

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.**

**Present: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.**

**Absent: Thomas.**

**The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gary Houston and followed by the pledge to the flag.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: add as C-5 a proclamation supporting the innovation in surface transportation act.**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilman Hammon and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated July 1, 2014.**

**Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:**

**ORDER #15692      ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 15663 ENTITLED "ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR 12-MONTH SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2014 TO JUNE 14, 2015 FOR SIGN BLANKS AND MATERIALS FROM VULCAN SIGNS, FOLEY, AL"**

**And, Councilman Hammon seconded the motion, whereupon said Order was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:**

**Yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.**

**Nay: None.**

**Absent: Thomas.**

**Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:**

**ORDER #15693      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR 12-MONTH SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 15, 2014 TO JUNE 14, 2015 FOR SIGN BLANKS AND MATERIALS FROM CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORPORATION, JACKSON, MS**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: THOMAS.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**ORDER #15694      ORDER ACCEPTING HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FROM MIKE RUSSELL FOR THE STABILIZATION OF A DESIGNATED AND AGREED UPON PORTION OF GALLAGHER CREEK LOCATED AT 4524 36<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: THOMAS.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HAMMON AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION TO BE ISSUED BY THE MAYOR:**

**"SUPPORTING THE INNOVATION IN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT"**

**COUNCILWOMAN HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**ORDER #15695      ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM THE LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800 (ASSIST IN CONDUCTING A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE)**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: THOMAS.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #5916            RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: THOMAS.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HENSON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**ORDER #15696            ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAYNE BLAND AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID ORDER WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.  
Absent: THOMAS.**

**COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #5917            RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

**AND, COUNCILMAN HAMMON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL BY A VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Yea: MARKHAM, HENSON, HOUSTON, HAMMON.  
Nay: None.**

**ABSENT: THOMAS.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON DULY SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HENSON AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CLAIMS DOCKET DATED JULY 10, 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,418.92.**

**PRESIDENT MARKHAM ADVISED OF THE NOTIFICATION OF LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING: ASBESTOS ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION OF NINE (9) STRUCTURES.**

**PRESIDENT MARKHAM CALLED ON MAYOR BLAND FOR HIS REPORT. HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE APPRECIATED THEM HOLDING THE WORK SESSIONS. HE COMMENTED ON CIVIL SERVICE. THEY HAVE NOW APPOINTED A SECRETARY AND ARE GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF HIRING WORKERS. HE COMMENTED ON THE FIRE AT WESTERN GARDENS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING VERY HARD. THERE IS A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT GOING ON DOWNTOWN. THE TAMPA PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD AS WELL AS THE OTHER MOTEL THAT IS BEING BUILT.**

**PRESIDENT MARKHAM CALLED FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS. SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WAS LUCINDA JOHNSON.**

**PRESIDENT MARKHAM CALLED FOR COUNCIL COMMENTS. VARIOUS COMMENTS WERE MADE. COUNCILWOMAN HOUSTON ASKED SHE COULD GIVE HER MINUTES FOR COMMENTS TO MR. RON TURNER WITH THE MERIDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY. MR. TURNER SPOKE ABOUT THE RECENT FIRE AT WESTERN GARDENS. AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SET UP AT TRUSTMARK BANK FOR DONATIONS TO HELP THOSE FAMILIES WHO LOST EVERYTHING IN THIS FIRE. ALSO THERE IS A FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK SET UP FOR PEOPLE TO DONATE THESE ITEMS. THERE ARE VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS BEING DONE TO HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS FIRE.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. SINE DIE.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**PAM MCINNIS, CLERK OF COUNCIL**