

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17 , 2015 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  
  Harry Ogletree, Councilman (LATE)

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; Ramunni led in the flag salute.

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

McGee states I have two. I would like to add 8A: Holiday Decoration Contest and 8B: Council Compensation.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve additions to the agenda. Motion carried.

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

October 20, 2015 Regular meeting

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

**5A: Public Work Director**

Schlueter states under the Drainage and Flood Control, I actually did receive an email from Tommy Perry. I attached his email and the price quote from Denco, if you read the email from Tommy Perry you will see what the alternate A and alternate B are, I will leave it up to you all as to how you would like to pursue. Schlueter states the \$49,600.00 will complete the project. The \$17,000.00 will be additional if you would like to add an additional storm drain. Lucas states do

we need the additional storm drain. Schlueter states in the email from Tommy he states that we will need the second inlet if we ever pave this to make it a complete road.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve Denco price of \$66,780.00 for the drainage project. Motion carried.

Schlueter states the next item on my report is under the Electric Department, the lights on Highway 27, we have two that are completely out and we need to replace some. My question to the Council is do you want to go to the LED lights as we have been doing to our street lights and security lights? And if so, do you want us to replace them only as needed or do you want to do them all at the same time? McGee states are they compatible with what DOT specs out. Schlueter states yes. McGee states I was thinking we should just try one just to be sure what they look like and be sure that is what we want. If it is, I would like to replace them all at the same time. Schlueter states I will double check with DOT and we will order one light and put it up and then go from there.

Decker states now that we are getting the new fence going up at the warehouse, what kind of plans do you have for that junk that is lying around all over the yard? Schlueter states most of it is scrap stuff that we save to sale at Christmas time for the party, the cars and things we need to do an auction.

**5B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states the case involving Mr. Cohens has now been accepted for an appeal, they have assigned it a case number, now whether or not he is able to comply with the legal requirements as what he needs to do preserve the records and have it submitted to the Court of Appeals remains to be seen, but the burden is on him. Maxine is continually being harassed by the Department of Revenue regarding the funds that were paid out to Mr. Cohens and the Department of Revenue's opinion is that we have to pay these and if they are going to be recouped from Mr. Cohens, which is probably unrealistic at this point, but I think we need to go ahead and pay them and then we will see if we will recoup it from Mr. Cohens.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve to pay the Department of Revenue. Motion carried.

Ramunni states I would recommend having a workshop on the Marina, and I think Mr. LaRue needs to attend. As the docks become ready at the end of the year, I am not averse to doing a month to month slip rental, and I can draw something up. We can do a month to month so that we have some income coming in and then we can look at a full RFP, because the RFP in theory could be quite broad.

**5C: City Clerk.**

NONE

**5D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**5E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**5F: Water Department Supervision Reports.**

NONE

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 328 AMENDING ORDINANCE 214 CAPFA:**

Ramunni reads aloud by title only.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve first reading of Ordinance 328 amending Ordinance 214 CAPFA. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS METER CANS AND SEALS:**

Brantley states I believe this was a carryover from the last meeting. Whidden states yes, I asked for this to be on the agenda. Lucas states talking with Jerri Lynn and Kevin, I haven't talked to Randy about it, but we have to do something about those cans. I don't know what we can do, but I didn't realize it was as bad as it was. What are we preparing to do? Whidden states when the meter readers go to read the meters and there is an electric meter that cannot be properly sealed, they need to write it down, make a note and get that information to City Hall. Lucas states I think they already do that? Schlueter states no, that was my recommendation. Whidden states they need to get that information to Maxine or whoever she has do it. They are to notify the consumer, who owns that meter can and meter pole, they have a certain amount of time to get that fixed where it can be properly sealed or it will be disconnected. Schlueter states the only thing I had an issue with at the last meeting is the 10 days, a lot of the places that can't be sealed are rentals with property owners that don't live locally. We would have to send a certified letter, they would have to hire an electrician, therefor pulling a permit, they have to have the County come out and inspect it and put a green tag on it before we could come back out and set a meter. I just don't think all that can happen in a 10 day span. Whidden states the time restriction is on us. Decker states why is the County involved in this? Schlueter states they have to do the inspection. Ramunni states Jerri Lynn has been in contact with Ed Wiser, our engineer, and he has a few questions for her, so we are in the process of getting something done, but I couldn't tell you right now what would be the best way. I would always look to the expertise that they would provide. Whidden states put this on the next agenda.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS DISCONNECT LIST:**

Schlueter states we did one 2 weeks ago and we have not had any issues that I am aware of, it was the day after the last regular meeting. Everything is still as it should be. Whidden states when the list came out, they went and disconnected them. Schlueter states yes. Whidden states to put it on the next agenda.

**ITEM 8A: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST:**

McGee asks Pat would you like to continue to do this. Lucas states yes, I don't mind. McGee states I have seen people putting things out. Schlueter states what date are you wanting to do the judging? Brantley states the 15<sup>th</sup> of December is the second meeting, that maybe too early to judge, so you could judge on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> and award the first meeting in January.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE COUNCIL COMPENSATION:**

McGee states we discussed it at the last meeting, Steve what it is, in the budget we budgeted a little more for Council Compensation, can we get that by just making a motion or do we have to redo the Ordinance? Ramunni states yes, you can do it by a motion.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve to increase the Council pay by \$50.00 a month. Motion carried. **3 yes to 2 no (Whidden and Lucas)**

**ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$161,164.14.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$161,164.14. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:**

Linda Cisneros states I have 2 complaints this evening. One of them being this past Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, I rented the stage for my daughter's party and my first complaint is that I am being denied my deposit, the second complaint is Mr. and Mrs. Schlueter attitude and behavior towards me and my husband and the guy that was out there delivering our chairs. The delivery man went in next to the stage to unload the tables and chairs. Decker states he went in personally? Cisneros states he went in with his truck. Decker states he drove in next to the stage, is that what you are saying? Cisneros states yes. Mr. Schlueter pulls up in his golf cart and is very offensive, stating do you not know how to read, you are not supposed to be parked there, and that he was going to call the sheriff department. That really rubbed us the wrong way. He also took a picture, and I felt like he was harassing me. He left and came back with Mrs. Schlueter. I felt disrespected, discriminated and harassed. Ramunni states were there any damage done? Schlueter states there was no damage done other than, and I not saying that Busy B did it at this time, but there is concrete broken over by the stage. My husband did take 2 pictures and I did turn them into Maxine and I told Mrs. Cisneros on Saturday that I would be giving those pictures to Maxine on Monday morning. I do not feel I was disrespectful to her; there were 2 other City employees there. Her husband also had a vehicle parked inside right near

the water lines are and I showed them where the water lines crossed. She wanted to try to tell me there was a difference between parking on the grass and driving on the grass. She came to me Monday and wanted me to release the deposits, and I told her I didn't feel that I should and told her to come the meeting to address the Council. Ramunni states the purpose of the deposits is for the trash and any damage. If there was no damage or trash we cannot keep the deposits.

**ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Lucas states have you heard anything from the TDC? Whidden states no, not a phone call, not an email, not a text, not anything.

**ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** was made by Ogletree, 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 8:45 pm

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