

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
July 6th, 2021, AT 7:20PM, 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 Decker.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There are none.

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

May 4, 2021, Regular meeting minutes

MOTION by Decker to approve the May 4,2021 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

May 18, 2021, Regular meeting minutes

MOTION by Eighner to approve the May 18, 2021, Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

June 1st, 2021, Regular meeting minutes

MOTION by Decker to approve the June 1, 2021, Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Eighner asked Miller if he spoke with Felicia and Mr. Ramunni about cleaning up the junk yards around town. Miller stated that they had a meeting and Mr. Larue is still working on making those changes. Miller also stated that Felicia has started to approach several people and they are starting to be cooperative. The board mentioned to Miller about Felicia checking out 5th wheel camping trailers on Ave M. Eighner mentioned how the old restaurant has broken windows. Miller stated that he has not had the chance to get with the new guy at the county. They are the ones that must deal with the building. Miller stated Felicia should not be involved because they have an interlocal agreement with the county that takes care of those issues for the city. Miller stated that the county just hired a new guy, and he will have to schedule a meeting and speak with the gentleman regarding these issues. Gunn mentioned that the city can still apply code enforcements for the old restaurant for broken windows, etc. but cannot permit code enforcement for the roof. Ramunni stated that Felicia can still initiate code enforcement violations and state that they have a 30 days' notice to comply and, in the meantime, speak with the county to do an inspection and get two things going at once so it could hurry the process. Whidden mentioned to Miller that he wanted him to get with the county building official and target two buildings one being the Moore Haven restaurant and the other one being the old thrift store because they are unsafe. Whidden stated he wants felicia to go ahead with the code violations and in the next 6 months he wants to demolish those two unsafe buildings.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

MOTION by Decker to approve the local hazard mitigation plan. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS MOORE HAVEN CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS.

Discussed in CaPFA

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR FPL PLEDGE WITH FIRST BANK

MOTION by Gunn to approve renewal of letter of credit for FPL pledge with first bank. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

9A: CITY MANAGER

Miller stated that UCLS was supposed to come Thursday-Saturday to work at the Elementary School but due to the storm they might start working the following week. Regarding the fiberoptic lines that got broke he stated he did get a quote for the city, and he did approve it for \$3,053.25. They should be here next week. He informed the council that there was a water main break in the Yacht club, and he ordered boil water notices. The council mentioned to Miller about giving them a heads up about when he leaves for vacation. Miller gave an update on the seawall the engineers are progressing.

9B: CITY ATTORNEY

Ramunni stated that Whidden signed a quit claim deed on the property involving the historical society home. They are giving back eight feet of lot 5 making lot 5 a full lot. The east 4 feet of lot 6 is what is being conveyed. It will be a new quit claim deed. It will mesh with what the property appraiser's history is with the chain of title with lot 5. The Westergaard property is out for bid.

9C: CITY CLERK

Nothing to report.

9D: CRAIG A. SMITH

Nothing to report.

9E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

9F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR

Nothing to report.

ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,495.27.

MOTION by Gunn to approve bills in the amount of \$71,495.27. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,881.52.

MOTION by Eighner to approve bills in the amount of \$119,881.52. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:

Jeff Patterson wanted to thank the board for their help with the 3rd of July rib BBQ cook off.

ITEM 13: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS.

MOTION by Gunn to close the Marina. Seconded by Decker. With the following discussion. With advice from the attorney, he would like to read it. Motion did not carry.

Gunn mentioned to the board about closing the marina. She stated that the city is losing at least \$14,400 in just one person's salary. She stated that the city has another bait shop so there is no use in keeping it open. She stated the only thing they must do to keep the grant is to keep the bathrooms open. Eighner mentioned since her salary is already in the budget can the board wait 3 months to decide. He also stated that there are people interested in leasing it and giving it to an outfitter. Ramunni stated he needs to read the agreement before the board decides.

MOTION by Browning to have on the agenda to close the marina based on Ramunni reading the agreement at the next regular meeting. Seconded by Eighner. Motion Caried.

Gunn asked why the mosquito control pays the city money. Miller replied by saying that Melissa takes care of the mosquito control for the city. It is part of her salary. Wills stated that she received a \$2 dollar raise to make up for it.

Gunn mentioned to the board about keeping everything above board.

Decker stated that he went to safety meeting with the county and Bob Jones was the only one that showed up. They are going to be installing a blinking stop sign at the end of 78 where it joins 27.

Browning asked Eighner for a breakdown of the EDC. Eighner stated as of Monday they will be advertising it through websites.

Browning mentioned to the board about renaming Ave K after Mike Thielen. The board stated that they need to figure out the steps to get it started.

Browning mentioned to the board about donating money to Wreaths Across America. Whidden stated that they need to put some money in the budget for it.

Gunn mentioned to Miller about looking at Billy Jo Wiggins Road and doing some repairs to it.

Whidden wanted to thank the Girls at City Hall for their hard work at the office during the difficult times. Whidden stated that he was going to get together and discuss with Mr. Miller about doing something nice.

ITEM 14: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Eighner to adjourn. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

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Ashley Wills, Deputy Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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