

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019 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, Councilman, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
 Dave McGee, Councilman
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman

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

Whidden does roll call.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Whidden states I have an invoice that Sam sent to me. It is for repairing the wiring and the conduit at the downtown pump station. Need to add it to the bill submitted list in the amount of \$1425.00 for the 75% due to start the work balance to be paid once the job is completed.

MOTION was made by Eighner, seconded by Browning to approve adding the invoice in the amount of \$1425.00 to the bills submitted list. Motion carried.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to approve the following meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #342 LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT:

LaRue states this is an ordinance that does two things, in terms of being able to make site standards for all residential whether it be a modular or site built home and also it allows to have a special exception approval for office facilities on a temporary basis in the C2 zoning district.

Those two have been approved and recommended by your local planning agency. It is consistent with the comp plan and this is the second and final reading.

Ramunni read title only.

Whidden asks for any public comment. Hearing none, close public comment.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to approve Ordinance #342 Land Code Amendment, and that it is consistent with our comprehensive plan. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DICUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAY REQUEST #1 FOR DENCO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,230.00:

MOTION was made by Eighner, seconded by McGee to approve pay request #1 for Denco in the amount of \$119,230.00. Motion carried.

Decker states the City approves this and CCPWA? Brantley states no, this one will be approved by the City because we had applied for the grant, but I won't pay it until we get the money from the State.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST:

McGee states I had this put on here, it is getting to be that time of year again and I didn't know if Clay and his wife would want to do it again. Browning states yes, we will do it.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER

Miller is absent. Brandon Roberts will report. Roberts states Ajax is planning on December 2nd or 3rd to asphalt on all the streets. They are going to try to do it all in one day. They are making all the arrangements for traffic and emergency vehicles and school. On 7th Street and Railroad Avenue water line that keeps breaking, we got a price from Denco to replace it. The price is \$28,500.00 just to replace it and that is with us buying the materials. The materials are \$7,500.00. We did get two quotes and Core & Mane were the cheapest. That was high in my opinion, so I got with Danz, they are doing the work on Hwy 27. They gave us an estimate of \$22,000.00 just for installation, and us providing the materials. Whidden states we can go with Danz. Ramunni states this is an emergency. Roberts states yes, we have an ac pipe, and with them putting in a lateral line as they go over it with the roller it just keeps breaking.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Browning to approve the emergency repairs in the amount of \$22,000.00 by Danz Construction with the exception that they show proof of insurance a contract and scope of work, with the City of Moore Haven purchasing the materials. Motion carried.

***Discussion: Decker states do we need some kind of contract with them to get it done in a certain amount of time? Eighner states we will need a contract from Danz, so that we can pay him. Ramunni states the other issue to is that you need to check on their insurances. Make sure they have liability and workers comp and we need a simple scope of work.

7B: CITY ATTORNEY

Ramunni states the City had a claim come in from the Department of Revenue. It is not for a lot of money, it is the principal, concerning the gentleman that retired in May, Mr. Washington. They paid out benefits to him. A few years back we were going back and forth with DOR because they paid out and they did not honor a protest, basically it is that type of scenario. We did put in a protest objecting to having to be responsible for the money. We are just waiting to hear back. Whidden states what was he wanting. Brantley states unemployment. Decker states he has another job.

Ramunni states I did send an email on the no wake. I just sited the statute as to why it is necessary, because it is a heavily congested area. I have not got a response back.

Ramunni states following up from the last meeting with some of he concerns about the chicken ordinance. One of the concerns I have is the animal control not enforcing, not helping us with this. I am not sure if anybody has talked to them about this as to why they wouldn't. Whidden states I have talked to animal control officer himself. Ramunni states are they going to assist us. Whidden states they are not going to pick and choose "oh I don't mess with chickens". Ramunni states I agree. Browning states I want to look into repealing and/or modifying the chicken ordinance. We need to open this up to a public hearing to look into it. Ramunni states my suggestion would be to have a public hearing following the joint authority meeting on Monday. Decker states is that necessary. Ramunni states you may repeal an ordinance and you have people that are law abiding, you have to give them a chance.

7C: CITY CLERK

Noting to report.

7D: CRAIG A SMITH

Nothing to report.

7E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

7F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Nothing to report.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,827.23:

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Eighner to approve bills in the amount of \$45,827.23. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

None

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states on the bills, I have asked on the Collier house that was stalled because we were needing a death certificate, she went and got that. Now we are stalled again because we are trying to do a property search on it. On November 1st I asked Steve to do this and I asked him again tonight. It seems to go back to his office staff. I would like Felicia to do the property search, she can do it and it is less expensive and she can have it done in 48 hours. Whidden states then go ahead and do it. Little states ok, I will go ahead and do it. I was also going to get with him on the wake sign. It is not as complicated as explained. We have to do an application for FWC with viable reasons why we want to move that, and that reason is because it is a safety concern.

Browning has nothing to report.

Decker has nothing to report.

McGee has nothing to report.

Whidden states Felicia I need you to, if you haven't already, Dollar General. Little states I gave them a citation today and I called corporate. Whidden state you already took care of it, that is fine.

Whidden states I would like to move forward with the veteran's memorial. I asked Brandon to get a bag of quick create to put in it, someone just happened to be going to ace, he told them to get 15 bags of cold patch. They came and cut it out square and put it in like it was supposed to be done. Those steps to fix the streets has never been done.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

Nothing to discuss.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

NOVEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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