Council Present: David Dobbs, Mayor; Randy Dunn, Mayor Pro-Tem; Susan Resnik, Alderman; Brad Medlin, Alderman and Kevin Gilbreath, Alderman.

Council member absent: none

Staff Present: Jim McLeroy, City Attorney; Walter Lutonsky, Streets & Maintenance Director; Dee Gilbreath, Utilities Director; Scott Wheeler, Fire Chief; Kelly Cole, Police Chief; Delene Allen, Civic Services Director; and Greg Hollen, City Secretary / Administrator. City Finance Clerk Sheryl Laudenslager also present.

WC Sheriff Tom Castloo, WC Sheriff Chief Deputy Bobby Sanders, WC DA Jim Wheeler, WC Asst. DA Jerry Hirsch and Criminal District Court Judge Jeff Fletcher, were also in attendance.

Staff Absent: none

Mayor Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Dobbs gave an invocation and Alderman Medlin led the recitation of the United States Pledge and the Texas Pledge.

Item 1 Citizen Comments
WC Sheriff Tom Castloo spoke regarding the June 22, 2017 article in the Wood County Monitor, expressing his disappointment in the city's lack of a public response to former Quitman police Captain Bevill's affidavit in a pending criminal court case. He stated he felt the city should refute the statements and to do more to provide support to the WC DA's office, the WC Sheriff's office and Criminal District Court Judge's office in this matter.

Item 2 Mayor Comments
Mayor Dobbs provided an overview of the council meeting agenda structure, stating for clarity and ease of flow we would take up several Resolutions followed by two Ordinances related to economic development. He shared his activities in the past month, highlighting visits to city council meetings in Mineola and Winnsboro and relationships developed with their leaders.

He complimented the Quitman VFD in the successful Open House last Saturday and the excitement our new fire truck has generated. Mayor Dobbs further noted the meetings he was holding with the Department heads and city administration as we begin the budget process and the timeline as we prepare for next round of budget meetings which will include city council members. Dobbs closed by sharing the upcoming July 4th city events at Jim Hogg Park and directed those in attendance to the program activity flyers provided in the back of the council chambers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Dobbs outlined the contents and purpose of the items listed in the consent agenda (below) and explained that department heads will highlight major accomplishments in future meetings.

Item 3 May 18, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Item 4 June 1, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes
Item 5 Financial Report as of May 31, 2017
Item 6 Budget Report as of May 31, 2017

Mayor Pro tem Dunn asked about spending increases in Dues & Subscriptions, Insurance and Office Supplies areas. He asked why the increases and city attorney McLeroy suggested new hiring may have increased in some areas. City Secretary / Administrator Hollen indicated he would look into this with the city Financial Clerk Laudenslager and provide a response.

Item 7 April Departmental Reports

Police Chief Cole spoke during department reports, apologizing to those in attendance, stating that one person's actions should not reflect on the department or the city. He shared the desire of the city to work with all the members of the justice community in Wood County.

Alderman Resnik made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
PRESENTATIONS

Item 8 Wood County Industrial Commission Representative Report
Dr. Joanne Wisdom provided a recap of the June meeting, noting the selection of a new WCIC chair, Dan Kirk, who had been vice chair, ascending upon the resignation of the prior chairperson. Dr. Wisdom spoke of the economic impact of the county airport and the recent airfield renaming in honor of Wayne Collins. She shared three recent bylaw revisions and shared the community reports by Mineola city manager Mercy Rushing on the Sanderson Farms project. She noted there would be no July, 2017 WCIC meeting. WCIC representatives Sam Scroggins, Martha Scroggins and WCIC ED Kiki Bettis were also in attendance.

RESOLUTIONS

Item 11 R062217(A) Resolution appointing alderman to fill vacation position
Mayor Dobbs introduced local civic leader Jack Robinson as the selection to fill the position vacated due to the Mayor’s election to his current role. He highlighted some of Jack’s contributions to the community, including his 27+ years on the QISD. 
Alderman Gilbreath made a motion to approve; Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 R062217(A) Oath of Office for new Alderman
City Secretary / Administrator Hollen administered the Oaths of Office to Alderman Jack Robinson

Item 13 R062217 (C) Resolution for QDC Economic Development Incentives Grant Agreement
City Secretary / Administrator Hollen outlined this resolution, which provides support for the QDC to engage Colonial Construction Group, and their principal Mr. Jamie Wyatt, in joint development efforts in the downtown area. 
Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn made a motion to approve; Alderman Resnik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 14 R062217 (B) Resolution re-authorizing tax abatement guidelines and criteria
City Secretary / Administrator Hollen stated this resolution was a biannual renewal of the tax abatement program, responding to a question that only changes are slight to the schedule of abatement. City Attorney McLeroy reinforced that these could be adjusted downward in future engagements with developer partners.
Alderman Gilbreath made a motion to approve; Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 15 R062217 (D) Authorizing continued participation - ATMOS cities steering committee
This is the annual membership engagement with the regional steering committee to protect the city’s interests, and continue payment of the $0.02 per capita fee for membership.
Alderman Resnik made a motion to approve; Alderman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 16 R062217(E) Reappointment of Scott Wheeler as Quitman City Fire Dept. Chief
Resolution reappoints Chief Wheeler to another two year term, and a slate of VFD officers. Chief Wheeler has served in this capacity since 2008.
Alderman Gilbreath made a motion to approve; Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 17 R062217(F) Authorization of Engineering Task Orders for Utility System Projects
City Secretary / Administrator Hollen outlined this engineering change order have been received from KSA Engineering, reviewed and approved by Mayor Dobbs following approval by Utilities Director Dee Gilbreath. This is part of the overall water plant transfer pump system modifications underway.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn made a motion to approve; Alderman Resnik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 18 R062217(G) Appointment to QDC board to fill vacant term
This resolution appoints local banker and business leader Joe Parris to the unexpired board term occurring by the resignation of former Mayor J.R. Evans.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn made a motion to approve; Alderman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
ORDINANCES

Item 9    ORDO062217(1) Authorizing and approving an agreement for development and tax abatement with Jamie Wyatt for 101 Lipscomb St.
This Ordinance provides targeted tax abatement support to the development pending at 101 Lipscomb St, in concert with R062217 (C). City Attorney McLeroy stated this is consistent with the previous agreements passed and the updated tax assessment and abatement programs now in place. Prior to the motion passing, Mayor Pro Tem Dunn thanked QDC ED Hudman for her efforts in securing this developer into our community.
Alderman Medlin made a motion to approve; Alderman Gilbreath seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 10    ORDO062217(2) Authorizing and approving an agreement for development and tax abatement with Jamie Wyatt for 107 & 113 Lipscomb Sts.
This Ordinance provides targeted tax abatement support to the development pending at 107 & 113 Lipscomb St properties, also in concert with R062217 (C). City Attorney McLeroy reiterated the consistency of previous agreements passed and the updated tax assessment and abatement programs now in place.
Alderman Resnik made a motion to approve; Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn made a motion to Adjourn, Alderman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURED AT 6:10 PM

(ALL ITEMS ARE POSTED FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)


ADJOURN

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE ITEMS CONSIDERED AND ACTION TAKEN AT THIS MEETING AND THAT THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT AN EXECUTED COPY IS ON FILE WITH THIS OFFICE.

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Gregory D. Hollen
City Secretary / Administrator