

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

Council members present: Bret Whidden, Mayor
 Dave McGee, Vice Mayor, Financial Director
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Patricia Lucas, Councilwoman
 Harry Ogletree, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director (ABSENT)
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

McGee gave the invocation; Briefman led in the flag salute.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FINAL READING ORDINANCE 329 BACKYARD CHICKENS.

Whidden states when I spoke to Steve he said we need to continue this until the next meeting. Also the last workshop was cancelled, he said we could reschedule a workshop between now and then, if need be.

Discussion: Lucas states is there any reason we can't talk about it or do you just not want to talk about it. Whidden states the workshop was for changes that you wanted and I have some questions for Steve and he wasn't at the workshop. He said to continue the reading until next meeting.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to continue final reading of Ordinance 329 Backyard Chickens to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Whidden states as far as the workshop, Steve said that is up to the Council. Schlueter states Steve did tell me that he would be available after the City County Public Works Authority meeting if you want to set it for then. McGee state 6 o'clock. Whidden state immediately following the CCPWA meeting is usually over about 5:15 or 5:30 p.m. McGee states I can make here by it about 5:30. Lucas states what time are we going to have the meeting. Brantley states I will advertise for immediately following the CCPWA meeting. Lucas states I think we need to put a time on it. Whidden states we usually advertise for immediately following because the meeting may last 10 to 15 minutes or it may last 45 minutes. Lucas state I would like to set it for 6:00 p.m. Schlueter states then just advertise it for 5:30. Whidden states that's fine.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APROVE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHALO NITKA PARADE, FESTIVAL, AND OTHER EVENTS:

Whidden states we need a motion to do what we have done in the past for sponsorship, cover the insurance, that type of stuff for Chalo Nitka.

Discussion: Lucas states how much does that cost us? Brantley states we pay one amount each year for our liability insurance so that anything we do is covered. Lucas states what is that amount? Brantley states \$115,000.00. McGee states it is a blanket policy. Lucas states it is \$115,000.00 for one day. Brantley states no that covers the City for the whole year. Whidden states we just need a motion to include Chalo Nitka.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve sponsorship of the Chalo Nitka Parade, Festival and other events. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS.

6A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states on the surplus equipment, everything has been picked up except for the trash truck. The agreement was that everything be picked up today, but I did give him one extra day because we were closed yesterday.

Schlueter states the last thing I have unless you have something for me is the paving on L, M and N should start tomorrow morning, but they told me they can't start until it is 45 degrees or warmer.

Schlueter states I do have one more thing, just an FYI something for you to think about. The property just south of M RV, there is a house there, someone has purchased that property and they inquired about getting city water. I did get some quotes for him as to what it would take to get water to him. I just wanted to bring it to the Council because it was a reasonable price for him to get hooked up.

Whidden states when is Crayton going to finish that project? Schlueter states they still have to do the work out at the water plant. I'm not sure what is left here in town. We haven't done a punch list yet. Briefman states he is supposed to be at the water plant on the 3 week of February.

McGee states how are the LED lights coming along on Highway 27? Schlueter states I got ahold of John Anderson and he connected me to a gentleman in Bartow, I have to send him the specification of the lights we want to use so that he can verify that it meets the DOT standard for LED lights.

McGee states have you found out anything on the crumbles asphalt for Rail Road Alley? Schlueter states no I did not. Kevin was supposed to call Mike Townsend with DOT about it to see if they have any jobs that may be coming up, but we don't know when any projects are going to start.

McGee states I appreciate the report Kevin has given us but I would like a more detailed report with everything he has going on.

6B: City Attorney.

NONE

6C: City Clerk.

NONE

6D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

6E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

6F: Water Department Supervision Reports.

Briefman states we just ordered a new backwash pump to replace the last of the original pumps. The piping going to that pump comes directly from ground storage tank. I cannot isolate that water from that line. I cannot change the pump out. I will be coming to the Council in the near future with some quotes and prices for replacement of the valves and a wet tap.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235,101.58.

MOTION was made by Ogletree seconded by McGee to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$235,101.58. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Jay Odom states our only concern is how long is this chicken business going to drag out? Whidden states unfortunately Steve’s father had a heart attack and he asked that we continue the meeting and he had an issue at the workshop. We just set another workshop for Monday. Lucas states I think we should change that to a special meeting so we can vote. Whidden states we can’t. Lucas states why? Steve doesn’t have to be here for us to vote, although I have some questions for him. Whidden states that is why he wants the workshop before the regular meeting.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Lucas states I want to go back and revisit the hotel, bank building, and the Lundy building. I know we can’t do anything with the hotel, but doesn’t the County own it now? Ahern states yes, we are preparing proposals on the hotel.

McGee states I want to know if anyone has heard anything on the Love’s Travel Center. Ahern states everything is moving along.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Ogletree, seconded by McGee to adjourn. Motion carried.

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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