

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COMMISSION  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 05, 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 APRIL 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Chisholm moved that the April 7, 2009 Workshop (MEAG); the April 7, 2009 Workshop (Landfill); and the April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

ITEM NO. 2: ZONING ISSUES

Mr. Jamie Pitts submitted an application to rezone property located in the 1000 block of South Walker Street from Multi-Family to General –Business. The City of Quitman Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. The Planning Commission recommends denial of the application for the following reasons: (1) rezoning would create an isolated zoning district and (2) potential for future uses which would be detrimental to the surrounding area. The Planning Commission further recommended that the City Commission grant Mr. Pitts a Special Exception that would allow him to sell locally grown produce only on the property under the current zoning classification.

Commissioner Chisholm requested that the matter be tabled for further study.

ITEM NO. 3: CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Summaries of revenues/expenditures for month ending March 2009 were provided to the Board for review.

No depository accounts were opened or closed during the month of April 2009.

Two certificates of deposit matured at Ameris Bank on April 15, 2009. Sealed bids were taken on interest rates. Copies of bids are attached for your review. The funds will remain at Ameris Bank with a high bid of 1.90%. The certificates were:

Electrical Fund Capital Improvements	\$37,841.62	12 month term
Cemetery Maintenance	\$98,431.90	12 month term

ITEM NO. 4: CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Spencer informed the Board that all necessary advertisements and postings had been done on the proposed charter amendment that would change the title of the Chairman to Mayor. It was

pointed out that the amendment changes the title only and that no change had been made to the authority of the position. The City Attorney further stated that the amendment would need two favorable votes of the Commission to be voted in two separate meetings.

Chairman Pickels called for a vote on the matter.

No motion was made.

Chairman Pickels vacated the chair. Chairman Pro-tem Bower took the chair at that point.

Chairman Pickels made a motion that the matter be dropped. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

#### ITEM NO. 5: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

##### 1] Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the Quitman/Brooks County Library report for the month of April 2009.

##### 2] Inert Debris Removal

The Board was informed that a request for bids for the removal of inert material has been advertised. Bid opening will take place on May 28, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. EST. The City Manager informed the Board that he is requesting that at least two (2) commission members be present at the opening.

##### 3] 2007 CDBG Project

Construction will begin May 4, 2009 on the 2007 CDBG Project.

##### 4] MGAG Refund

Staff has received a rebate check from the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia in the amount of \$35,340.13.

##### 5] GMA Voting Delegate

Mr. Chisholm moved that Chairman Curtis L. Pickels be appointed as the City of Quitman's voting delegate for the 2009 GMA Convention in Savannah and that Ronald Bryant be appointed as alternate. Unanimous vote. This delegate will represent the City of Quitman at GMA's annual business meeting to be held on June 22, 2009 in Savannah.

##### 6] Retail Beer License

Mr. Walker moved to approve a retail beer license request submitted by Jean-Pierre Azevedo contingent on the approval of all various approving authorities. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

7] Utility Bill Complaint Update

The City Manager informed the Board that he and Commissioner Wendell Chisholm met with Mr. Willie Golden regarding his utility bill and staff is currently in the process of scheduling an energy audit of Mr. Golden's home.

8] Update on Citizen's Gas Cost Concern

It was brought out that the City's natural gas prices are in line with or lower than other comparable cities. The City Manager recommended that the gas rate structure not be changed. The pros and cons of budget billing was discussed.

9] Sunset Lake Dam and Overflow Repair

The Board was informed that staff has ordered materials for the repair of the Sunset Lake overflow device and road crossing piping.

10] Secondary Power Supply for Crown Laundry

Initial negotiations with Crown Laundry for location of their new facility in Quitman included supplying the company with an onsite generator. This is a portable generator that is estimated to cost between \$142,000 and \$255,000. It will be skid mounted at Crown Laundry. The City Manager recommends that the generator be purchased with funds from the City's Municipal Competitive Trust. The City Manager informed the board that he is currently reviewing specifications on bids received from vendors and that an emergency meeting will be called to award the bid.

11] Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection

Staff presented an intergovernmental agreement for fire protection. The property in question will be owned by the Brooks County Development Authority.

12] Cable TV Sub Count

Basic:	80
Advanced:	47
Premium:	348
Adv/Cine:	34
Prem/Cine:	88

Total Sub Count: 1,047

13] Internet Sub Count

The internet sub count for month ending April 2009 was 172.

14] Employee of the Month

The May 2009 Employee of the Month is Eddie Jenkins.

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.

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Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

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Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman