

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 01, 2016 AT 9:00 A.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 with an amendment to add an amendment to the claims docket.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Thomas duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated February 16, 2016.**

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

**ORDER #16038      ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER  
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID  
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED**

**And, Councilman Markham 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 #16039      ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM STRUCTURAL  
STEEL FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (DARE PROGRAM)**

**And, Councilman Markham 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 #16040      ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM A & B ELECTRIC  
FOR THE MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (DARE PROGRAM)**

**AND, COUNCILMAN MARKHAM 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 #16041      ORDER ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM NORTHEAST  
MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR SUPPORT OF GROUNDS WORK ASSOCIATED  
WITH PLANET PLAYGROUND**

**AND, COUNCILMAN MARKHAM 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.**

**APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME WAS DEMERY GRUBBS REGARDING THE BIDS FOR THE  
\$7,500,000 GO BOND ISSUE. THE BIDS RECEIVED WERE AS FOLLOWS: HANCOCK BANK – 1.706005%; CITIZENS  
NATIONAL BANK – 1.49%; FIRST TENNESSEE FINANCIAL CAPITAL MARKET – 1.598540%; RAYMOND JAMES –  
1.569%; DUNCAN-WILLIAMS, INC. – 1.726462%; CREWS & ASSOCIATES – 1.740635%; CANTOR FITZGERALD –  
1.498776%; AND REGIONS BANK – 1.834%. MR. GRUBS REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE BID OF  
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK FOR 1.49% (SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION). COUNCILMAN THOMAS OFFERED AND  
MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #6037      RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN,  
MISSISSIPPI, TO BE DATED THE DATE OF DELIVERY THEREOF,  
IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED  
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,500,000)**

**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 ORDER:**

**ORDER #16042      ORDER DECLARING WEAPON SURPLUS AND TO BE SOLD TO  
RETIRED POLICE SERGEANT JAMES C. LEWIS AS ALLOWED  
BY STATE LAW 45-9-131**

**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 MARKHAM OFFERED AND MOVED THE ADOPTION AND PASSAGE OF THE FOLLOWING ORDER:**

**ORDER #16043      ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN BONITA LAKES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, BY  
CBL & ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT, INC., MANAGING AGENT,  
AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN**

**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 #16044      ORDER EXTENDING CONTRACT FOR HERBICIDE TREATMENT  
OF SOWASHEE CREEK WITH PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$7,250.40**

**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 RESOLUTION:**

**RESO. #6038            RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED  
BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MERIDIAN FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND DIRECTING THE  
CITY CLERK IN REFERENCE THERETO**

**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 Order:**

**ORDER #16045            ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 16011 ENTITLED "IN THE MATTER  
OF ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FROM GREGORY CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES, INC., COLUMBUS, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,365,069.30  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK**

**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 #16046            ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FROM GREGORY CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES, INC., COLUMBUS, MS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,414,864.30  
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK**

**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 #16047 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF BURK-KLEINPETER, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF FAILURES OF THE PUMPS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**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 Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and passed by a majority vote of the Council to approve the claims docket dated February 25, 2016 in the amount of \$2,147,136.44 with an amendment to add Purchase Order No. 601640 in the amount of \$13,120.00. Voting yea: Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon. Voting nay: Thomas.**

**President Hammon called on Mayor Bland for his report. He requested a work session to go over the solid waste contract and budget amendments. He stated he will not raise water & sewer rates until the citizens know why. He said that they don't want to have to come to the city council for all the budget amendments. He thanked Councilwoman Henson and Councilwoman Houston for what they were trying to do for a homeless shelter. He thanked private donators for providing matching funds.**

**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**