

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
April 06, 2021 AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 299
RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

Council Members Present:

Bret Whidden, Mayor
Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Marcus “Marc” Decker
Clay Browning
Jan Gunn

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
David Miller, City Manager
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director (ABSENT)
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Miller. Pledge lead by Gunn.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

ITEM 3A: COURTNEY BROWN:

Courtney states she wanted to formally come up and say “thank you” for the city’s participation with the GCYA. Especially recently with the hood. It is night and day in there it was a real hazard we were slipping all over the place. The fields as well, whenever we ask for help on anything you guys have been extremely responsive. This time last year with fields and the ants and maintaining that along with the trash we really appreciate it and if there is anything we can do to improve ourselves, let us know. Eighner states it had been a long time coming and the council appreciates the volunteer work you have out there.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Decker and seconded by Browning to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE ADDING AND REMOVING SIGNERS ON
BANK ACCOUNTS AT SEACOAST NATIONAL:**

Whidden states in your packet you see a list of names that need to be taken off and a list of individuals we need to add. Wills states we need to take these names off and add on some to take to the minutes to the bank. Dave McGee, Maxine Brantley, Harry Ogletree, Patricia Lucas needs to be removed and we then need to add myself Ashley Wills, Jake Eighner, Clay Browning and Jan Gunn.

MOTION was made by Jann and seconded by Browning to remove the names from the signers list who are no longer on the council. Motion Carried.

MOTION was made by Eighner and seconded by Gunn to add Jake, Clay, Jan, and Ashley to the signers list for our Seacoast National Bank Account. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PLANS FOR THE LOTS BEING SOLD TO CLYDE JOHNSON CONTRACTING:

Ramunni states I did a revision on the contract and I talked to Clyde yesterday. What is proposed currently are just the two lots that are in between these two building here. Jim LaRue is here also because I know there are a few questions about the district, and he has a few things he'd like to address as well. You have a copy, right? Clyde Johnson states yes, I have a copy, but I had also sent you guys another rendering since I was going back and forth with a few ideas. It is the same building I just changed the roof line. Eighner states at the last meeting Steve mentioned we need to focus more on these two lots that the doctor's office will be built on because she needs to get the address in her name to start getting the doctors certificates and/or licensing. Johnson states I still want to do the other thing, but we need more time to discuss it because I know everyone has their hearts set on certain things. Ramunni states that's why I asked Mr. LaRue to join us since he is our planner, and he could probably give you a little bit better of an idea. Whidden states but I want to focus on this Doctors Office right now. Ramunni states okay, what I did was revised the contract talking on lots 23 and 24 on block 139 that is \$21,000.00 which is the Tax Roll per the Property Appraiser's Report. \$5,000.00 down \$16,000.00 CASH. Also, on the second to last page of the contract under *Additional Terms* I had kept the 30-Day Due Diligence which, we do not have to use the whole 30 days. There is approval of the Conceptual Site Plan we'd then close within 30 days with full City Council Approval of the Conceptual Site Plan. I think we can do this easily, maybe put it on the next meeting. Whidden states whatever fits your time frame Clyde. Johnson states sure, I mean just this Doctors Office we need to move on it as quickly as possible.

MOTION was made by Eighner and seconded by Decker to sell lots 23 and 24 block 139 for \$21,500.00 to Clyde Johnson Contracting.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

6A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states we opened the bids for the Water Plant Roof on March 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM. There were 3 separate offers: E.O. Koch Construction at \$133,375.00, BROMI Construction at \$102,000.00, and Clyde Johnson Contracting at \$96,846.00. I do have a notice to award from our

engineers but that is the council's decision. In our budget this year we had set aside \$60,000.00 and we do have a Water Maintenance Repair Fund. I had Ashley pull the account up and as of February there was \$1,357,735.00 in that account. Whidden states when we had put that number in the budget the lumber was not as much as it was then, so we knew it was going to be more. Eighner states when we put that number in the budget it was almost 6 months ago the steel had gone up 48% in 6 months. The man that designed the water plant it had a roof on it but then funding fell short, and it took over \$1,000,000.00 out of the budget. The roof was one of the first things to go and that was 20 years ago.

MOTION was made by Decker and seconded by Browning to award the bid to Clyde Johnson Construction in the amount of \$96,846.00. Motion carried.

6B: CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

6C: CITY CLERK

Wills states I've spoken with David about the hours at City Hall. Every morning I have to reconcile the day before but on busy mornings it's hard when we have walk-in at the same time. I was curious to know how everyone would feel on changing the Open-Door hours to 8:30am to 4:30pm. Gunn states why do you need to leave at 4:30pm if you only need the morning to reconcile? Wills states sometimes it could take 30 minutes to reconcile or there are times it can take me an hour and half. Especially like today, it took an hour and a half due to Disconnect Day. Gunn states I don't think you should close at 4:30pm. Decker states neither do I. Gunn states I understand the 8:30am but I actually think you all should be open later. I think if you get the 8:30am then you don't need the 4:30pm and vice-versa. Whidden states I'll tell you this, we'll do a trial run 8:30am to 4:30pm to the public. We can put it in the paper and write it on the bill for at least 2 billing cycles and we'll see how negative or positive it is. Miller states sometimes the girls will come in early like Melissa will be here at 7:30am. What I don't like is she'll leave that door open and let anyone come in. I am not in favor of that. Browning states what time does Melissa normally come in? Whidden states around 7:30am every morning. Gunn states so can we just change her? Maybe if we pay her 7:30am to 4:30am she'd come in everyday at that time and reconcile the day before. Miller states I don't mind that idea but if that is the case, she'd have to lock herself in here. Whidden states you'd have to talk to Melissa about that before we can set anything in stone. Miller states we have a meeting in the morning anyway, I'll bring it up to them then. Wills states and one more thing, the high school whole sponsorship that I gave to you guys. I received the money from CAPFA and from David, but I hadn't received it from you all. Whidden states this is something we do every year. CAPFA puts in \$100 and so does the city but we can't write a check from the city, so all the 5 Council Members put in \$20 each. We'll get that to you Ashley. Wills states that's all I have.

6D: CRAIG A. SMITH

Nothing to report.

6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

6F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR

Nothing to report.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,011.40:

MOTION was made by Eighner and seconded by Browning to approve bills in the amount of \$82,011.40. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Jeffery states he came to verify if the city council was still on board for the Fourth of July Celebration. Whidden states as far as I know we are still on board.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

ITEM 10A: MARC DECKER:

Decker states I'd like to see follow up on Felicia's report because I know she had a lot of vehicles that needed to be coded out of here, so I'd like to see some follow up about that. Miller states okay.

ITEM 10B: JACOB EIGHNER:

Eighner states we need to put Ms. Collier on the agenda for the next meeting. Ramunni states all I have to do if just file the lawsuit which that part is done, I have to then foreclose the judgement. It's in my stack of paper. Eighner states okay that's fine.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

Nothing to report.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Eighner and seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor