

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 04, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

Fire Chief Clay Phillips led those in attendance in prayer.

Mayor Curtis L. Pickels appointed Councilmember Annie D. Bower to serve as Mayor Pro-tem for the 2011 calendar year.

Item No. 1: Approval of December 2010 Minutes

Councilmember Chisholm moved that the December 07, 2010 minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Councilmember Bower seconded. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Janice Jarvis gave an update on the activities in the Zoning Department during the month of December 2010.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending November 2010 were provided for the council's review.

Copies of the December 2010 accounts payable and manual check reports were provided to the council for review.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of December 2010.

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

Item No. 4: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer briefed the council on legal items handled during the month of December 2010.

Attorney Spencer presented Ordinance No. 559 which prohibited parking on North Jefferson Street east of the United States Post Office building.

Councilmember Chisholm moved to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 559 to be read three times at this meeting. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 559 was then read aloud three (3) times at this meeting.

Councilmember Bower moved that Ordinance No. 559 be adopted this date. Councilmembers Bower, Walker and Chisholm voted yes. Councilmember Bradley voted no. Motion carried.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

1] Destination Brooks Update

Councilmember Nikki L. Bradley gave an update on the activities of the Destination Brooks Team during the month of December 2010. Items discussed included target areas, becoming a certified local government and obtaining "non-profit" status.

2] 2011 Annual Appointments

Councilmember Bradley inquired about annual reviews for appointed personnel. City Manager Danny Herring stated that a review is scheduled in the near future.

Councilmember Chisholm moved that the following appointments be approved for 2011. Councilmember Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote:

City Manager	J.D. Herring
City Clerk	Janice M. Jarvis
Chief of Police	Wesley Ross
Director of Public Safety	Wesley Ross
Fire Chief	Clay Phillips
City Attorney	C. Gerald Spencer
City Judge	Vann Parrott
City Engineer	Ben DeVane
WWTP Operator	Tony Herring
Zoning Administrator	Janice M. Jarvis
Building Inspector	Contracted with Brooks County
Electric Inspector	Contracted with Brooks County
Gas Inspector	Contracted with Brooks County

Plumbing Inspector

Contracted with Brooks County

Utilities Superintendents:

Public Resource, Parks Cemeteries

Dennis R. Hill

Water, Gas, Meter Reading

Tony McRae

Electric

Charles Arnold

Cable/Internet Systems Operator

Greg Swann

Councilmember Bradley moved that the following appointments be made for calendar year 2011. Councilmember Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote:

Gas Examiners Board

1. Tony McRae
2. Jimmy Griffin

Board of Registrars

1. Janice M. Jarvis
2. Lynda Striplin
3. Owen Wrice

Parks Committee

1. James Horton
2. Hazel Carroll
3. Joe Wingate
4. Larry Adams
5. Quitman Garden Club President
(If City Resident)

Family Connection Board

1. Nikki L. Bradley

Board of Zoning Appeals

1. A.B. Jones
2. Frank Thomas
3. Laura Chisholm

Planning Commission

1. Lenore Shackelford
2. Frank Thomas
3. Kenneth Marshall
4. Chip Tanner
5. Eddie Deallaume

Utility Hearing Board

1. Robert Marshall
2. John Stalvey
3. Juanita Robinson
4. Richard Roberson
5. Irene Brown

Airport Authority

1. Kenneth Marshall
2. Robin McDaniel
3. Virgil Walker Jr.

Health Department Board

1. Virgil Walker Jr.
2. OPEN (Hospital Administrator)

Community Education Board

1. Laura Chisholm
2. Annie D. Bower

Chamber of Commerce

1. Annie D. Bower

CATV Planning and Advisory Board

1. Mark DeVane
2. Jackie Shelton
3. Allen Denton

4. Zinda McDaniel

5. Willie Golden

Library Board

1. Carol Ragsdale

2. Annie D. Bower

3. Delphanie McGhee

4. Laura Chisholm

Council on Aging

1. Wendell Chisholm

Police Chief's Advisory Board

1. Wesley Ross

2. David Ragsdale

3. Bonnell Holmes

4. Ronald Bryant

5. Kenneth Marshall

6. Janet DeVane

7. OPEN

Banks

1. Citizens National Bank of Quitman

2. Ameris Bank

3. Colony Bank

Suggestions to fill vacant positions are to be presented at the February 2011 regular meeting.

3] Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison gave an update on the activities of the Brooks County Library during the month of December 2010.

4] 2011 Beer License Renewals

Councilmember Walker moved that the following beer licenses be renewed for calendar year 2011. Councilmember Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote:

Stanley B. Dowdy

d/b/a Stan's Grocery

402 S. Court St.

Armstrong Wright

d/b/a Hill Street Club

908 W. Hill St.

Jean Wheeler

d/b/a J&W Wholesale Meats

300 N. Washington St.

Jitendra A. Patel

d/b/a Priya Enterprises/Gas &Go

906 N. Washington St.

Mukesh B. Patel

d/b/a Friendly Mart (A Shok, Inc.)

1101 W. Screven St.

Mukesh B. Patel

d/b/a Quik Mart #1

1003 W. Screven St.

Mukesh B. Patel

d/b/a Quik Mart 2

502 S. Court St.

J.H. Harvey Company

d/b/a Harvey's

1203 West Screven Street

Rite Aid Corporation

d/b/a Rite Aid No. 1671

1103 W. Screven Street

Bhupendra A. Patel

d/b/a Johnson Grocery No. 2

1010 MLK, Jr. Blvd.

Jayshree Kanshik Mod

d/b/a Quik Stop #1

812 E. Screven Street

Jean-Pierre Azevedo

d/b/a JP's Pizza and Ice Cream

113 E. Screven Street

5] 2011 Beer, Wine and Liquor by the Drink License Renewals

Councilmember Bradley moved that the following beer, wine and liquor by the drink licenses be renewed for calendar year 2011. Councilmember Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote:

James A. Horton

Sandra Elena Palacios

d/b/a Wiregrass

d/b/a Coyoacan Mexican Rest.

103 South Washington St.

212 East Screven Street

6] New 2011 Retail Beer License Application

Councilmember Chisholm moved to approve the following new 2011 retail beer license application pending approval from all required departments. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote:

Cosme Velozquez

d/b/a La Cobana

305 East Screven Street

7] New 2011 Beer, Wine and Liquor by the Drink License Application

Councilmember Walker moved that the following new 2011 beer, wine and liquor license application be approved pending approval from all required departments and approval of criminal background check. Councilmember Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Lisa Dorris and Mona Kelly

d/b/a Knot Just Weddings/Camellia Room and Courtyard

404 East Stephens Street

Application for liquor license will have to be advertised two consecutive weeks in the Quitman Free Press and posted at the business.

8] Internet Count

The December 2010 internet subscriber count was 137.

9] Cable TV Count

The December 2010 cable subscriber count was:

Basic:	79
Advanced:	526
Premium:	302
Adv/Cine:	36
<u>Prem/Cine:</u>	<u>82</u>
Total Count	1,025

10] Employee of the Month

The January 2011 Employee of the Month is Greg Swann, Cable and Internet Technician.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

1] Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Councilmember Chisholm moved that to approve the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration be held at Walker Street School auditorium on Monday, January 17, 2011. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. City crews will have the auditorium cleaned prior to the event.

2] Collection Issue Resolved

Mayor Pickels informed that council that the City has collected the \$6,000 (1/2 cost of Bellamy mobile home) owed by Brooks County.

3] Recognition

Councilmember Bradley expressed her appreciation of a job well done by the Quitman Police Department and other city personnel during the recent public march and rally.

There being no further business, Councilmember Chisholm moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Councilmember Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk