

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE QUITMAN CITY COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2009
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Curtis L. Pickels called the meeting to order with Commissioners Annie D. Bower, Ronald E. Bryant and Virgil Walker, Jr in attendance. Commissioner Wendell E. Chisholm was unable to attend this meeting.

Commission Chairman Curtis L. Pickels led those in attendance in prayer.

Item No. 1: Approval of September 2009 Minutes

Mr. Walker moved that the September 01, 2009 Regular, the September 01, 2009 Public Hearing and the September 09, 2009 Called/Workshop minutes be approved as submitted to the Board. Ms. Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Item No. 2: City Clerk's Report

Commission members were presented with copies of revenues/expenditures for month ending August 2009.

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

Commission members were given an update on upcoming 2009 advalorem tax billing.

An update of was given on progress of 2008/2009 annual audit and preparation of financial statements. A single audit will be required for the 2008/2009 fiscal year due to the amount of grants funds received.

The commission was informed that the Brooks County Family Connection would not reapply for the \$25,000 DHT grant administered by the City of Quitman. Grant account will be closed as soon as all financial matters have been cleared and balanced.

The Commission was informed that Ordinance No. 555 will set the 2009 advalorem tax millage rate.

Attached to these minutes is a signed letter of approval to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 555 to be read three (3) times at this meeting and approval of adoption submitted by Chairman Wendell E. Chisholm.

Ms. Bower moved to waive the rules in order for Ordinance No. 555 to be read three (3) times at this meeting. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer then read Ordinance No. 555 aloud three times.

Mr. Walker moved that Ordinance No. 555 (sets 2009 millage rate at 5.48mills) be adopted this date. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Item No. 3: City Attorney's Report

City Attorney C. Gerald Spencer gave an update to Commission members on various legal matters.

Item No. 4: City Manager's Report

1] Grants

The following grants have been awarded to the City of Quitman Police Department by the Department of Justice:

Justice Assistance Grant	(Vehicle)	\$19,847.00
COPS Hiring Recovery Program	(Officer)	\$105,709.00
Rural Law Enforcement	(Investigator , vehicle, equip)	\$172,859.00

2] 2009 CDBG Grant Award

The City of Quitman has been awarded an \$800,000 Community Development Block Grant through the Department of Community Affairs. This grant includes housing and infrastructure improvements. Mitch Varnadoe of Varnadoe and Associates has been selected as grant administrator.

3] Emergency Roof Repair

Emergency roof repairs are needed at the Brooks County Economic Development Office building and the Quitman Fire Department. Total repair costs are \$20,425.00. Mr. Bryant moved to proceed with repairs. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. A discussion was held on number of quotes received and the source of payment for repairs. Mr. Walker withdrew his second with Mr. Bryant withdrawing his motion. The Commission instructed the City Clerk and City Manager to determine the source of funding for the repairs and the matter would be revisited at a future meeting.

4] Certified Work Ready Community

It was brought out that Brooks County has been designated as a work ready community.

5] E-medical

Mr. Stuart Folland and Richard C. Murphy addressed the Commission concerning the distribution of e-medical cards. No action was taken by the commission on this item.

6] United Way

Mr. Norman Bennett addressed the Board concerning payroll deducted employee contributions for the United Way. No action was taken by the commission on this item.

7] LARP Funding

The Department of Transportation's LARP paving project funding has been awarded. Paving projects should begin in approximately 3 months.

8] Library Board Report

Ms. Laura Harrison addressed the Board concerning the activities of the Brooks County Library during the month of September 2009.

9] MEAG Resolution

Ms. Bower moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a second alternative amendment to the Municipal Competitive Trust. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10] Internet Sub Count

The September 2009 internet sub count was 157.

11] Cable Sub Count

Basic:	77
Advanced:	520
Premium:	355
Adv/Cinemax:	35
Prem/Cinemax:	84
Total Count	1,071

12] Employee of the Month

The October 2009 Employee of the Month is Mr. David Milton. Mr. Milton began working for the City of Quitman's Electric Department on August 14, 2000 as an electrical lineman.

There being no further business, Mr. Bryant moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janice M. Jarvis, City Clerk

Curtis L. Pickels, Chairman