Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Perry, Henson, Smith.

Absent: Palmer.

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

President Thomas asked if there were any banks who wanted to submit their bid for a municipal depository. None were there.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Smith duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated December 18, 2012.

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

RESO. #5811  RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 AND 79-11-3(C) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

RESO. #5812  RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF GOD AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

And, Councilwoman Perry seconded the motion, whereupon said Resolution was discussed, passed and adopted by the Council by a vote as follows:
Councilman Smith offered and moved the adoption and passage of the following Resolution:

RESO. #5813                               RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO MERIDIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 27-31-1 (B) AND (E) OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

RESO. #5814                               RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY COURT CLERKS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

City Clerk Ed Skipper advised that the banks that put in bids for municipal depositories were: Great Southern National Bank, BankPlus, Citizens National Bank, Community Bank, and Trustmark.

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

ORDER #15357                  ORDER DESIGNATING MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES

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

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

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

RESO. #5815                               RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO CLEVELAND PROPERTIES, LLC AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-101 ET SEQ., 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, Perry, Henson, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

ORDER #15358 ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DANA KIDD TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

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

RESO. #5816 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ADDENDUM TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 CONTRACT FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY JAIL

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, Smith.
Nay: None.
Absent: Palmer.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Perry and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated December 27, 2012 in the amount of $1,950,834.50.

President Thomas called for the Mayor's report. She thanked the City Council for being a good partner with the administration. She said she look forward to a great year. She went over the various projects that were either finished or begun in 2012.

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