

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011  
AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Item No. 1: Approval of June 2011 Minutes

Ms. Bower moved that the June 07, 2011 Minutes be approved as submitted to the Council.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

- Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending May 2011 were provided for the Council's review.
- Accounts payable reports for month ending June 2011 were provided for council's review.
- Manual check and journal entry reports for month ending June 2011 were provided for the council's review.
- Update was given on year-end fiscal closeout and scheduled audit.
- Update was given on collection of past due property taxes and collection (levy) efforts.
- Council was informed that City has received the designation of Certified City of Ethics. Councilmembers Nikki L. Bradley, Annie D. Bower, Virgil Walker Jr. along with Mayor Curtis L. Pickels recently accepted the award on behalf of the City at the recent GMA Annual Convention in Savannah.
- No certificates of deposit were purchased during the month of June 2011.
- No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of June 2011.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Gerald Spencer stated that he had recently attended the City Attorney session held in conjunction with the GMA Convention in Savannah. One item of interest discussed during the session was the use of golf carts within municipalities.

Item No. 4: 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 June 2011. An update was given on the following item(s):

Destination Brooks website is now fully funded and under construction thanks to a contribution by a team member.

Documents needed to obtain a "Certified Local Government" status is ready and has been presented to the City for review.

An update was given on the upcoming Skillet Festival. Local vendors are encouraged to participate.

2] Plan Approval for Water System Improvements

An update was given on the current CDBG Project 09-X-0142-5174. This project consists of the construction and installation of approximately 2,500 linear feet of 6-inch pvc water mains, fire hydrants, valve fittings and appurtenances to serve 17 existing service connections to the City's water system.

3] Brooks County Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison gave an update on the activities of the Brooks County Library during the month of June 2011.

4] Habitat for Humanity

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity has expressed interest in building homes in Quitman. It will be necessary to locate suitable lots for this project. City Attorney Spencer stated that there would be no conflict of interest for city personnel to assist in the locating of these lots.

Councilmember Chisholm moved that the City Manager and City Clerk work with the Habitat for Humanity in locating available lots inside the city limits. Councilmember Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bradley stated that she would like to work with the City Manager and City Clerk on this project.

5] Solid Waste Collection Proposals

Solid waste collection requests for proposals were mailed to four (4) local companies recently and will be advertised in the Quitman Free Press. Proposal deadline is August 08, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

6] Internet Count

The wireless internet sub count for the month of June 2011 was 120.

7] Cable TV Count

The Cable tv sub count for the month of June 2011 was:

Basic:	79
Advanced:	530
Premium:	301
Adv/Cinemax:	34
Prem/Cinemax:	67

Total Count: 1,011

8] The June 2011 Employee of the Month if Mr. Lonnie L. King of the Quitman Fire Department.

Councilmember Wendell E. Chisholm expressed his appreciation to councilmembers and staff for their calls and prayers regarding his illness and upcoming surgery.

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

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Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor

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Janice M. Jarvis, Mayor