

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 07, 2011

AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Pickels led those in attendance in prayer.

ITEM NO. 1: APPROVAL OF MAY 2011 MINUTES

Mr. Walker moved that the May 03, 2011 Audit Workshop minutes; the May 03, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes; and the May 18, 2011 Budget Workshop minutes be approved as submitted to the Council. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

ITEM NO. 2: CITY CLERK'S REPORT

- Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending April 30, 2011 are included for the Council's review.
- Accounts payable registers for May 2011 were presented for the Council's review.
- Manual check and journal entry registers for May 2011 were presented for the Council's review.
- June 30, 2011 Audit preparation update was given.
- Update on current status of Ethics Ordinance was given.
- Reminder of public hearing and called meeting for adoption of the proposed 2011-2011 annual operating budget was presented.
- Update of June 07, 2011 ad valorem tax sale. One property located at 608 E. Crawford was sold for unpaid taxes.
- No new certificates were purchased during the month of May 2011.
- No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of May 2011.

ITEM NO. 3: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer gave an update on various legal activities occurring during the month of May 2011 as follows:

- Assisted staff with zoning, tax sale and other various issues.
- Presented report on the questionable need for voting district realignment in Quitman. Attorney Spencer reported that the City's population is shown as 3,850. The optimal population per district is 1,925. District 1's population count is 1,992 which District 2 shows a count of 1,858. District 1's population deviance is 67 with a deviance percentage of 3.48%. District 2's population deviance is 67 with a

deviance percentage of 3.48%. Attorney Spencer stated that any deviance percentage under 5% is acceptable with the Justice Department.

- Councilperson Bradley asked the City Attorney to update the Council on Sunday Alcohol Sales (Senate Bill 10). Ms. Bradley pointed out that she has been approached by several store owners and restaurants concerning the sale of alcohol on Sunday. Mr. Spencer stated that Governor Deal has signed Senate Bill 10 into law. This law allows local communities to vote to allow the sale of alcohol in stores on Sunday. The Sunday alcohol sales would allow package sales only. If so desired, the City would need to pass an ordinance or resolution which would allow the matter to be placed on the ballot in the November 2011 election. Councilperson Bradley stated that should the City agree to place the matter on the ballot, the Council would be giving the voters the opportunity to vote on whether or not to allow Sunday Alcohol Sales. Ms. Bradley asked that the Council give consideration to placing the Sunday Alcohol Sales referendum on the ballot.

ITEM NO 4: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Destination Brooks Update

Council member Nikki L. Bradley provided an update on the activities of Destination Brooks during the month of May 2011. Thanks were given to those who have assisted the DB Team in their efforts to promote tourism and economic growth in our community. Updates were provided on the upcoming DB brochure, Certified Local Government status, Historic Preservation Ordinance and names to be provided as recommendations to serve on the HP Commission.

2. Brooks County Board of Health

Council member Bradley moved that Hospital Administrator Ken Rhudy be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Brooks County Board of Health. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

3. Brooks County Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison reported on the activities of the Brooks County Library during the month of May 2011.

4. Internet Count

The wireless internet count for the month of May 2011 was 128.

5. Cable Count

Basic:	79
Advanced:	528
Premium:	308
Adv/Cinemax:	34
<u>Prem/Cinemax:</u>	<u>69</u>
Total Count:	1,018

6. Employee of the Month

The June 2011 Employee of the Month is Mr. Willie Davis of the Fire Department.

UPDATES

1. City staff is presently working on two (2) customer choice pricing bids.
2. The City's road/street choice has made DOT preliminary approval list. The list will go back to the Executive Committee for final selections.
3. Update of US84 paving project. City is not making anticipated progress on lowering valves and manholes due to absences in the workforce (vacations and workers' compensation).
4. A fire broke out at the US 84 electric substation. No substantial damage was reported.
5. State water restrictions will be followed and advertised when received by City.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

Mr. George Rhynes requested to address the Board concerning missing, faded and obstructed railroad crossing signs within the City. Mr. Rhynes further pointed out that he was a U.S. Veteran and inquired as to why there was no U.S. or Georgia State flags displayed at the meeting. Mayor Pickels advised Mr. Rhynes that the Council would take these matters under advisement and that matters such as missing street signs should be reported to Quitman City Hall. Mr. Rhynes was also advised that requests to be placed on the agenda for a City Council Meeting should be done by the Friday immediately preceding the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Walker moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman