

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 4, 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  
  Jacob Eighner, Councilman

Others Present:                       Maxine Brantley, City Clerk  
  Steve Ramunni, City Attorney  
  Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director  
  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; Decker led in the flag salute.

**ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

NONE

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

September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

September 26, 2016 Workshop Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve September 26, 2016 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL.**

Ramunni states the floor is open for the position of Mayor for the next fiscal year. Decker nominates Bret Whidden.

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by McGee to nominate Bret Whidden as Mayor. Motion carried.

Ramunni states the floor is open for the position of Vice Mayor for the next fiscal year. Decker nominates Dave McGee.

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to nominate Dave McGee as Vice Mayor. Motion carried

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**6A: Public Work Director**

Schlueter states under Streets Department I ask the Council to give me approval to purchase two grasshopper lawn mowers it was in the budget and the funds will come out of our gas tax money and the \$17,617.00 is for the two. Whidden states I don't have a problem with it. McGee states what are you going to do with the old ones? Schlueter states one we are going to use in the Parks Department and use the other one for parts. Decker states how is the Water Department on a mower? Briefman states we do need one. Bryant states that may be an option but we do need to have a backup. But we can also work with Briefman if that comes into an issue. Whidden states how about the older one? Bryant states that's fine but it need some repairs and it going to be our backup mower. Whidden states work with Briefman and see what you can do. Eighner states are they going to be purchase locally? Schlueter states yes we got three bids and local was the lowest bid.

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve the purchase of two grasshopper lawn mowers. Motion carried

Schlueter states Bryant and I have a meeting with the Building official Don in the morning and will discuss some issues in code enforcement and I will have an update at the next meeting.

Decker states have the cleats came in? Schlueter states yes they came in yesterday.

Whidden states just for my knowledge the new GCYAA members are Tim Jones is President and Melissa Harden, Susan Adams, Nate Kelly and Darrell Lewis are on the board? Schlueter states yes.

McGee states Schlueter what are you doing to prepare for hurricane Matthew? Schlueter states we are having an emergency meeting in the morning we are in a holding pattern right now because we are not exactly sure what the storm is going to do. But we will put up the shutters at City Hall and start picking up debris around the City and also have all the vehicles fueled up. Whidden states if it stays it course we will only be getting a lot of wind gust maybe at 50 to 60 MPH also make sure to tell the guys that tomorrow afternoon they need to prepare any personal issues they need to so there families are also ready. Schlueter states as of right now all services will run as normal. Brantley states at City Hall we will play it by ear to see how bad the storm gets so if we need close.

**6B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states just a follow up on Code Enforcement I had him prepare a draft of the Lundy Building because we are needing the Building Inspector to go and look at it. Bryant states I talked to Paul at the County and the bid he got on the Hotel he wants us to piggy back on that and do the two buildings at the same time.

Ramunni states we have that litigation on GE, one of the issues GE has raise was that they were not responsible for the control panel that the contractor are. So speaking to our attorney I thought it was best to bring the contractor in as a third party defendant so they can figure out who is responsible for the bad wiring and so on.

**6C: City Clerk.**

Brantley states we were contacted by this guy that wants to do a food truck event and he just wanted to know if it was ok to do it. Whidden states where does he wants to set up. Brantley states around the park or the Chalo-Nitka grounds if it's ready. Whidden states when he wants to have it. Brantley states he has not set a date. Schlueter states is this a onetime thing. Brantley states I think it's a onetime thing. Whidden states as long as he has all his insurance and food license in order and is not in the right of way I don't have any issues with it.

**6D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**6E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**6F: Water Department Supervision Reports**

Briefman states I have half of the quote in on the old Dos program and once I get it all I will inform the Council.

Briefman states we started today to clean up the Water Plant for the storm. What I like to do before the storm is shut down the pump station at the Warehouse and open up Wagon Trail to feed the Town, leave the storage tank on and leave the 720 pump station put it on emergency power. I'm not concern about the rain I'm concern about lighting and wind. Whidden states I don't have a problem, just keep it monitored.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,190.55.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$55,190.55. Motion carried

**ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

NONE

**ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Decker states once we get dried out I would like to have Bryant and Taylor to start cleaning out the canals in the alleys and get some kind of drainage started back.

**ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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