

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Council, City Of Quitman**  
Thursday, May 17, 2012 – 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall – 401 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jerry Edwards, Mayor; Sam Lange, Mayor Pro-Tem; Toni Cole, Alderman; Larry Crow, Alderman; and Richard Kleebauer, Alderman

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Randy Dunn, Alderman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Delene Allen, Civic Services Director; Meri Joy Brightwell, Assistant City Secretary; Kelly Cole, Police Chief; Dee Gilbreath, Utilities Director; Mike Hall, City Secretary / Administrator; Walter Lutonsky, Streets & Maint Director; and Scott Wheeler, Fire Chief.

**Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

***At Edwards request Hall gave an invocation. Edwards led the pledge.***

**At 7:01 PM, without objection Edwards convened a public hearing on a request for revision of private beverage club permit for Izzy's Social Club (Inside Papadales Restaurant) 619 South Main Street.**

Edwards explained the purpose of this public hearing was to receive comment on the request from the permit holder to revise the permit to include up to 10 days of outside service on the premises.

Edwards read aloud a letter received from Rhonesboro Baptist Church clerk Sonya Noble protesting the request. No further comments were made during the public hearing.

**At 7:04 PM, without objection Edwards closed the Public Hearing.**

**Item 1 – Citizen Comments (COMMENT ONLY)**

There were no Citizen Comments.

Edwards read and presented members of the Black Sheep Motorcycle club with a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing the month of May as Motorcycle Safety month.

Edwards read and presented a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Walter Lutonsky for having completed 30 years of service as a City employee.

Edwards read and presented to Kelly Cole a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing May 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> as Police Officer Recognition and Memorial week.

Edwards thanked Kleebauer for his service on the Council noting that he had served well with dedication as a Council member. Edwards presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Edwards also mentioned funeral services for Chuck Horn would be Saturday. He noted that Horn was the former Public Works Director who had served the City for many years prior to retiring.

**Item 2 – April 19, 2012 City Council Meeting Minutes**

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the minutes, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 3 – April Financial Report**

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the report, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 4 – April Budget Report**

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the report, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 5 – April Departmental Reports**

Wheeler noted a busy month of April including a HazMat call to the Hospital due to the chemical exposure. He stated that outside resources had to be called in to handle the scope of the response, but from the evaluation by all parties involved he felt the response was appropriate and handled well.

Allen mentioned the Blue Grass Jam would be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that murals were being worked on at the Library. Hall mentioned the murals in the Park also in progress. He also advised that the settlement on the Library roof repairs was in its final stage and work would begin soon on repairs.

***Crow made a motion to approve the reports, Kleebauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 6 – Suspension of Garage Sale Permitting / Itinerant Vendor Permitting for Specific Event**

Edwards introduced the ordinance noting that approval would allow for vendor and garage sale permits to be suspended on June 15th, 16th and 17th for the annual Highway 37 Shopping Heaven event put on in coordination with the Mineola Chamber of Commerce. Edwards recommended approval of the ordinance as presented. Kleebauer recommended amending the ordinance to state use of Hogg Park for sales as a part of the event was prohibited.

***Crow made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended, Kleebauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 7 – Private Beverage Club permit Revision – Izzy’s Social Club (inside Papadales Restaurant) 619 Main Street**

Brad Cobern was present to speak about the request for outside events as permitted by TABC. There was general discussion about how the area would be secured for such events, noise levels, and ending time. Chief Cole mentioned that there had not been any problems at the establishment in the past and was willing to assist with whatever the City decides.

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the Resolution, Lange seconded the motion. The motion passed with Kleebauer, Lange, voting for; and Cole and Crow voting against AND Edwards voting in favor of the motion to break the tie.***

**Item 8 – Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Authorization (TIPS/TAPS – Region VIII Education Service Center)**

Edwards introduced the resolution explain this would provide access to certain cooperative purchasing agreements through the Region VIII Education Service Center and the TIPS/TAPS program. He recommended approval.

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the Resolution, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 9 – ATMOS Energy Rate Change Denial**

Edwards introduced the resolution explain this was part of the ongoing rate dispute between the various cities belonging to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos. He recommended approval stating it would place the issue in a 120 day appeal period for resolution of the rate case prior to a Public Utility Commission (PUC) hearing.

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the Resolution, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 10 – Fire Chief Appointment**

Edwards read the nominations submitted for the Fire Chief appointment and recommended Wheeler be re-appointed. Hall noted the nominations were given in order of preference by the QVFD as listed: Scott Wheeler, Ronnie Box, and Jr. Stovall. He also noted under the City’s ordinances and QVFD rules the appointment would be for two years.

***Crow made a motion to pass the resolution, Kleebauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Item 11 – Appointment of Alderman (Vacant / Unexpired Term)**

Edwards introduced the resolution explaining since only 2 candidates had filed for office, a vacancy to be filled by nomination from the Mayor remained. Under this resolution he was recommending appointment of Randy C. Dunn to fill the vacancy.

***Kleebauer made a motion to approve the Resolution, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjournment**

***Kleebauer made a motion to adjourn, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

***The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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.***



**MICHAEL E. HALL  
CITY SECRETARY-ADMINISTRATOR**