinemax:	90
Total Count:	1,064

Item No. 6: Internet Account

The wireless internet count for the month of January 2010 was 152.

Item No 7: Employee of the Month

The February 2010 Employee of the Month is Fire Chief Clay Lee Phillips. Chief Phillips has been instrumental in many upgrades to the Fire Department including a substantial improvement to the City's ISO rating. Chief Phillips has recently implemented changes that have resulted in substantial monetary savings to the City of Quitman.

Non-agenda Item(s):

The City Manager informed the Council that the City is receiving numerous requests to rent the Walker Street School Auditorium for various functions. Holwell-Fletcher Insurance is compiling a quote on year round liability coverage for the facility. The City is currently working on rules and regulations for renters.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Council enter into an Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. in order to discuss a pending litigation (attorney-client privilege). Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:36 P.M.

Mayor Curtis L. Pickels called the Executive Session to order with Council member Annie D. Bower, Nikki L. Bradley, Wendell E. Chisholm and Virgil A. Walker in attendance.

The purpose of this Executive Session was to discuss a pending litigation (attorney-client privilege).

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Executive Session be adjourned at 8:26 P.M. and that the Council re-enter Regular Session:

REGULAR SESSION 8:27 P.M.

Mayor Pickels called the Regular Session back to order with Council members Annie D. Bower, Nikki L. Bradley, Wendell E. Chisholm and Virgil A. Walker in attendance.

Motion was made by Mr. Chisholm to reimburse Mr. Timmy Bellamy for remaining balance of \$6,777.00 for manufactured home settlement contingent on Mr. Bellamy selling said manufactured home to private individual for the amount of \$4,000. Funds are to be taken from the Revolving Loan Fund with any monies being recouped from Brooks County being placed back into the Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Mr. Chisholm moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor