

MEETING MINUTES
City Council, City Of Quitman
Friday, September 13, 2013 – 5:30 PM
Quitman Public Library Community Room – 202 E. Goode Street, Quitman, TX

COUNCIL PRESENT: J.R. Evans, Mayor; Toni Cole, Mayor Pro-Tem; Larry Crow, Alderman; Arnie Spiers, Alderman; Randy Dunn, Alderman; and David Dobbs, Alderman;

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hall, City Secretary / Administrator; Meri Joy Brightwell, Assistant City Secretary; Walter Lutonsky Streets & Maint. Director;

***Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
At Evans request, Hall led an invocation. Evans led the pledge.***

Without objection 3 was taken up at this time.

Item 3 – Fire Protection and Emergency Service Agreement with Wood County

Evans introduced the resolution noting it would authorize execution of an agreement with Wood County for fire service in the unincorporated area around Quitman. Hall noted the contract including compensation amount was unchanged from previous years. Evans entertained a motion to pass the resolution.

Crow made the motion as requested, Dobbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Item 1 – Citizen Comments

There were a few citizens present and although Evans offered the opportunity at this time, none chose to speak.

Item 2 – Water / Sewer Utility Rates and Regulations

Evans introduced the ordinance noting it was unchanged from the previous two times the Council had considered it. He noted that although the Council had tabled the issue to consider shifting the amount of water provided in the base residential accounts, that such change shifted the burden even more into the larger institutional and commercial users than desired. Hall gave a brief summary of the history of the process, noting that Councils had considered the matter of the issues facing the utility system for nearly a decade with limited or no action. He also noted that the current discussion had been seriously ongoing for over a year and included several workshops of multiple hours. There was extended discussion, including at the permission of the Mayor interaction from the public present, about the affect of the rates on various accounts and users. Hall did note that due to the delays, the effectiveness of the rates would be on water from mid October through mid November as billed on billings generated and sent out at the end of November and due December 15th.

Dobbs made a motion to approve the ordinance, Crow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 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