

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE QUITMAN CITY COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 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 Jr. in attendance.

Chairman Pickels led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of February 2009 Minutes

Mr. Walker moved that the February 03, 2009 Regular/Executive Minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

A summary of revenues/expenditures for month ending January 2009 was provided for the Board's review.

The Board was informed that staff was continuing to closely monitor revenues and expenditures in order to stay within the 2008/2009 budget guidelines.

The following transfers were made on February 7, 2009 in order to meet an accounts payable deficit of \$74,721.87:

Electric Fund to General Fund	\$20,000.00
Gas Fund to General Fund	\$20,000.00
Water/Sewer Fund General Fund	\$40,000.00

No certificates of deposit were purchased during the month of February.

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

The City Clerk and Accounting Clerk attended training in Athens on February 16th and 17th.

The 2008/2009 Family Connection Grant in the amount of \$20,624.00 has been approved and the first reimbursement request has been received.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney gave a report on changing the name of the "Chairman" to the "Mayor" and the process required to do so. Mr. Chisholm moved that the City Attorney proceed with steps necessary to make this change. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Chairman Pickels informed the Board that he would like to have a Called meeting immediately after the 10th of March in order to take action on a zoning issue.

Item No. 4: City Manager's Report

1] 2009 CDBG Application

The City Manager recommended that Varnadoe and Associates be selected to administer the 2009 CDBG Grant application and that Watkins and Associates be selected as the engineering firm for the grant application.

Mr. Chisholm moved that Watkins and Associates be retained as the engineers on the 2009 CDBG Grant application. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Bryant moved that Varnadoe and Associates be retained as the administrators for the 2009 CDBG Grant application. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

2] Electric Cities of Georgia

Mr. Chisholm moved that Chairman Curtis L. Pickels be appointed as the City of Quitman's voting delegate for the Electric Cities of Georgia and that Ronald Bryant be appointed as alternate. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

3] Citizens Request

Mr. Jack Harrell addressed the Board asking their consideration on amending the City of Quitman's ordinance pertaining to junk vehicles.

4] Jake Brake Use

The City Commission agreed that the City Manager have signs posted asking for voluntary compliance in a "No Jake Brake" request.

5] Fire Protection Outside City Limits

The City Manager stated that he had received a requests asking that the City provide fire protection outside the Quitman city limits. The City Manager further stated that he has concerns regarding this matter and that will study the matter and report back to the Board at a later date.

6] SCBA Refill Station Bids

Mr. Chisholm moved that the SCBA refill station project be awarded to B&T Enterprises at a low bid of \$29,450.00. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7] Internet Sub Count

The internet sub count for month ending February 2009 was 179.

8] Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison gave a report on the activities of the Brooks County Library during the month of February 2009.

9] CATV Sub Count

The cable sub count for month ending February 2009 was:

Basic:	76
Advanced:	499
Premium:	351
Adv/Cine:	36
<u>Prem/Cinemax:</u>	<u>87</u>
Total Count:	1049

10] Employee of the Month

The March 2009 Employee of the Month is Josh Benefield of the Quitman Fire Department.

Non-Agenda Item(s):

An update on the Police Department corrections was give by Chief Wesley Ross.

Commissioners were asked to bring recommendations to fill vacancies on boards and committees to the next regular meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Walker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P.M. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman