

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**City of Quitman, Mississippi**

**December 21, 2021**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF CLARKE**

**CITY OF QUITMAN**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Quitman, Mississippi met in regular session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. at the City Hall in Quitman, Mississippi with the following present: Mayor Steve Watkins, Alderwoman Ward #2 Bridgett Peters, Alderman Ward #3 Ronald Holloway, Alderman Ward #4 Steve Neely, Alderman At Large Harry Wheat, Attorney Edward N. Kramer, III, Police Chief Mike McCarra, Water/Sewer Superintendent Jonathan Tanner, Street Superintendent/Parks Director Andy Reese, Building Inspector Carlton Green and City Clerk Cindy Kirkman. Alderman Ward #1 Joe Eddie Brooks arrived at 5:25 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The hour of 5:00 P. M. having arrived Mayor Steve Watkins called the meeting to order.

**2. INVOCATION**

Ward #4 Alderwoman Bridgett Peters opened the meeting with the invocation. Everyone stood and recited in unison the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mayor Watkins determined that a quorum was present.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

The following visitor(s) were present at the meeting: Rebecca Watkins, Jerry Mason, Peggy Mason, Sevetrius Dillion, Judy Roberts.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

Alderman Steve Neely ordered and moved the confirmation of the agenda with the following addition(s) or deletion(s):

10c. Claims - Thompson Drilling.....\$400

Alderman Bridgett Peters seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/APPEARANCES**

a. Jerry Mason – Permit to March February 19, 2022 from Courthouse to Confederate Cemetery for the Battle of Texas Hospital.

Alderman Ronald Holloway made the motion to approve. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion. All the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

b. Fontaine Engineering – Bronzon Miles – Municipal Building Project No. 7305 Change Order for \$1600 – Change Order #3.

Closet for A.C. Unit - \$300

Concrete pad at back of building - \$1300

Alderman Steve Neely made the motion to approve. Alderman Ronald Holloway seconded the motion. All the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

## **7. REPORTS OF STANDING AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Approval of Minutes from Special Called Board Meeting November 8, 2021; Special Called Board Meeting November 10, 2021; and Regular Board Meeting November 23, 2021.

Alderwoman Bridgett Peters made a motion for the approval of the minutes.

Alderman Ronald Holloway seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

b. Update from Attorney Kramer concerning Loan Bids for Municipal Building Project No. 7305 for \$250,000.

Four sealed bids were opened December 7, 2021 with the following bids received:

Bank Plus	4.96%	10 Years
Citizens	3.99%	10 Years
GSNB	3.24%	10 Years
First State	3.61%	10 Years

Alderman Ronald Holloway made a motion for the approval of the Great Southern National Bank Bid. Alderman Harry Wheat seconded the motion. Aldermen Holloway, Wheat and Peters voted Yes. Alderman Steve Neely voted No. Mayor Steve Watkins declared the motion passed.

The authorized signees for the loan are Mayor Steve Watkins and City Clerk Cynthia Kirkman.

c. Property Maintenance Code Violation – 101 Brown Ave. – Olivia Owens Estate c/o Minnie Thomas

Mayor Watkins informed the board that Attorney Edward Kramer will send a letter to the property owner.

d. City of Quitman, Mississippi 2014 Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Watkins provided copies of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Aldermen

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Approval of minutes from regular board meeting on December 7, 2021. Alderman Harry Wheat made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

b. City of Quitman Wastewater Facility Plan (Draft Copy), City of Quitman Hazard Mitigation Plan (Draft Copy) and Clarke County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Draft Copy).

Alderman Ronald Holloway made a motion to spread to the minutes that the notice for the City of Quitman Wastewater Facility Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan and Clarke County Hazard Mitigation Plan was published in The Clarke County Tribune and posted on City website. Alderwoman Bridgett Peters seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

c. Water Department Adjustments. Alderwoman Bridgett Peters made a motion to spread to the minutes for water adjustments in the amount of \$700,657.45 as of December 21, 2021 due to reading errors and closing of the month of November twice that resulted in billing errors. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion and all Alderman voted in the affirmative.

d. Lagoon Pump issues.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Jonathan Tanner informed the board that both lagoon pumps went out at the same time and requested approval for the repair of both lagoon pumps.

Alderman Harry Wheat made a motion to approve a repair quote from IPS for the repair of both pumps at a cost of \$6,941.40 each. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

Tanner also requested approval of renting an emergency pump if needed.

Red Oak Construction: \$5,355weekly \$18,975.69/monthly

United Rental: \$882.00/weekly \$3,261.00/monthly

Alderman Harry Wheat made the motion to approve the United Rental Quote if needed at a rate of \$882.00 weekly/\$3,261.00/monthly. Alderman Ronald Holloway seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

**10. CLAIMS DOCKET OR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES**

a. Integrated Power Services (Lagoon Pump ID No. 0059316).....\$6491.40

b. Integrated Power Services (Lagoon Pump ID No. 0059317)...\$6,491.40

c. Thompson Bro. Drilling.....\$400.00

Alderman Harry Wheat made a motion to pay the two claims for Integrated Power Services for the repair of the lagoon pumps. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

Alderman Steve Neely made a motion to pay the claim of Thompson Bro. Drilling for the state required Flow Test. Alderman Ron Holloway seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

# **11. MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SUMMARY COMMENTS**

a. City of Quitman Christmas dinner – 12:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 22, 2021  
Mayor Watkins informed the Board that the Christmas Dinner for all city employees will be held at the Quitman Fire House on December 22, 2021 at Noon.

b. Alderman Harry Wheat made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel issue. Alderman Steve Neely seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

Alderman Joe Eddie Brooks made a motion to go into executive session. Alderwoman Bridgett Peters seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

Alderman Steve Neely made a motion to extend the flexibility of the two trainers, Sevetrius Dillon and Peggy Mason for an additional two weeks if needed at the same rate. Alderman Joe Eddie Brooks seconded the motion.

Alderman Joe Eddie Brooks voted Yes

Alderwoman Bridgett Peters voted Yes

Alderman Ronald Holloway voted No

Alderman Steve Neely voted Yes

Alderman Harry Wheat voted Yes

The motion carried.

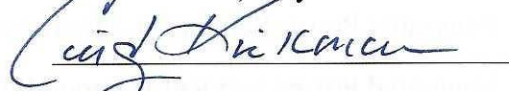
Alderman Steve Neely made a motion to enter into closed session. Alderman Ronald Holloway seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative. Alderman Joe Brooks made a motion to enter into open session. Alderman Bridgett Peters seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.

## **12. Adjournment**

Alderman Harry Wheat made a motion to adjourn until January 4, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Alderman Ronald Holloway seconded the motion and all the Aldermen voted in the affirmative.



Steve Watkins, Mayor



Cindy Kirkman, City Clerk