

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
ON JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY  
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Council members present:   Bret Whidden, Mayor (ABSENT)  
                                      Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, & Financial Officer  
                                      Dave McGee, Councilman (ABSENT)  
                                      Marc Decker, Councilman  
                                      Clay Browning, Councilman

Others Present:                Maxine Brantley, City Clerk (ABSENT)  
                                      Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk  
                                      Steve Ramunni, City Attorney  
                                      David Miller, City Manager  
                                      Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director

Whidden does roll call.

**ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Miller gave the invocation; Decker led in the flag salute.

**ITEM 2: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

NONE

**ITEM 3: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

December 03, 2019 Regular meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Browning, seconded by Decker to approve the December 03, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

December 17, 2019 Regular meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Decker, seconded by Browning to approve the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

January 07, 2020 Regular meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Browning, seconded by Decker to approve the January 07, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**ITEM 4: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**4A: CITY MANAGER**

Miller states US 27 water line updates, they are still working on sidewalks and lighting. I was called yesterday, and they have brought in the big poles they are going to be installing at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 27. Brandon and I were out there today doing the locates for our lines. Things continue to move forward. On Avenue O, N, S and 4<sup>th</sup> Street we have done a walk through there are a few items they need to address. Eighner states when do you expect hooks to start? Miller states when the engineers sign off on everything. We are ahead of schedule. On the sewer lines on the North Side of town the roads are paved, the swell along the west side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue H and Railroad have been completed. We have to unclog that culvert that runs from the Church to that swell. The milling and paving work that Ajax is going to do for the City, I have the signed contract back and they are going to start the week of the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are moving forward on the Chalo Nitka grounds with trimming trees and putting out the ant bait. On the baseball fields, Johnson Construction is coming in this week to repair the men's room. We are working on the sprinklers.

**4B: CITY ATTORNEY**

Ramunni states just an update on the Alvarez property, Tracy had done the preliminary study and it appears that there is an issue with some contamination coming from the Ogeltree property. She tried to send me the report, but it would not open. The City and Alvarez would have an issue obviously with the respected parcels. There is an ability to go back and ask for the phase 2 environmental through the grant she has, it is first come first serve, but it is going to require the Ogeltree's cooperation. They could get in on this and get it taken care of through the grant and it would not cost them any money. Once that is done there is a fund through the State that would be able to come in and clean up the contaminates and again it would be at no cost. There has not been very much activity on the grant, so if we can get this done quickly, we can get this taken care of at no cost to the City.

Ramunni states I did file the lien foreclosure on Whidden. We are going to need to serve him with the summons and I don't know what the best address is to serve him. If you can maybe confirm before the summons goes out where is the best place to have him served. Little states yes, I will. I have the draft for the Collier property I just have to get it to the processor. Eighner states you have filed the foreclosure at the Courthouse, the next step it to have him served. Ramunni states I serve the law suite on behalf of the City. I am assuming he is not going to contest it because the lien is in excess of \$22,000.00. Eighner states on the Collier property, once you get that back from the processor it is the same process. Ramunni states yes.

**4C: CITY CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**4D: CRAIG A SMITH**

Absent.

**4E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Absent.

**4F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR**

Miller states we maybe needing a meter that tells us how much flow is coming from the plant. I think we are having an issue with that meter and it is possibly throwing off our numbers. We are getting quotes.

**ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,251.38:**

**MOTION** was made by Decker, seconded by Browning to approve bills in the amount of \$68,251.38. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GERNAL CONCERNS:**

None.

**ITEM 7: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:**

Browning states what was the outcome for the GCYAA? Eighner states so far, they have been successful for sing ups. At the last report they had over 60 kids and they plan on starting their games in mid-February. They had their own workday up there. Everything is moving forward.

Decker has nothing to report.

McGee absent.

Whidden absent.

Eighner states Chalo Nitka is coming together. All the shirts are on sale and informational things have been handed out. On February 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 2 the first grade is going to have a chic-filet truck here for a fund raiser, they will be parked at the Doyle Conner Building. Also, on February 13<sup>th</sup> DOT is going to have a meeting at the Doyle Conner Building and almost 160 people have registered to be there. There will be 3 or 4 food trucks there.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:**

Nothing to discuss.

**ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** was made by Browning, seconded by Decker to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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