REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Council President Thomas.

Present: Thomas, Markham, Henson, Houston, Hammon.

Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dennis Gossett of Central United Methodist Church and followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilwoman Houston and unanimously passed by the Council to confirm the agenda for this meeting with an amendment to remove the following: R-3, R-5, R-7, and R-8.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Henson duly seconded by Councilman Markham and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the minutes dated August 20, 2013.

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

ORDER #15493 ORDER DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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.

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

ORDER #15494 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.

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

ORDER #15495    ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

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.

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

ORDER #15496    ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE AND THE CITY OF MERIDIAN

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.

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

RESO. #5851    RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 AND SECTION 6 OF THE BOND RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 18, 2013, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER AND SEWER BONDS, SERIES 2013, OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,200,000)

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

ORDER #15497 ORDER ACCEPTING THE BID OF NATHAN E. DANIELS ROOFING COMPANY, INC. FOR PUBLIC WORKS ROOF REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $90,658.00

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.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Houston duly seconded by Councilwoman Henson and unanimously passed by the Council to approve the claims docket dated August 29, 2013 in the amount of $2,221,323.02.

At this time Karen Rooney, Executive Director of Meridian Main Street, appeared before the Council and made a presentation on their activities and their request for a contribution.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by James Copeland with NAS Meridian. He was not at the meeting.

Odell Hopkins appeared next regarding household hazardous waste day to be held on Saturday, September 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be two drop-off locations: public works complex and Family Bowl lanes.

President Thomas called on Mayor Bland for his report. He thanked Councilwoman Houston for inviting him and his department heads to her Ward 4 forum. He thanked Hugh Smith and public works crews for the job they are doing. In October the city will be partnering with MCC on a job fair to be held in the auditorium at city hall. He stated they are close to getting all figures to the council for a balanced budget. The health care providers have been narrowed down to two potential carriers. Mississippi Power Company is preparing the grid of the city showing the street lights. He stated that during the upcoming holiday season there will be more police presence and protection throughout the city.
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