

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 17, 2017 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 (ABSENT)
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk (ABSENT)
 Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor
 Kevin Bryant, Code Enforcement

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

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

JULY 10, 2017 TAYLOR GRIEVANCE HEARING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the July 10, 2017 Taylor Grievance Hearing. Motion carried.

AUGUST 01, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the August 01, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

AUGUST 15, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

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AUGUST 28, 2017 WORKSHOP (CITY CHARTER)

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the August 28, 2017 Workshop (City Charter). Motion carried

SEPTEMBER 05, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the September 05, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

SEPTEMBER 07, 2017 BUDGET HEARING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the Budget Hearing. Motion carried

OCTOBER 03, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the October 03, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE OF CONSENTS AND WAIVERS TO RELEASE VERO BEACH FROM FMPA POWER PROJECT CONTRACTS.

Mark McCain states this is just for information purposes; we will be back seeking action probably in November. My purpose tonight is to go thru this and explain it. The City of Moore Haven and 14 other municipal electric utilities in Florida are joint owners in the St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant. The City of Vero Beach is also one of those participants. The City of Vero Beach is in the process of selling their municipal electric utilities to Florida Power and Light. In order for Vero Beach to sell its municipal electric utility, it has to find another municipal electric utility to assume its ownership interest in the St. Lucie Project. Vero Beach is making arrangements with FMPA's All Requirements Project that is another power supply project we have, to assume their obligations under St. Lucie as well as 2 other FMPA power projects that the City Of Vero Beach is a participant in. The contracts for the St. Lucie Project require consents and waivers from all of the cities that are in that project. I am just here with the information and I am not seeking any action tonight. I will come back with the final details and resolutions for your approval.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 334 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON CITY PROPERTY.

Ramunni reads a loud by title only.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve first reading of Ordinance 334. Motion carried

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE MARINA CONTRACT WITH ROBERT POWER.

Power states at the very first meeting we all agreed on paying ½ the boat rental. The more I ready through this, the stronger it gets on a set rental plus a percentage. Ramunni states if you remember what I said at the last meeting, what I did is get a sample from another city. This is not necessarily the end product. This it to give you the opportunity to review it and say here is what I like and here is what I don't like. The main issues were that you wanted to get started for the season and in concept I don't have an issue with that as long as everything is par. Power states I spoke to my partner, Brian, about the free 1 year deal. He said that he would rather you give a monthly amount and he will start it from the beginning. Whidden states we were just trying to make it easier for you. Ramunni states just email me any questions or concerns directly.

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE 3% COST OF LIVING RAISES FOR THE EMPLOYEES.

McGee states it is in the budget. I have no problem with it. Schlueter states does that start effective at the next payroll or are you all going to retro it back to October 1st? Whidden states I want to hold off on it. We go through this every year with the raises. We gave, in the past, ways to appropriate that raise. I don't think it was used properly. In the past several months some employees that deserve it and they will get it. I don't think it should be across the board. I was very disgusted with and not please at all with some of the Hurricane Irma stuff. I am not for it right now. Bryant states what happened during Hurricane Irma that would affect the cost of living raise for employees? Whidden states we are going to have a post storm meeting on October 30th. We can go into it tonight, but it was going to be on the post storm meeting on the 30th. Decker states I am for holding off also. We shouldn't have to call up and see employees sitting around and taking an hour and a half to do a 20 minute job. Bryant states that is beside the point. Decker states no it is not beside the point. That is what we observed an employee doing. So if we feel like holding off for further discussion we can hold it off. Bryant states you can, because you are the Council. Decker states that's right. Eigher states you can observe the workers that obviously deserve an increase, and you can observe other workers that should hold right where they are at.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the 3% cost of living raise. Motion fails. All no.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICER.

