

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
MAY 18, 2021 AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 299  
RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

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Council Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

**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:**

Additions was added to the agenda by Eighner to move Don DeMott to (3A) in the agenda and to add Mr. Kelly to citizens on the agenda.

**MOTION** was made by Eighner seconded by Browning to move Mr. DeMott to 3A in the agenda. Motion carried.

**3A: DON DEMOTT**

Mr. DeMott brought up to the board that he wishes to purchase eleven feet of city property to build a free-standing garage. The garage estimate is a 30 by 35 garage. Gunn mentioned that she is not in favor of selling just a piece of the Westergaard property that she wants to sell the whole property. Gunn also mentioned to place the property up for bid. There is one other person interested. The board is concerned with splitting up the property and making it difficult to sell lot 6 and lot 7. Decker mentioned that the historical house is out of place. To move the historical items to a different location possibly the library. The board decided to sale the historical house and place it on a bid for 30 days.

**MOTION** by Eighner to sell the Historical house and to selling Mr. DeMott eight foot of the Westergaard house. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

**ITEM 4: CLYDE JOHNSON SITE / BUILD PLAN REVIEW FOR LOTS 23 AND 24 ON AVENUE J:**

Not present. Add to next agenda. Melanie to do closing. He said he will pay the closing cost.

**ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**5A: CITY MANAGER**

David Miller said he received a contract for the state highway light and maintenance for the year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$10,277.58 he asked permission from the board to sign the document. Miller signed the contract with ULCA for repairs of the light poles behind the Elementary School. He is waiting on a signature back from the company. Work should be completed by July 5<sup>th</sup>- July 27<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's memorial statues are ordered, and the flagpoles are here. Renovations are beginning. Decker mentioned to Miller about code enforcement. Miller stated he spoke with Felicia about city ordinance. Eighner mentioned to Miller about mowing needs to be up to date. Kelly mentioned how the county is forgiving liens on properties that was placed there by code enforcement and code violations.

**5B: CITY ATTORNEY**

Ramunni asked DeMott about the correct feet that he was wanting to purchase. They changed it from 8 feet to 12 feet.

**MOTION** by Ramunni to place the historical home including the vacant lots 6-7 but 12 feet less of lot 6 for bid and for sale. Also, sell Mr. DeMott the east 12 feet of lot 6 to make both lots equal. Seconded by Gunn. Motion Carried.

Ramunni mentioned to the board about a potential lawsuit with the Glades detention center. PRM is dealing with the lawsuit.

Ramunni stated he filed with the judgement foreclosure on the Collier property. The amount is \$26,000 that is owed.

Possible bond deal with workforce housing. Ted needs to be formally approved for this deal referenced as CAPFA workforce housing revenue bonds.

**MOTION** by Decker to approve Ted for the deal with workforce housing. Seconded by Browning. Motion Carried.

**5C: CITY CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**5D: CRAIG A. SMITH**

Nothing to report.

**5E; CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Nothing to report.

**5F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR**

Nothing to report.

**ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,820.99.**

**MOTION** was made by Eighner seconded by Browning to approve the bill in the amount of \$115,820.99. With the correction of spelling. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7: CITIZENS COMMENTS/ GENERAL CONCERNS:**

Mrs. Gilkes lives on 851 8<sup>th</sup> St. She had a complaint about her mailbox. Whidden stated that there is nothing the city could do. Gunn suggested that the gentleman moves the mailbox 6 feet either way of where she places her trash.

Mr. Kelly stated they will be holding an election for the Washington park community association. Updates with the sewer project. The parts are on back order should be about 8-12 weeks. Playground and basketball court equipment equals out to \$26,000. Outdoor bathrooms were approved at the Washington park meeting. Pageant and parade June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Washington park to raise money.

Aletris said thank you for the Veterans Park and asked if it is in the budget if the board could donate to the Wreaths Across America the wreaths are \$15.00 each.

**ITEM 8: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS**

**JAKE EIGHNER** Nothing to report

**CLAY BROWING** Nothing to report

**JAN GUNN** Nothing to report

**MARK DECKER** Asked why the city is keeping the Marina open. Had problems with the language. They are also \$111.00 in the hole for sales. Must stay open so many hours a week.

**BRET WHIDDEN** Wants the council members to go to Miller if they have something for Felicia or King. Miller has a list of employees and what kind of truck they drive so you know where to go to and who is responsible for what.

**ITEM 9: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.**

Nothing to report.

**ITEM 10: ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION** was made by Eighner seconded by Gunn to adjourn. Motion carried.

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**Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**