

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 2013 AT 9:00 A.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 Councilman Smith and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to add after the consent agenda presentation of a proclamation to the Lamar School boys soccer team for winning the state championship.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated February 19, 2013 and February 26, 2013.

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:

March 2013 – “Meridian Women’s History Month”

March 2013 – “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”

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

ORDER #15380 ORDER AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF TWENTY-NINE
(29) STREET LIGHTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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.

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

**ORDER #15381 ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF TWO
(2) LRAD 100X BATTERY POWERED PORTABLE HAILING SYSTEMS
FROM THE LRAD CORPORATION ON A NON-COMPETTIVE BASIS**

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.**

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

**ORDER #15382 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.**

At this time, Mayor Barry presented the following proclamations: 1) Lamar School boys soccer team for winning the state championship; 2) Meridian Women’s History Month; 3) Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and 4) American Red Cross Month.

The hour of 9:15 a.m. having arrived, the hearing as called for in Resolution #5817 regarding unclean land located at 2243 46th Avenue was opened with motion by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council. Inspector Rayford Wright appeared and stated that the property was still unclean. No one else appeared. Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to close the hearing. Councilman Smith offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

**RESO. #5819 RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING PARCEL OF LAND TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY
(#54 PT SWNW ¼ DESC DB 495 P 427 & DB 1006 P 102)**

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

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

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

ORDER #15383 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH
PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS, LLC, NEWTON, MS, FOR HERBICIDE
APPLICATION ON SOWASHEE CREEK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,524.00

And, Councilwoman Henson 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 #15384 ORDER AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH
GEORGE C. CLAYTON FOR LITTER REMOVAL AND GRASS
CUTTING ON MDOT RIGHTS-OF-WAY INSIDE THE CITY IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$36,036.00

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.

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

ORDER #15385 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF JUDSON, INC., PENNINGTON,
AL, FOR TIMBER CUTTING OF ALL FOREST PRODUCTS DESIGNATED
FOR HARVESTING BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN ON THE EAST SIDE
AND ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY 45 SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$115,452.00

And, Councilwoman Henson 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 Resolution:

RESO. #5820 RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY TO LAUDERDALE COUNTY TO BE USED AS OVERFLOW PARKING AT THE E-911 BUILDING

And, Councilwoman Perry seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution 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 Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Palmer and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated February 28, 2013 in the amount of \$1,556,985.76.

At this time Information System Manager Dan Talbert made a presentation on the new online water payment system. He went over the procedure that has to be followed in order to set this up. You must have a valid city water bill with the account number, a valid e-mail address and a valid credit/debit card. There is a credit card processor fee of 3.65% and the credit card gateway provider charges a fixed \$.10 per transaction.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Ross McDonald (506 Dees Road – phone number 601-678-1714). He is an Eagle Scout and his project is restoring the T-2 Buckeye jet by EMEPA. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,500.00. He showed pictures of the jet and went over what needs to be done to fix it up.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. Jimmy Moore with Waste Pro appeared to give an update on their services to the city, complaints, and contacts. Mark Davis with LPK Architects appeared and stated that Fire Station #9 is on schedule and will be finished on time.

President Thomas called for citizen comments. Those appearing were: 1) Debra Keller (4015 Paulding); 2) Lucinda Johnson (4015 Paulding); 3) Richard Lofton (4015 Paulding); and 4) Ruth Jones (903 Martin Luther King Drive).

President Thomas called for council comments.

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