

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 02, 2009  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Curtis L. Pickels called the meeting to order with Commissioners Annie D. Bower, Wendell E. Chisholm, Ronald Bryant and Virgil Walker in attendance.

Chairman Pickels led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of May 2009 Minutes

Mr. Chisholm moved with Mr. Bryant seconding that the May 05, 2009 Regular meeting minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues vs. expenditures for month ending April 2009 were presented for the Board's review.

The following certificates of deposit matured during the month of May 2009 at the Citizens National Bank.

Customer Gas Deposits Fund	\$92,537.24
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$67,693.37

Sealed bids were taken on interest for a term of one year. Funds were placed with Ameris Bank at a high interest bid of 1.90%.

The City of Quitman's Revolving Loan Fund was established with the Citizens National Bank acting as the City's fiscal agent for the fund. The first two payments have been received from Crown and placed into our account.

Staff has been working with FEMA officials on reimbursement for storm related damages and other costs. Storm related costs are estimated at \$24,028.75. FEMA is expected to reimburse the City for 75% of the costs. There is a slight chance that GEMA may reimburse a portion of the remaining 25%.

Rachel Fowler has been hired to fill the position of head clerk-cashier. Rachel began her employment on May 19, 2009.

Registration packets for the GMA Convention were provided to commission members.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer gave the Board an update on the current EEOC lawsuit involving the Police Department.

Item No. 4: City Manager's Report

1] Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the May 2009 library activity report.

2] Restaurant Beer & Wine License

Ms. Nadine Proctor made application to sell beer and wine at a restaurant (Savannah Place) to be located at 103 South Culpepper Street.

The City Manager informed the Board that he had inspected the location and found that the restaurant is located approximately 350 feet from an established church building. Code does not allow the sale of alcohol within 400 feet of a church or church facility.

Ms. Proctor asked the Board for consideration of the application. She stated that she could bring the pastor of the church before the Board with a affidavit stating that he was not opposed to the sale of alcohol at the restaurant.

Ms. Proctor further requested that she be allowed to check the distance measurements herself. She was advised that she could have the distance surveyed and report the findings back to City Commission. This was to be done at her expense.

3] Citizens Request

The City Manager informed the Board that Mr. Jack McCard has withdrawn his request to address the Board concerning additional parking for downtown businesses.

4] Leaf & Limb Pickup

The following bids on leaf & limb pickup were presented to the Board:

1.	South Georgia Refuse	\$107,100.00
2.	Hadley Enterprises	84,000.00
3.	Rogers Construction	79,989.60
4.	Drew's Leaf & Limb	77,995.00
5.	Alley Cats	74,950.00
6.	South Brooks Disposal	71,995.50

The City Manager recommended approval of the low bid submitted by South Brooks Disposal. It was brought out that city employee Phil Furney had an ownership interest in South Brooks Disposal. City Attorney Spencer stated that the employee ownership interest in the company concerned him and that he would like to study the matter before the bid is awarded. The City Manager informed the Board that the present contractor (South Georgia Refuse) would terminate work on June 03, 2009. An emergency called meeting was scheduled for June 03, 2009 at 6:15 P.M.

5] 2007 CDBG Project

The City Manager gave an update on the progress of the 2007 CDBG Project.

6] Secondary Power Supply for Crown Laundry

Mr. Walker moved to purchase a generator from Baldour at a cost of \$142,949.52 as recommended by the City Manager. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7] Intergovernmental Agreement

Chairman Pickels vacated the chair due a conflict of interest on this item. Chairman Pro-tem Annie Bower took the chair.

Staff presented an intergovernmental agreement between the Brooks County Development Authority and the City of Quitman. This agreement addresses fire protection for Development Authority properties located outside the city limits. It was brought out that the agreement has been reviewed by the City's Fire Chief and the Coalition Fire Chief. Both have approved the agreement. This item was table for the June

03, 2009 Emergency Called Meeting.

Item No. 8: Internet Sub Count

The internet sub count for month ending June 2009 is 165.

Item No. 9: Cable Television Count

Basic:	78
Advanced:	507
Premium:	352
Adv/Cinemax:	33
Prem/Cinemax:	90
Total Count:	1,060

Item No. 10: Employee of the Month

The June 2009 Employee of the Month is Mr. Ervin Evans.

Non-Agenda Item(s):

Mr. Bill Weeks with Veolia Waste Services was in attendance and address the Board concerning an addendum to the City's current agreement providing for the payment of a 10% franchise fee to the City of Quitman for commercial and roll-off services. Mr. Walker moved to approve the addendum. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Bryant moved that Virgil Walker be appointed to serve on the Brooks County Health Board. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Chisholm moved that the July Regular meeting be moved from July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>. The City Clerk was instructed to advertise the re-scheduled meeting date. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Bryant moved that the City Attorney begin the process of amending the City's charter to change the name only of Chairman/Commission to Mayor/Council with no change in power. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

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Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

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Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman