

**VILLAGE OF QUITMAN**  
**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 7, 2018**

The Village of Quitman Council of Aldermen met August 7, 2018, for the regular business session. Present were Mayor Joe Vail, Council members James Trull, Jeanie Fain, Kristi Greer and Clerk Tay Williams. Guest were Wilda Smith, Vickey Vail, Kim Sneed, Lindsay Stevenson, Cole Stevenson, Jerry Wayne Robinson, Jessica Faber, Thomas Faber, Lori Faber, Wayne Culpepper, Deborah Culpepper, Markay Brown and Chris Tippen. Jeanie Fain led the invocation. Kristi Greer led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public comments were opened up by Mayor. Wilda Smith with the Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce told us of the Chamber Happenings coming up. Upcoming events include. Stepping into fall, Halloween in the Park, Library Halloween Festival, Block Party for toys on November 17<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Parade and this year's theme is A Cajun Christmas in the Pines. Also the community college still has openings. Thomas Faber had concerns of a Nuisance Ordinance in which letters were sent out with Ordinances. He stated several people felt as if they were being harassed by getting letters and some others did not. He also brought up the letter stated pets needed to be in an enclosure. He asked the question if we had any type of animal control. Officer Tippen then spoke up stating. We have contacted local animal control and they are going through the procedures to be able to take these animals. Mayor Vail also stated he had contacted Paws of the Pines seeking help. Mr. Faber also commented on the animals at Handy Foods. Officer Tippen stated we are working on getting the animals taken care of. He also stated he felt like everyone wanted the best for the Village of Quitman. We have a great school and should take pride in our Village. Another of Mr. Faber's concerns was the letter stated 10 days to clean up property. Mayor Vail stated if we see progress that cleanup is taking place it can be extended. Mr. Faber also asked about other Properties such as Blasco/Hill property along with Cooksey property. Mayor Vail stated he is working on getting Cooksey's address. Officer Tippen stated the fire department is able to burn old houses if the correct procedures are followed. Mr. Faber also asked about a property on the corner of Second Street/Church Road. Alderman Greer stated the man was in a Nursing Home last she heard so nothing would be able to be done with that property at this time. Wayne Culpepper had comments. He asked what he was supposed to do with the stuff he cuts down there is a burn ban. Mayor Vail stated to take to the land field. Mr. Culpepper asked why the parish couldn't come by and pick it up with their trucks. Mayor Vail stated the Parish will not come into municipalities. Mayor Vail just asked the people to show progress cleaning up your property. Mr. Culpepper the trucks were not insured because of cost. He is going to part out trucks but can't do so because of burn ban. Kim Sneed introduced herself as being new to the area. She stated she sees great progress in our Village and glad we take pride in our area. She felt like no one was asking people to have Better Homes and Garden

yard. She stated she was sure if there was a cleanup day she was willing to help as much as she could. She closed with it was nice to be here and live here. Mayor Vail stated he was not singling anyone out. Mr. Culpepper stated again that his water meter was never changed. Jerry Wayne Robinson stated meter head was changed. Mayor Vail asked for any other comments none were stated. Mayor thanked everyone for coming. The minutes from July 3, 2018 meeting were presented. Jeanne Fain made motion to accept minutes. Kristi Greer seconded. Motion carried. Mayor asked for approval of Financial Report. Kristi Greer made motion to approve report. Jeanne Fain seconded. Motion carried. Kristi Greer made motion to pay monthly bills. Jeanne Fain seconded. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Public Works Report- Jerry Wayne Reported everything is working well at this time.

**New Business:**

Markay Brown with MML&H reported progress has been made and should be ready to open bids tonight, but will have to postpone for version request. Hoping to open bids next week. Wastewater treatment plant should open bids by the end of month. Mayor stated next item was Bids that were discussed by Markay Brown. Next is 2017 Audit final report is back. No finding were found. Kristi Greer made motion to accept Audit. Jeanne Fain seconded. Motion carried. Mayor requested that we needed a Heavy Load Ordinance, will have it at next meeting. Mayor requested a Resolution be made to only use Plumbers approved by Village of Quitman Aldermen. Currently using John Culpepper and Michael Corley. Jeanne Fain made motion to only allow those 2 plumbers to do work at Village. Kristi Greer seconded. Motion carried. Mayor also requested another Resolution to Apply for LGAP Grant. Kristi Greer made for Resolution of the LGAP grant. Jeanne Fain seconded. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

Mayor asked if there was any other business. Aldermen Fain wanted to commend the Police Department along with the Fire Department for a job well done with an Emergency situation at her home. She is Thankful for all they do. Jeanne Fain made motion to adjourn. Kristi Greer seconded. Motion carried. The next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:30 pm, at the Quitman Village Hall.

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Joe Vail, Mayor

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Tay Williams, Clerk