



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
City Council – City of Quitman, Texas
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 PM

**Quitman Public Library,
202 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX**

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81862791252?pwd=RWgKODkaWhatEfbGM7gS3lbaL6JJIX.1>

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION *Alderman Jack Robinson led the invocation.*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

Alderman Medlin led the pledges.

4. COMMENTS

- A. Citizen Comments - Citizens have three minutes each to express their opinion(s) of items to be discussed at this Board meeting or any other pertinent subject or concern.

Mr. Chris Kirkland spoke to his concern about the status of the Towner Apartments located at 511 N. Winnsboro Street.

- B. Mayor Comments.

Mayor Dunn mentioned Matt Taylor, Chief Wastewater Technician, as the City of Quitman's March Employee of the Month.

Mayor Dunn spoke about the QDC's and Chamber's new Quarterly Business Breakfast.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Consider Approval of February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider Approval of Financial Reports for February 2024.
- C. Consider Approval of Budget Reports for February 2024.
- D. Consider Approval of February 2024 Departmental Reports.
- E. Consider Approval of Quitman Police Department's 2023 Comparative Analysis Report.

Mayor Pro tem Dobbs made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discussion, Second Reading and consider approval of a resolution approving a QDC Project to expend a total amount not to exceed One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) pursuant to an Agreement with Peoples Telephone Cooperative Inc. for expenditures related to the installation of a mainline fiber optic cable network in Quitman.

Alderman Wright made the motion to approve the QDC Project with People's Telephone in the amount not to exceed \$125,000. Alderman Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Public hearing, discussion and consideration for approval the application of Jayesh Gheewala, requesting an amendment to the Quitman Zoning Ordinance to approve a Specific Use Permit to sale beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages from real property of approximately 0.919 acres identified as Lot 1B BLK 56 .919 Quitman Townsites, Quitman, Wood County, Texas, commonly known as 1003 E. Goode Street, and currently zoned B2; and, to amend the City's Zoning map to reflect said Specific Use Permit.

At 6:13pm Mayor Dunn opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Adi Gheewala spoke in favor of his father, Jayesh, being allowed to receive a Special Use Permit to sell alcohol.

Mr. James Rasco spoke in favor of Jayesh Gheewala being allowed to receive a Special Use Permit to sell alcohol.

Ms. Helen Davis spoke in favor of Jayesh Gheewala being allowed to receive a Special Use Permit to sell alcohol.

Mayor Dunn close the Public Hearing at 6:24pm.

Alderman Medlin made the motion to approve the Specific Use Permit to sale beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages. Alderman Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. Discuss and consider for possible action appointing Judge Michael King as the City of Quitman's Associate Municipal Judge.

Alderman Wright made the motion to appoint Michael King as the City of Quitman' Associate Municipal Judge. Mayor Pro tem Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- D. Discuss and consider for possible action an ordinance canceling the May 4, 2024 general election for the City of Quitman and declaring unopposed candidates for three alderman as elected.

Mayor Pro tem Dobbs made the motion to cancel the May 4, 2024 general election. Alderman Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- E. Executive Session – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D

Section 551.071 – Legal – Consultation with the City Attorney regarding items on the agenda or for matters in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Code

Section 551.072 – Real Estate – Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

Section 551.087 - Economic Development – Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information the City has received from business prospects the City seeks to have locate,

stay, or expand in the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

The council entered Executive Session at 6:31pm for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property under section 551.071. The council left Executive Session at 6:57pm. No action was taken.

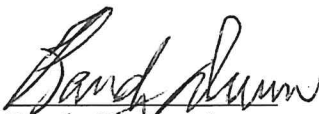
7. ADJOURN


Alderman Medlin made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by the notice, the City Council should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the City Council is required, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. will be held by the City Council at the date, hour, and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the City Council may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Sections:

- 551.071 For the purpose of a private consultation with the City's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.
- 551.072 For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- 551.073 For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.
- 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
- 551.076 To consider the deployment, specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.
- 551.084 For the purpose of excluding witnesses or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.
- 551.087 For the purposes of considering economic development negotiations.


Randy Dunn, Mayor


James Attaway, City Secretary

