

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2010  
AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Pickels led those in attendance in prayer. City Manager Dan Herring led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

Item No. 1: Approval of December 2009 Council Minutes

Mr. Walker moved that the December 2009 minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

The Council was provided with the following items for review:

October 2009 bank account balances and accounts payables; November 2009 accounts payables.

November 2009 bank account balances will be forwarded to council members.

No certificates of deposit were purchased during December 2009.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during December 2009.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney presented a report on a 1999 litigation being handled by Traveler's Insurance. Attorney Spencer stated that the Council would need to enter into an Executive Session in order to discuss pending litigation.

Item No. 4: City Manager's Report

1] Brooks Service Center Request

Ms. Edna McElroy, Ms. Delia Tennyson and Ms. Geri Folsom addressed the Council concerning state budget cuts to the Brooks Service Center. A request was made for funding assistance in the amount of \$1,000 per month through June 2010 and the need to contact local legislatures on the Center's behalf. The center has also requested that funding assistance be made a line item in the City's 2010/2011 budget. After a discussion, Mr. Chisholm moved that the matter be tabled until the City's current budget

can be studied in order to determine if City funds are available. The City Manager suggested that the Mayor and other council representatives travel to Atlanta to meet with legislatures concerning funding for the Center.

2] Quitman/Brooks County Library Report

Ms. Laura Harrison gave an update on the activities of the Quitman/Brooks County Library during the month of December 2009.

3] Federal Trade Commission "Red Flag" Rules

The council was informed that the City Manager had completed the required Red Flag Rules Prevention Program as required by the Federal Trade Commission. Staff training will begin during the month of January 2010.

4] Industrial Park Infrastructure Pre-Construction Conference

The Council was informed that the City Manager and City utility supervisors had attended a pre-construction conference with contractors and utility companies on December 22, 2009.

5] MLK Celebration

A discussion was held on the need for liability insurance coverage for the Martin Luther King Jr. event being held at the Walker Street Auditorium in January 2010. The cost of the coverage for the event is approximately \$750.00. Council member Chisholm stated that he would like for the City to pay for the insurance if possible. Mayor Pickels stated that he was not opposed to the City paying for the insurance for this one particular event but he did not want to set precedence and that rules needed to be in place for future events. The Council instructed the City Manager to research the cost of year round liability insurance and to handle the matter administratively.

6] Speed Zone Ordinances for City of Quitman

The Georgia Department of Transportation is in the process of revising the existing speed limits on routes in our city to bring them into compliance with present regulations. After a review of the materials provided, Mr. Walker moved to approve the proposed speed limits submitted by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7] Landfill Closing

The City Manager informed the Council that the City and Brooks County are ready to move forward with the installation of air sparging equipment at the closed landfill as required by the Environmental Protection Division. The estimated cost to the City of Quitman is \$104,000.00. Funds had been set aside for this project.

8] CATV Counts for November 2009

Basic:	76
Advanced:	510
Premium:	354
Adv/Cinemax:	37
Prem/Cinemax:	88

Total: 1,065

9] Internet Count

The internet sub count for month ending December 2009 was 147.

10] Employee of the Month

The January 2009 Employee of the Month is Mr. Willie Cody of the Natural Gas Department.

Item No. 5: Annual Appointments

Mr. Walker moved that the following appointments be approved for 2010:

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
Purchasing/WWTP Operator	Philip S. Furney
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  
Electric  
Cable/Internet Systems Operator

Tony McRae  
Charles Arnold  
Greg Swann

Boards/Committees:

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. Jack McCard
5. Quitman Garden Club President  
(if City resident)

Family Connection Board

1. Annie D. Bower

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. Michael Purvis

Community Education Board

1. Laura Chisholm

	2. Annie D. Bower
Chamber of Commerce	1. Annie D. Bower
CATV Planning & Advisory Board	1. Mark DeVane 2. Jackie Shelton 3. Allen Denton 4. Zinda McDaniel 5. Willie Golden
Library Board	1. Carol Ragsdale 2. Nikki L. Bradley (Council Appt) 3. Delphanie McGhee 4. Laura Chisholm
Council on Aging	1. Wendell Chisholm
Police Chief's Advisory Board	1. Wesley Ross 2. Pat Tanner 3. David Ragsdale 4. Bonnell Holmes 5. Ronald E. Bryant 6. Kenneth Marshall 7. Janet DeVane
Banks	1. Citizens National Bank 2. Ameris Bank 3. Colony Bank
Urban Redevelopment Authority	1. Joe Wingate 2. Ola Pickels 3. John Hadley 4. Nancy Romine 5. Tina Herring (Secretary)

NOTE: Urban Redevelopment Authority Chairman Marty Carnes and Vice Chairman Jay Roberson were appointed to their positions in August 2008 to serve three year terms. Reappointment is not necessary at this time.

The Mayor asked that new appointees Jack McCard (Parks Committee) and Ronald Byrant (Police Chief's Advisory Board) be contacted to determine if they are willing to serve on committees for 2010.

Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 6: 2010 Alcohol License Renewals

- Beer License Renewals

Mr. Walker moved that the following beer license renewals be approved:

Stanley B. Dowdy  
d/b/a Stan's Grocery  
402 S. Court St.

Armstrong Wright  
d/b/a Hill Street Club  
908 W. Hill Street

Wilmer Wheeler  
d/b/a J& W Wholesale Meats  
300 N. Washington Street

Jitendra A. Patel  
d/b/a Priya Enterprises/Gas & Go  
906 N. Washington Street

Mukesh B. Patel  
d/b/a Friendly Mart (A Shok, Inc)  
1101 West Screven Street

Mukesh B. Patel  
d/b/a Quik Mart #1  
1003 West Screven Street

Mukesh B. Patel  
d/b/a Quik Mart 2  
502 S. Court Street

J.H. Harvey Company  
d/b/a Harvey's  
1203 West Screven Street

Rite Aid Corporation  
d/b/a Rite Aid No. 1671  
1103 West Screven Street

Bhupendra A. Patel  
d/ba/ Johnson Grocery 2  
1010 MLK Jr. Blvd.

Jayshree Kanshik Mod  
d/b/a Quik Stop#1  
812 East Screven Street

Jean-Pierre Azevedo  
d/b/a JP's Pizza and Ice Cream  
113 East Screven Street

Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

- 2010 Beer Wine and Liquor by the Drink Renewals

Mr. Chisholm moved that the following beer, wine and liquor by the Drink renewals be approved upon receipt of a valid application and fees:

James A. Horton  
d/b/a Wiregrass  
103 South Washington Street

David Duncan  
d/b/a Brickhouse Bar & Grill  
219 E. Screven Street

Sandra Elena Palacios  
d/b/a Coyoacan Mexican Rest.  
212 East Screven Street

Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the Council enter into an Executive Session in order to discuss a pending litigation. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7:55 P.M. Executive Session

Mayor Pickels called the Executive Session to order with Council members Bower, Bradley, Chisholm and Walker in attendance.

The purpose of this executive session was to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the executive session be adjourned and that the Council enter into Regular Session. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

8:24 P.M. Regular Session

Mayor Pickels called the Executive Session to order with Council members Bower, Bradley, Chisholm and Walker in attendance.

The Council instructed City Attorney Gerald Spencer to contact Brooks County Attorney Vann Parrott regarding the Bellamy case.

There being no further business, Mr. Walker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

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Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor