

QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MINUTES

MARCH 01, 2011

7:00 P.M.

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

Mr. Pickels led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of February 2011 Minutes

Mr. Walker moved with Mr. Chisholm seconding that the February 01, 2011 minutes be approved as submitted to the Council. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Janice M. Jarvis gave an update on the activities of the Zoning Department during the month of February 2011. Council members were briefed on a citizen's complaint regarding manufactured homes being prohibited in the designated historic district. Ms. Jarvis gave an update on a recent training session conducted by the University of Georgia that she attended.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

Summaries of revenues/expenditures were provided for the Council's review.

Accounts payable, manual check and journal entry reports are being provided for Council's review.

An update was given on high utility bills.

City Clerk Janice Jarvis informed the Council that she will be receiving training for state certification as the City's election superintendent.

The City Council was given update on plans for the 2011 GMA Annual Convention to be held in Savannah, June 25th-27th.

No certificates of deposit matured during the month of February 2011.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of February 2011.

Item No. 4: City Attorney's Report

A] City of Ethics Ordinance No. 560

Mr. Chisholm moved to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 560 to be read three times at this meeting. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.
City Attorney Spencer read Ordinance No. 560 aloud three times. Ms. Bradley moved that Ordinance No. 560 be adopted this date. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

B] City Code Adoption Ordinance No. 561

Mr. Chisholm moved to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 561 to be read three times at this meeting. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.
City Attorney Spencer read Ordinance No. 561 aloud three times. Mr. Walker moved that Ordinance No. 561 be adopted this date. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

C] City of Ethics Resolution

Mr. Walker moved that Resolution No. 259-11 establishing a Certified City of Ethics Program be approved this date. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

1] Destination Brooks Update

Council member Nikki Bradley gave an update for the Destination Brooks Committee. The new tag line is "From Downtown to Down Home". The first annual 2011 Skillet Festival will be held on September 17th on the courthouse square. An Ags and Arts Market is planned for the area behind the Wiregrass Restaurant and, if needed, the adjacent portion of South Lee Street. Progress is continuing on the designation of Quitman as a "Certified Local Government".

2] Solid Waste Collection

The contract for solid waste collection between the City and Veolia expires on June 30, 2011. The Council instructed the City Manager to proceed with formulating a bid package for solid waste collection services.

3] Brooks County Library Board Report

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

4] Resurfacing-Milling Project

GDOT has notified staff of milling and resurfacing of SR38/US 84 from the Thomas County line to Second Street in Quitman. The City will be required to identify, mark and lower all manholes and/or valves prior to the beginning of the work. Once the contractor has completed the milling and inlay, the City will be required to raise any manholes and/or valves that were previously lowered to restore grade.

5] Appointment to Quitman Housing Authority Board

Mr. Chisholm moved that Mr. Jesse Mitchell, 102 Camellia Drive be re-appointed as a Commissioner to the Quitman Housing Authority Board. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Mr. Mitchell's term will expire December 31, 2015.

6] Internet Count

The wireless internet count for the month ending February 2011 is 130.

7] Cable TV Sub Count for February 2011

Basic:	76
Advanced:	535
Premium:	299
Adv/Cinemax	36
<u>Prem/Cinemax</u>	<u>70</u>
Total:	1,016

8] Employee of the Month

Officer Agnes Robey was selected as the March 2011 Employee of the Month.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

Redland Baptist Church plans to hold a "Community Day" in Quitman on Saturday, April 16th from 11am until 3 p.m. Free medical, dental, vision and prescription services will be provided along with a variety of free dry goods and food. An attendance of approximately 10,000 is expected.

An update was given on increased coverage of Braves games on Fox Sports South.

City Clerk Jarvis informed the Council that Mauldin & Jenkins have notified the City that an electronic copy of the 2009/2010 financial statements and audit report will be transmitted on Wednesday, March 02, 2011. M&J will meet with the Council to review the statements upon the Council's request.

There being no further business, Mr. Chisholm moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk