

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Parks & Recreation Director Mark Naylor and followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to: add as C-4 re-appointment of Rick Entrekin to the Election Commission; add as R-3 Homeland Security grant award & agreement for FY 2009 funds; add as R-4 Homeland Security grant award & agreement for FY 2010 funds.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated January 02, 2013.

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

ORDER #15359 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER
NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING SAID
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE DISCARDED

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the following proclamations to be issued by the Mayor:

January 27 – February 1, 2013 – “Catholic Schools Week”

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

**ORDER #15360 ORDER CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF RICK ENTREKIN TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.
Nay: None.

Next on the agenda was the proposed City of Meridian Employee Handbook. Councilman Smith and Councilman Palmer stated they had not read over this and wanted to wait to take action. Attorney Will Simmons appeared and stated that he helped work on this handbook and told the Council members that if they had any questions he would be glad to answer them. Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to table this matter.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated January 10, 2013 in the amount of \$1,666,662.13.

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

**ORDER #15361 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2009 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FORCE PROTECTION PROGRAM)**

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.
Nay: None.

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

**ORDER #15362 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL
YEAR 2010 ODP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARD
FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND
EXECUTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT (LRAD SYSTEM FOR
THE FORCE PROTECTION PROGRAM)**

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

Yea: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Palmer, Smith.

Nay: None.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. She went over the events planned for the Martin Luther King celebration. Meridian Main Street will hold their volunteer party that night at 5:30 at EMEPA and their annual meeting will be Thursday. The Hartley Peavey Star will be placed on Thursday. The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council will hold a teen summit on January 31st at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on crime. She invited the Council members to attend. The Meridian Police Department and Meridian Fire Department will be using a digital communication system in the next couple of days.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. No one appeared.

President Thomas 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