

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Markham.

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

Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated August 19, 2014.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15719 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE
SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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

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

Nay: None.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15720 ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

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

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

Nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5923 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO PRINCE OF PEACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 AND 79-11-3(c) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5924 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO FIRST NEW HOPE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 AND 79-11-3 (c) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Houston offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5925 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 AND 79-11-3 (c) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman Henson seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15721 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF FORD EXCAVATING, LLC, SALTILLO, MS, FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION OF NINE (9) HOUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15722 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF BARRETT LOGGING, INC., TOOMSUBA, MS FOR TIMBER CUTTING OF ALL FOREST PRODUCTS DESIGNATED FOR HARVESTING BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN ON LAKEVIEW ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,538.00

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilwoman Henson offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5926 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, Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15723 ORDER TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE CHECKS AND DRAFTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1996 THROUGH 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,542.18

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Councilman Thomas offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Order:

ORDER #15724 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2013 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (TRAINING EQUIPMENT
- GRANT #13HS258T)

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

Yea: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.
Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated August 18, 2014 in the amount of \$1,445,617.43. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.

President Markham called on Mayor Bland for his report. He commented on the site visit last week with the Mississippi Development Authority at Velma Young regarding a grant to build a new center. He said the visit went very good and MDA is pleased with the plan. This Saturday, September 6th is household hazardous waste day. There are three sites this year: Public works complex, Magnolia Jr. High school and the bowling alley on North Hills Street. Earth's Bounty will be held this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He presented retirement certificates to the following retired city employees: Sandra Scott (Parks & Recreation), Brenda Estes (Parks & Recreation – not present), Robert Randall (Parks & Recreation), Lorie Gibson (Parks & Recreation – not present), Lee Wilson (Police), Terry Meadors (Public Works – not present), Kenny Luke (Public Works – not present), Jerry Ricks (Public Works – not present), Ed Smith (Parks & Recreation), Wade Johnson (Police), James Hall (Police), Todd Null (Police), and Greg Kelly (Public Works). He stated he had accepted the ALS challenge and has challenged the City Council members.

President Markham called for citizen comments. Signed up to speak was: 1) Wade Demers.

President Markham called for council comments. Various comments were made.

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