



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Council – City Of Quitman, Texas**

Thursday December 15, 2016, 5:30 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 401 E Goode Street, Quitman, TX

**Council Present:** J.R. Evans, Mayor; David Dobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem; Susan Resnik, Alderman; Randy Dunn, Alderman and Brad Medlin, Alderman.

**Council member absent:** Kevin Gilbreath, Alderman

**Staff Present:** Jim McLeroy, City Attorney; Walter Lutonsky, Streets & Maintenance Director; John Farmer, representing the Police Dept.; Delene Allen, Civic Services Director; and Greg Hollen, City Secretary / Administrator. QDC Executive Director Denea Hudman was also present.

**Staff Absent:** Dee Gilbreath, Utilities Director; Scott Wheeler, Fire Chief and Kelly Cole, Police Chief.

**Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.**

**At the Mayor's request, Mayor Pro-Tem Dobbs gave an invocation and Alderman Medlin led the recitation of the United States Pledge and the Texas Pledge**

**Item 1 - Citizen Comments** None

**Item 2 - Mayor comments**

The Mayor opened by congratulating the winning Quitman Junior High *UIL One Act Play* group for their recent achievements and noted this Friday the QJHS play begins at 7:30 PM, at QHS. He discussed the December 22 Christmas party at city hall/fire hall and noted the new water pier was in operation, the old one was being demolished and the water treatment plant activities continue on schedule. The Mayor noted the QDC was holding a meeting and a "Notice of Quorum" notification was posted to allow city council members to attend to review development prospects for our downtown area, on Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. At Jim Hogg Park He indicated installation of the new roofs on in the honeymoon cottage and the small gazebo as well as the slab poured for the historical printing press display. The Auditor has received all the paperwork needed for the City and QDC annual audits and we expect to receive our report in January, 2017. The Mayor also provided an update on the RFP for city building permits / inspections and efforts to normalize the differing approaches from the three vendors who responded. He stated a January City Council Workshop was likely to select the primary and possibly back up firms for service. The Mayor also mentioned the conversion of city employee health care providers from BCBS to Texas Municipal League (TML), following the former's 39.5% increase offering. The return to TML coverage allows for greater service offerings, at lower rates and deductible /out of pocket costs to the employees. Many employees will now have the family coverage with us as a result. Finally, the Mayor further noted there was no Wood County Industrial Commission meeting or representative report this month.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items under 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.*

- (Item 3) November 17, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- (Item 4) Financial Report as of November 30, 2016
- (Item 5) Budget Report as of November 30, 2016
- (Item 6) October Departmental Reports

***Mayor Pro-Tem Dobbs made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Alderman Resnik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 7 O121516(01) –Gaming Ordinance discussion/action**

The Mayor and City Attorney led a discussion regarding efforts in nearby communities of Grand Saline, Mineola and Tyler to regulate gaming influx into the city. Mayor Evans discussed are current city regulations and city attorney

McLeroy outlined the regulations and restrictions as outlined in the city ordinance proposal. QPD Office Farmer provided some historical county law enforcement context.

***Alderman Dunn made a motion to approve, Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 8 - O121516(02) – TML Insurance**

Mayor Evans discussed that our city employee health care provider (BCBS) had presented the city with a renewal plan that was an increase of 39.5% for our 2017 coverage. He instructed the city secretary/administrator to investigate other providers and we were able to rejoin the Texas Municipal Leagues (TML) health plan, with great coverage's, lower out of pocket expenses for a lesser rate than budgeted for the coming year.

***Mayor Pro-Tem Dobbs made a motion to approve, Alderman Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 9 - R121516 (A) PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott LLP Acceptance of Bids - 504 Central**

Mr. Scott Severt, from PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott LLP presented the delinquency history of the property at 504 Central, He noted a bid of 1,101.80 had been received, from Jason Miller & Keelie Smith of Colorado Springs, CO and that tax lien holders such as the QISD had approved this sale in hopes of having the new ownership develop the property and return it to the tax rolls. ***Mayor Pro-Tem Dobbs made a motion to approve, Alderman Resnik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 10 - R121516 (B) PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott LLP Acceptance of Bids –near 210 Flournoy**

Mr. Scott Severt, from PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott LLP presented the delinquency history of the property near 210 Flournoy. He noted a bid of \$250.00 had been received, from David Dalton, Flower Mound, TX and that tax lien holders such as the QISD had approved this sale in hopes of having the new ownership develop the property and return it to the tax rolls.

***Alderman Dunn made a motion to approve, Alderman Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment**

***Alderman Medlin made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

***The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM***

***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***