9A: Public Work Director

Whidden states on the things we are taking out to C & D Landfill, why is there only two days? Schlueter states we went through the City and made a list of properties that have construction debris out, again it not part of our ordinance to pick up that type of material. We figured two days would be enough to pick it up. Whidden states at the last meeting we talked about

C & D Landfill and we talked about the ordinance; I'm not concerned with an ordinance after a hurricane. Whatever is out there we have got to get it up, whether it goes to the regular landfill or C & D Landfill. Schlueter states the account is set up at C & D Landfill and it is good until January 31, 2018. Whidden states we probably could have had it up if we had set up the C & D Landfill the Wednesday after the Tuesday night meeting also. McGee states when was it set up? Schlueter states last Friday. The Friday that you called me Jake; called me and told me he was going to take care of setting up the account. Whidden states and when was that? Schlueter states it was last Friday; it was actually the Friday before last. I didn't actually get back a hold of him until the following Wednesday because he was out of pocket. He told me he turned everything over to Maxine. Maxine told me she emailed everything to them to set up the account. It went to a non-email address, so they never got it and no one followed up on it. I called Waste Management on Friday and sent everything to them to set up the account. Whidden states that will come at a later discussion. I was assuming that Wednesday morning after that Tuesday meeting you were setting that up. I called you Friday at 2:38 and you said you made a phone call out there and didn't get anybody, the person that runs the office was on a piece of equipment. So I drove out there, knocked on the door and talked to the lady, it was about 5 minutes, and I came back and gave Maxine the information and a card with that guy's name on it that is in Gainesville. When I walked in City Hall Jake was there talking about the same stuff. I stood back out of the way, he took care of it, I gave Maxine the card and I walked away. I thought it could have been handled better in a timely manner. The shingles that are out now could have been picked up before now, but again we will deal with that. If stuff gets put out after these two dates, and we have to extend the deadline, if it is shingles and stuff we need to get it out of there. I am not concerned with the ordinance right now. If it was during normal circumstances, then yes, this is not normal circumstances. Decker states there are some places in town with debris in the right of way, but there is no one living in them. We are responsible for picking that up. There are garbage cans with shingles in them and around them, and we are mowing around them. We need to pick them all up whether the home owner is there or not. Eigher states at Ms. Jenkins' house, she lives next to me, has had some air conditioner stuff laying out there for about 2 ½ weeks. This morning they picked it up and put it in the garbage truck. Did someone have a talk with somebody or did they take it upon themselves? Schlueter states they must have taken it upon themselves, because that is part of the stuff that is to go to C & D. Eighner states I am glad they picked it up and so is Ms. Jenkins. How much time are we going to give the people that have, like the blue and white double wide on Avenue O and Gary's trailer that were blown out? How much time are we going to allow people to clean it up? Whidden states he called me and asked me about putting in another trailer there and what year it had to be. I told him if it is a certain year with skirting, yes you can. He is wanting to finish demolishing that one and put another one there to rent. He is doing it himself; I don't know his time frame. Bryant states if we pick up all the shingles in the next 4 days in town, then come November 1st they put another pile of them out there. Is it going to be free forever, when do we stop? Whidden states the shingles out there are due to the storm. Schlueter states what he is asking is once everything is cleaned up, when do we start charging. Ramunni states until they tell you to stop. They are relaxing the ordinance for that so do it until they say to stop.

Whidden states another thing that I have got, these leaks that we have had. We need to go back and finish them.

9B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states I went ahead and filed a law suit for Alvin's Bait and Tackle. I am going to schedule a hearing with the Judge once I see what's up with service.

Ramunni states with regards to the ordinance on utilities and changes. I talked to Maxine and we are looking at chapter 115 as a whole. So while we are doing an ordinance to amend it we should go ahead and do everything.

Ramunni states one more thing I forgot to do at the last meeting was to get your blessing on the GE settlement, like we had previously discussed. The paperwork has been finalized. I just need an official vote to accept the settlement.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the settlement with GE. Motion carried.

9C: City Clerk.

NONE

9D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

9E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

9F: Water Department Supervision Reports

Briefman states the Cummings Generator people were out today, the fuel transfer system is repaired. One of the well pump motors went out, the motor has been changed.

ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$216,656.93.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$216,656.93. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

NONE

ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

NONE

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ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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