



WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Council – City of Quitman, Texas

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 401 E Goode Street, Quitman, TX
(use entrance at rear of City Hall on Lipscomb Street)

Council Members Present: Randy Dunn, Mayor, David Dobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brad Medlin, Alderman, Steven Glenn, Alderman, Jack Robinson, Alderman; and Susan Resnik, Alderman.

Staff Present: Jim McLeroy, City Attorney, Walter Lutonsky, Streets Director, Dee Gilbreath, Utilities Director, John Farmer, Interim Police Chief,; Scott Wheeler, Fire Chief, Delene Allen, Civic Services Director, and Rodney Kieke, City Secretary/Administrator.

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Absent: Lauren Doan, Municipal Judge

Media: Larry Tucker, Wood County Monitor; Amanda Duncan, Wood County Now

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION: Alderman, Jack Robinson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG: Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs

WORKSHOP

A Tax Rate workshop was conducted by City Secretary / Administrator, Rodney Kieke. The voter approved and no new revenue rates were shared with the council regarding the M&O portion of property tax. Debt Service (I&S) was discussed including the flexibility created by recalling and restructuring a series 2015 utility bond. All questions were answered in preparation of approving a proposed property tax rate.

4. COMMENTS

A) **Citizen Comments**

None

B) **Mayor Comments**

-Mayor Dunn shared that landscaping around the parking lot on the North side of the square was complete and looks good

-Mayor Dunn commented that plans are in the works to correct the drainage challenges on Tomie St. so that road could be repaired.

-Mayor Dunn mentioned the improvement across the city for removal of junk cars brought forth by an ordinance signed in June regulating such.

-Mayor Dunn Recognized Sam Scroggins for his achievement of being named volunteer of the year both regionally and statewide for the Child Welfare Board.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A) **Department Head Presentation, Administration – Rodney Kieke**

Rodney shared the current state of the Administration Department. Having operated at 75% of staff since the beginning of July. Interviews are going well and quality individuals are applying. Kieke gave kudos to Sherly and Lauren for their efforts to cover the position of water clerk. Restacking of duties is a strong consideration to target areas currently lacking the skill set to address.

B) **QDC Report**

Executive Director, Rodney Kieke, granted one sign and façade grant at the August 23 meeting. The QDC announced participation in the Quilting event being held in October and had budgeted \$4,000 for logistic support.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval of July 15, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Consider Approval of Financial Reports as of July 31, 2021.
- C. Consider Approval of Budget Reports as of July 31, 2021.
- D. Consider Approval of July 2021 Departmental Reports.

The following motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs and seconded by Alderman, Steve Glenn. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approved the Consent Agenda, as presented.

7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee and ATMOS Energy Corp.**

The following motion was made by Alderman, Jack Robinson and seconded by Alderman, Susan Resnik. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee and ATMOS Energy Corp.

- B. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve Resolution designating Carol Taylor and Angela Luman to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate in Accordance the Texas Tax Code**

The following motion was made by Alderman, Steve Glenn and seconded by Alderman, Jack Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves a resolution designating Carol Taylor and Angela Luman to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate in Accordance the Texas Tax Code

- C. **Discussion and Possible Action to approve a proposed Tax Rate for FYE 2022.**

The following motion was made by Alderman, Brad Medlin and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approve a proposed Tax Rate for 2021 of \$0.3900 per \$100 (M&O) plus \$0.1511 per \$100 (I&S) for a total proposed tax rate of \$0.5411 per \$100 valuation

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a one-year maintenance agreement for 9-1-1 Addressing with East Texas Council of Governments.

The following motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs and seconded by Alderman, Susan Resnik. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves a one-year maintenance agreement for 9-1-1 Addressing with East Texas Council of Governments.

E. Discussion and possible action to approve an interlocal agreement between Wood County and the City of Quitman to perform tax collections on behalf of the City of Quitman, (the Taxing Entity).

The following motion was made by Alderman, Brad Medlin and seconded by Alderman, Steve Glenn. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves an interlocal agreement between Wood County and the City of Quitman to perform tax collections on behalf of the City of Quitman, (the Taxing Entity).

F. Discussion and possible action to approve an interlocal agreement between the Wood County and the City of Quitman to provide fire protection and emergency service for portions of Wood County outside municipalities.

The following motion was made by Alderman, Susan Resnik and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves an interlocal agreement between the Wood County and the City of Quitman to provide fire protection and emergency service for portions of Wood County outside municipalities.

G. Discussion and possible action to approve establishing a net new bank account to ensure accuracy and accountability for the management of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, CLFRF.

The following motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem, David Dobbs and seconded by Alderman, Jack Robinson. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council approves establishing a net new bank account to ensure accuracy and accountability for the management of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, CLFRF.

8. ADJOURN

The following motion was made by Alderman, Brad Medlin and seconded by Alderman, Steve Glenn. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Quitman City Council officially adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Randy Dunn
Mayor

ATTEST:

Rodney D. Kieke
City Secretary/Administrator