

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Hammon.

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 Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated October 06, 2015.

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

ORDER #15968      ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF SEVEN (7) STREET LIGHTS  
ON SWEETGUM BOTTOM ROAD AND ONE (1) STREET LIGHT AT  
5250 DAVIDSON ROAD

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 #15969      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT  
AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEN NELSON GOLF  
& UTILITY VEHICLES, LLC AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN (GOLF  
CARTS FOR USE AT LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE)

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 Order:

ORDER #15970      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR HYDRATED LIME FROM UNIMIN LIME CORP., D/B/A SOUTHERN LIME COMPANY, CALERA, AL

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.

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

ORDER #15971      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR HYDROFLUOROSILICIC ACID FROM HARCROS CHEMICALS, INC., VICKSBURG, MS

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.

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

ORDER #15972      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR LIQUID ALUM FROM GEO SPECIALTY CHEMICALS, INC., LITTLE ROCK, AR

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.

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

ORDER #15973      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE

PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR  
LIQUID CHLORINE FROM ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORP., MIAMI, FL

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.

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

ORDER #15974      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE  
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR  
POLYMER FROM POLYDYNE, INC., RICEBORO, GA

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.

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

ORDER #15975      ORDER ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE  
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 THRU OCTOBER 19, 2016 FOR  
SULFUR DIOXIDE FROM ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORP., MIAMI, FL

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.

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

ORDER #15976      ORDER APPROVING THE ADDITION OF THREE (3) CIVIL SERVICE  
BILLETS TO THE CITY OF MERIDIAN WORK FORCE

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 Order:

ORDER #15977      ORDER AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES  
TO FIRE STATION #7

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.

Next on the agenda was an update regarding burned houses located at 2325 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 3409 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 408 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Building Code Official Wiley Quinn advised that he has been in contact with the owners of these properties. They have all initiated the process to get permits to repair these houses but they don't have them yet. The owner of the property at 2325 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue lives out of state and he has been communicating with license people to take care of this. The property owners of the other two properties are looking at costs to repair these houses. He stated that if they don't get permits within the next two weeks they will be advised that the city will issue notices of violation, and if they don't take care of the properties they will go to environmental court. Councilman Thomas stated that they need to be done now. These property owners have had quite a while already to bring these properties into compliance. Councilman Markham asked if they had tried in full faith to do something. Mr. Quinn said that if they don't do anything in the next 15 days the city will take action. Permits are good for only 30 days. Once they get their permits and nothing is done in 30 days, the city would not issue another permit. He recommended that the Council not take any further action. If these are not taken care of then they will be issued notices of violation and go to environmental court for action.

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

ORDER #15978      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR  
THE SALE, PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THREEFOOT  
BUILDING, CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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.

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 October 15, 2015 in the amount of \$2,741,369.81. Voting yea: Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas. Abstain: Markham.

President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He thanked the city Council for their vote on the Threefoot building. He said there are a lot of projects going on. He asked for a work session to continue discussion on the paving plan, the Velma Young project and the Highland Park project. He thanked the City Council for the two additional positions in the community development department. They have a high work load and these positions are needed. He announced the following events: October 24<sup>th</sup> – State Games Boo Run at Bonita Lakes; October 27<sup>th</sup> – Main Street candy crawl; and October 31<sup>st</sup> – Sowashee Park fall festival from 11 am to 2 pm. Police Chief Dubose stated that Halloween falls on Saturday this year. They are asking that only children 12 and under wear masks. He said they are also asking parents to accompany their children. There will be a police presence in the city that night. He advised that 9:00 pm is the standard time for trick or treating to end. Community Development Director Bunky Partridge advised that they will be off 5<sup>th</sup> Street by November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be one layer of asphalt put down for traffic. Councilman Thomas asked about the CAO position. Mayor Bland stated he will be hiring one but they are going to make some internal changes first.

President Hammon called for citizen comments. Signed up to speak was Walter L. Demers.

President Hammon 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