

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MINUTES

FEBRUARY 01, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of January 04, 2011 Regular Minutes

Mr. Chisholm moved that the January 04, 2011 Regular Minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: Zoning Administrator's Report

City Clerk/Zoning Administrator Janice M. Jarvis gave an update on the activities of the Zoning Department during the month of February 2011. Ms. Jarvis stated that she would be attending a training session in Valdosta on Thursday, February 17, 2011 hosted by the UGA Carl Vincent Institute of Government and the Southern Georgia Regional Commission.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending December 2010 were provided to council for review.

Accounts payable and manual check reports were presented.

An update was given on the June 30, 2010 annual audit report.

An update was given on high utility bills (extreme weather conditions). Staff is currently working with customers on extensions.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of January 2011.

No certificates of deposit were purchased during the month of January 2011.

Item No. 4: City Attorney's Report

Attorney Gerald Spencer gave an update on legal items handled during the month of January 2011. These included assisting staff with various legal items and review of the proposed Ethics ordinance.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

1] Destination Brooks Update

Councilperson Bradley gave an update on the activities of the Destination Brooks Team during the month of January 2011. Items included plans for a Skillet Festival with a Cast Iron Cook-off, Historic Preservation Ordinance, Certified Local Government and plans for a farmers market.

2] Appointment to Quitman Housing Authority

Mr. Chisholm moved that Ms. Mary Stanley, 615 Morris Avenue, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Evelyn Philyaw who has tendered her resignation from the Authority. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

3] Brooks County Library Board

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the January 2011 Library Board Report.

4] Governmental Agreement Probation Services

Mr. Walker moved to approve an agreement between the Quitman Municipal Probation and the City of Quitman. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

This agreement will need to be executed in order to comply with County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council rules and regulations.

5] Certified City of Ethics

Staff presented Draft Ordinance "A" and Draft Ordinance "B" for the Councils review. The draft ordinances are similar, but differ in the manner complaints can be filed and acted upon during election time. After a review, Mr. Chisholm moved that Ethics Ordinance "A" be approved and adopted. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion.

After a discussion, Ms. Bradley withdrew her second. Mr. Chisholm withdrew his motion.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance to adopt Ethics Ordinance "A" by reference. This shall be ready for the March 01, 2011 meeting.

6] Utility Bill Information

Council was presented with information concerning the colder than average winter temperatures.

7] Internet Count

The wireless internet count for month ending January 2011 was 129.

8] Cable TV Sub Counts

Basic:	77
Advanced:	534
Premium:	299
Adv/Cine:	36
Prem/Cine:	78
Total	1,024

9] Employee of the Month

The February 2011 Employee of the Month is Mr. Charles Arnold. Mr. Arnold serves as Superintendent of the City of Quitman's Electrical Department.

Non-Agenda Item(s):

Ms. Amanda Sopco was in attendance with members of the Brooks County High Math Club. The Math Club won first place in recent competition and a trip to Washington DC to compete on the National level. The National Competition would take place from February 19 -23. Donations were solicited for assistance in accommodations for parents to travel with the students.

Mayor Pickels informed the students that he would match every dollar they collected for the trip. City staff and personnel would be informed of the need for donations.

There being no further business, Mr. Chisholm moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman