

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
JANUARY 19, 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 (PHONE)
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden calls Mr. Miller and states he is not here but I talked to him, he was going to call in if he was not going to make it back.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Roberts. Pledge lead by Ramunni.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There are none.

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

December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Marc and seconded by Gunn to approve the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

January 05, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Gunn and seconded by Marc to approve the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS THE BALLFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Whidden states this was discussed before but I was not at that meeting and I think we were going to approve it, but I think Ramunni said to shorten the years from 25 to 10 years. Eighner states this is correct, and the contract has already been signed right? Wills states this is correct the contract has been signed for 10 years. Whidden states at that meeting did you guys already approve this or do we need to approve it now? Gunn states no, it was not approved although we all did agree.

MOTION was made by Gunn and seconded by Browning to approve the 10-year Interlocal Agreement with the School Board on the Moore Haven Ball Field. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESERVATIONS FOR CHALO NITKA AT THE CITY DOCKS:

Whidden states a lady called a week ago that came here last year for Chalo Nitka, several boats from Ortona campgrounds came to the dock and saw there were no boats tied up, so they docked their boat and stayed for two or three days. She asked if they could make reservations, I told her that it would be a council decision because we normally do not make reservations and she was fine and understood. The reason I told her that was because if we make reservations for her this year, next year other boaters are going to want to make reservations and we are not going to have it. So, I told her I would bring it up to the council also she told me she is coming anyway. What my recommendation is to do like they did last year, which is get there and see if they got enough room. But I was not going to recommend doing reservations because I think we are going to get into a situation where people will be calling ahead next year and the following year and then what decision will we make then. However, it is up to you all on what we are going to do. Gunn states that it should just be a first come first serve. Whidden states so we will leave it like it is, okay.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER:

Miller states he left a bid tabulation on the asphalt bidding and you can see it range the high number was from midway at \$133,236 all the way down to Ajax Paving Payment \$85,008.09. I am just asking the board to approve me going ahead and getting a contract together with Ajax and moving forward with this. Ramunni states Miller all the bids were responsive of these four? Miller states yes, they are all sealed bids, and all the calculations are right and so yeah it looks good to me. Ramunni states okay.

MOTION was made by Browning and seconded by Marc to accept Ajax Paving Industry bid for \$85,008.09. Motion carried.

Miller states he should have added one more thing to that. When I did the estimating on the radius' on the road, that footage amount could come up a little bit but nothing drastic. We are going to be really close to that number and I just wanted you all to know that. I am going to have all them do the calculations and send it to me since that is what they do but it is going to go up just a little bit. Whidden states that is fine, it is understandable.

Miller states the next item; I spoke with Craig A Smith concerning the Steel roofing over at the Water Plant. I am not a structural engineer, so I was trying to put all this together and finally got in touch with

our engineer. Their scope of work for engineering design services and services during bid is going to cost \$5,710.00. Whidden states he agrees.

MOTION was made by Browning and seconded by Gunn to accept the \$5,710 from Craig A Smith to engineer the metal structure at the Water Plant. Motion Carried.

Miller states he was approached by some people over at the Yacht Club. A gentleman has purchased the lot that our lift station is on. All research I have done shows we do not have any easement for these utilities on this lot. The people are asking if they can put a double wide trailer on there if there is enough room. I got a proposal from Craig A Smith to do they survey so we can get an easement. As it stands right now it is about \$3600 to take care of it. I think Ramunni can go speak with them and if they are willing to grant us an easement, we can split it with CCPWA and that would take care of that lot. At that time, we would be able to tell them whether they can fit a double wide since we would know the measurements from the easement. Whidden states that Ramunni will have to get the ball rolling on this as soon as possible and Miller will get a survey on this as well.

7B: CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states the only thing I have is I have reported a few months back that we had some litigations regarding to a lease because of COVID and people wanting to break their lease. There is a case that is making its way through our court system. We had a phone conference today amongst the attorneys and the management company and if it gets to it, we need to identify who from CAPFA would be the person to testify if we need a representative. Whidden states okay, we will use Eighner if needed and then if not, I'll be second in line. Ramunni states okay, that is all I have.

7C: CITY CLERK:

Nothing to report.

7D: CRAIG A SMITH AND ASSOCIATES:

ABSENT

7E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES:

ABSENT

7F: WATER PLANT OPERATOR:

Roberts states we have pots out there working on the second filter they started last week. I think it will be another 4 more weeks. We do a lot of flushing because we do not want to send carbon water downstream. So, it is going to take about 2 months total to get that one back up and running with clean water. We had a company come out, I can't remember which one, but we had 2 meters that are completely bad and we just replaced our main IN-FLOW meter at the water plant. We had a 10-year warranty on it so Lazaro looked back and we are currently at a 9 year warranty so the company is going to get us a brand new one. The third one, Miller and I for the last year have done calculations on what is

leaving the plant and there has always been a huge drop once it gets to 7.20 M of gallons of water. We had that same company come in to check it and they said the meter is only working at 48% so we need to replace that meter because we can be accountable for that water. He is suggesting that we put a trap on meter. We will be getting prices on that soon but this needs to get fixed. Whidden states to keep us posted on the price.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,522.01:

MOTION was made by Eighner and seconded by Browning to approve bills in the amount of the \$122,522.01. Motion Carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Patricia Brown yes, I have a question. Is there a reason why they are spraying in the ditches in front of the homes? In front of my home on 10th street all the way down, they sprayed the ditches. Eighner states in the culverts again? Brown states yes and I have addressed it a couple years back with them doing that. We keep up our properties along with 200 all the way down to 208. My husband basically manages those yards and the ones in front of me. After Christmas we got everything brown and I do not think right now its necessary that they need to be spraying plus it is dead and it doesn't look good. Whidden states do we spray there Roberts? Roberts states Kelly did not too long ago. I would say maybe 3 or 4 weeks ago. Brown states what they can't weed eat now? Even so they don't have to weed eat cause my husband keeps it up. Roberts states I will go look at it tomorrow and they're only supposed to be spraying the ditches that are our main ditches. Whidden states it is s communication problem, but Roberts will look into it the spraying for you. Brown states okay, I don't need them spraying at all because my husband takes care of those lots and my grandkids play in those ditches and it just don't look good Ill put it like that. Roberts states that's understandable and I'll look into it first thing.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Nothing to report.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

There are none.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor