

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 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
 Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Dave McGee, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 David Miller, City Manager

ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Browning to amend the agenda. Motion Carried

Llorena states I moved here about 5 months ago from Miami I was informed that the Marina is for lease and I am interested in it. Whidden states I would like to sit down and talked to you one on one bases to answer any question you'd like, and I am sure that the other Council would also like to.

ITEM 3: APPROVE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES.

November 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve November 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion Carried

ITEM 4: AWARD HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS.

Browning states third place is Thelma Brinkley, second place is Marvin and Patricia Brown and first place is Frances Bryant.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE #329 ANIMALS AND CHICKENS.

Eighner states I missed the last meeting Ramunni have you had the first reading? Ramunni states there was no final decision from the Council there was public comments but that is the extent that it went, and it was continue for tonight. Eighner states a reading tonight will be for you to read the ordinance that you have prepared? Ramunni states we can do the first reading tonight, or we can do it at the next meeting. Eighner states if you read it tonight what is our next step? Ramunni states if I do the first reading tonight then Brantley will publish the title, then we must wait the publication date period then we can adopt it. Browning states if you all want to do away with it I am fine with or if you all want to modified I am also fine with it but we need to have some kind of ordinance in place to cover the City. Ramunni states regardless if you have an ordinance in place or not it still becomes a code enforcement issue. Decker states the old ordinance said no farm animals in the City, if that's the way we have to go I am for it. Barbara Brown states most of you all know I have chickens and I had them before the ordinance was in place and I keep them in a good secured coop, and I keep it clean not one of my neighbors has complained. Arcadia does not require a permit and neither does La Belle both much bigger than Moore Haven, La Belle even includes roosters unless it because a nuisance. Whidden states I understand what you are saying you mention it at the last meeting, but I spoke to Lake Placid and they said it was the biggest mistake they made. Brown states I would like to ask each one of you your objection of the chickens. Whidden states because in the City there was no farm animals and it should be that way; I chose to live in the City limits if I had chosen to live in the County I would have chickens. Brown states Mr. McGee you have had chickens. McGee states no. Brown states ok, but if the chicken are properly fed and kept what are your objections? McGee states I don't have objections, but I do objection of the people that have not been properly abiding by the ordinances. Brown states I have spent a lot of money on having a secure chicken coop and cleaned it regularly, Mr. Decker my understanding is that you do not want chickens in the City can you explain why? Decker states I also have a question for you, you had chickens before the ordinance passed what happen to them? Brown states I still have them. Decker states are they the same chickens you had before? Brown states during the last hurricane all my chickens flew a way so the ones I have right now are raised from chicks. Decker states I live in the City and if I wanted chickens I would live in the County; our code enforcer gets paid by taxpayers of the City and she spends a lot of time chasing chickens. Brown states how about you Mr. Browning do you have any objection? Browning states I have lived next to you for 10 years and until today I didn't know you had chickens also Mr. Oden I didn't know you had them you both are the exception to the rules, you both are not what I am against, the people I'm against are the ones that have the chickens walking in the streets we have spent a lot of money to clean Moore Haven up and to have chickens freely walking down the road I have a problem with that. Brown states Eighner do you have any objection to the chickens and why? Eighner states I do not have a comment at this time.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by McGee to keep Ordinance 329 in place until a later date. Motion Failed three to two Eighner and McGee Voting for it.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Browning to revoke Ordinance 329 with open permits to be kept until they have expired. Motion Carried

Ramunni reads out-loud ordinance 343 by title.

MOTION was made by Browning seconded by Decker to approve first reading of Ordinance 343. Motion Carried

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE AGREEMENT.

Whidden states Ramunni have you went over the agreement? Ramunni states yes, I do not have any problem with the grant agreement. But in there it talks about 450 feet and when I was trying to picture 450 feet on our property on the basin its short of the 450 feet. I know a couple of years back we dealt with the Corp of Engineers to get the right of way. The only limitation is the public has to have access at all times.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by McGee to approve the Florida Fish and Wildlife agreement. Motion Carried

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICER.

7A: City Manager

Miller states on the US 27 I do not have any updates, but I do have a meeting tomorrow.

Miller states Avenue O, S and 4th Street Crag A Smith has requested a walked through.

Miller states the project on the north side of town the majority of the face rock has been installed the engineers are waiting on density reports. I did have a discussion with the engineers who are having discussions with Denco as far as discussing our swell repair on the west side of 7th Street. We did put a water line in there and we have always had drainage issues in that area while we are working in that area, I would like to have it all fixed, but I will keep you all informed.

Miller states on 7th Street and Railroad the Bac-T have passed, and the water line has been put into services.

Miller states Ramunni has gone over the contract agreement on Ajax paving everything looks good and I am sending it the Ajax for them to sign.

Miller states on the ad for the Marina in Clewiston they have a fishing show they are going to give us an ad during the fishing show its going to be sixty commercials for a month for \$250. Eighner states I want the Mayor to read the ad before it goes out.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by McGee to approve the Marina Ad for \$250. Motion Carried

Miller states I have moved my office from the warehouse to city hall.

Miller states the water plant is doing fine with the two new employees we did have a couple of technical issues which we got fixed.

7B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states Ted Kiser called me to informed us that the Capfa and the UCF that it is moving forward, and that the foundation asked him to assist with an RFP for obtaining underwriting services.

7C: City Clerk.

NONE

7D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

7E: CAS Governmental Services

Connie states the City's drainage project around the city hall building is on Monday's agenda at the Agriculture Natural Resource Appropriations Subcommittee that agenda has 125 projects on it, and they have from 3 pm to 6 pm to get them done.

7F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,140.93.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$109,140.93.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

NONE

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner states I'm excited about the office space changes but I do not want you all to lose sight of the directions the City has been moving forward.

Browning states I have a question for Eighner what have you heard of the Youth Athletics? Eighner states I will be attending a meeting on Thursday night 6 pm and I will keep you all informed.

McGee states I would like to ask that Bob Jones attend the next meeting to discuss Animal Control.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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