

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2011
AT 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 in attendance.

Item No. 1: Approval of October Minutes

Mr. Chisholm moved with Ms. Bower seconding that the October 2011 minutes be approved as submitted to the Council. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 2: Zoning

Charity and Josh Wall have applied to have their property located at 602 North Barnes Street rezoned from Multi-Family to Residential-Professional for the purpose of using the property for church-related activities (area youth outreach program). The City of Quitman Planning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 01, 2011. The Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation of approval on the application. Council member Bradley asked for a more detailed explanation of church related activities. Mr. Wall, in attendance, gave a brief explanation of the proposed youth outreach program. Mr. Walker moved to approved the rezoning request. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Ms. Bradley moved to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 564 to be read three times at this meeting. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

The City Attorney then read Ordinance No. 564 aloud three times.

Ms. Bower moved that Ordinance No. 564 be adopted this date. Ms. Bradley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 3: City Clerk's Report

The accounts payable register for month ending October 2011 was provided for Council's review.

Manual check and journal entry reports for October were not available at meeting time. They will be mailed to council members upon availability.

Mauldin & Jenkins have not yet completed the 2010-2011 audited financial statements. They are currently working to complete the final report.

Reminder: The City of Quitman General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 08, 2011. Early voting is underway at this time.

The 2011 advalorem tax bills were mailed on October 20, 2011. Tax payments are due on or before December 20, 2011.

The City Clerk and Chief of Police have completed ARRA reporting for the third quarter of 2011.

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

No certificates of deposit were purchased during the month of October 2011.

Item No. 4: City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney stated that he has assisted staff members in various matters during the month of October. He continues to respond and work on the two active legal cases involving the City.

Item No. 5: City Manager's Report

1] Destination Brooks Update

Ms. Lauren Basford gave an update of the activities of Destination Brooks during the month of October 2011.

2] Project Lick Bcdo

Mr. Chisholm moved that the City of Quitman contribute the amount of \$21,500 assistance to the location of an industry in Brooks County as requested by the Brooks County Development Authority. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Ms. Bower asked that the funds **not** be taken from the Revolving Loan Fund.

3] Brooks County Library Report

Ms. Laura Harrison presented the October 2011 Library Board Report.

4] Today In America

Mr. Walker moved to approve the purchase of commercial time on "Today in America" at a cost of \$9,900.00 as requested by the Brooks County Development Authority with the City Manager, City Clerk and Mayor studying the budget for available funding. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Council member Bower stated that she did not want the funds to be taken from the Revolving Loan Fund.

5] Solid Waste Collection Costs

The City Manager reviewed costs associated with solid waste collection. It was brought out that the City has experienced a financial loss in the past year or more. Staff is in the process of analyzing data to ensure that the current rate revenues will be adequate to off-set operating costs. The City Manager recommended that no rate adjustment be made at this time. Staff will present rate analysis findings when complete.

6. Internet Count

The October 2011 internet sub count for the month of October 2011 is 97.

7. Cable Sub Count

The Cable television sub count for the month of October 2011 is:

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| Basic: | 76 |
| Advanced: | 539 |
| Premium: | 301 |
| Adv/Cinemax: | 31 |
| Prem/Cinemax: | 74 |
| Total Count: | 1,021 |

8. Employee of the Month

The November 2011 Employee of the Month is Mr. Ricky Parker of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NON-AGENDA ITEM(S):

1. The City Manager presented a handout to council members regarding Service Delivery court case involving Gwinnett County the 15 cities located within the county.
2. Tina Herring, Brooks County Economic Developer, invited council members to attend an event on November 17, 2011. Georgia Power will be bringing statewide managers to visit the industrial park. The event begins at 9:00 a.m.
3. Council member Nikki Bradley informed the council and City Manager Herring that Sgt. Ivan Davis was instrumental in locating the wreckage of a recent plane crash within Brooks County. Ms. Bradley stated that Sgt. Davis' assistance to 911 should be acknowledged.

There being no further business, Ms. Bradley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 P.M. Mr. Chisholm seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Mayor