

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Council - City of Quitman, Texas

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6:00 PM

Shamburger Community Room, Quitman Public Library – 202 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX

Council Members Present: Randy Dunn, Mayor; Steven Glenn, Alderman; Todd Wright, Alderman; Brad Medlin, Alderman; and Jack Robinson, Alderman.

Staff Present: Walter Lutonsky, Streets Director, John Farmer, Police Chief; Wesley Price, Fire Dept., Delene Allen, Civic Services Director; Lauren Doan, Municipal Judge; Jim McLeroy, City Attorney, Sheryl Laudenslager, Asst. City Secretary and James Attaway, City Secretary/Administrator.

Council Members Absent: David Dobbs, Mayor Pro tem

Staff Absent: none

Media: Larry Tucker; Wood County Monitor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Shamburger Community Room at the Quitman Library, 202 E. Goode St., Quitman, Texas, 75783.

- 2. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Randy Dunn
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG: Randy Dunn, Mayor

4. **COMMENTS**

A. Citizen Comments

1. Ms. Kirby spoke about the absence of a walkway from Gov. Jim Hogg Park to Stephens Street. She said she would like to city to construct walkway.

B. Mayor Comments

1. Mayor Dunn make comments about the two murals that were recently painted in Quitman.

5. PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Dunn made a proclamation declaring that October 5th, 2023, as "World Teacher Day". He presented the proclamation to Mrs. Dana Hamrick, Assistant Superintendent for Quitman ISD.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. FY 2024 Budget No Comments were made by the public or council members.
- B. 2023 Property Tax Levy No Comments were made by the public or council members.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- **A.** Consider Approval of August 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- **B.** Consider Approval of September 7, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes.
- C. Consider Approval of Financial Reports for August 2023.
- **D.** Consider Approval of Budget Reports for August 2023.
- E. Consider Approval of August 2023 Departmental Reports.

The following motion was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved the Meeting minutes, Departmental and Financial Reports as presented.

6. <u>DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS</u>

A. Discussion and possible action to adopt the proposed FY 2024 Tax Rate.

The following motion was made to adopt a \$0.3475 Maintenance and Operation (M&O) and \$0.1782 Debt Service (I&S) for a total tax rate of \$0.5257 was made by Alderman Medlin and seconded by Alderman Glenn. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Quitman City Council approved the proposed FY 2024 Tax Rate.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve Water Rate increase and Utility Bill administrative fee for the City of Quitman.

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The motion to approve a Water Rate increase and Utility Bill administrative fee was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved Water Rate increase and Utility Bill administrative fee.

C. Discussion and possible action to approve Quitman Development Corporation FY 2024 Budget.

The motion to approve was made by Alderman Glenn and seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved Quitman Development Corporation FY 2024 Budget.

D. Discussion and possible action to adopt the proposed City of Quitman FY 2024 Budget.

The motion to approve a resolution approve the proposed City of Quitman FY 2024 Budget was made by Alderman Medlin and seconded by Alderman Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved City of Quitman FY 2024 Budget.

E. Discussion and possible action to amend R981015R One Way School Zone Ordinance.

The motion to amend R981015R One Way School Zone Ordinance was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Glenn. The motion was passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved the amendment R981015R One Way School Zone Ordinance.

F. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) for FY 2024.

The motion to approve a resolution for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) for FY 2024 was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Medlin. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved a resolution for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) for FY 2024.

G. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution for participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (Tex STAR) for FY 2024.

The motion to approve a resolution for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) for FY 2024 was made by Alderman Medlin and seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved a resolution for participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (Tex STAR) for FY 2024.

H. Discussion and possible action to a resolution supporting the Wood County Airport – Collins Field runway expansion project for FY 2024.

The motion to approve a resolution supporting the Wood County Airport – Collins Field runway expansion project for FY 2024 was made by Alderman Glenn and seconded by Alderman Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved resolution supporting the Wood County Airport – Collins Field runway expansion project for FY 2024.

I. Discussion and possible action to approve City Secretary/Administrator James Attaway's contract.

The motion to approve City Secretary/Administrator James Attaway's contract as written. was made by Alderman Glenn and seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council approved City Secretary/Administrator James Attaway's contract as written.

J. Executive Session (Personnel Matter, Section 551.074)

The council entered Executive Session at 6:39pm and came back into regular session at 7:03pm.

7. ADJOURN

The following motion was made by Alderman Medlin and seconded by Alderman Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Quitman City Council officially adjourned 72t 7:03 P.M.

Randy Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jame\$'A. Attaway, III

City Secretary/Administrator

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