

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3, 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

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

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.**

Whidden gave the roll call.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

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

NONE

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

October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: PRESENTATION FOR DENNIS WASHINGTON.**

Whidden presents Dennis Washington with a certificate of excellence.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

**6A: Public Work Director**

Schlueter states I'm asking for the council approval for the fencing at the warehouse I only got one price and it's within budget. Whidden states who is it with? Schlueter states Rayburn.

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve fencing for warehouse. Motion carried.

Whidden states the ballfield and racquet court is different from the warehouse. Schlueter states I also have the ballfield fencing to be approved. McGee states the same company? Schlueter states yes.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve fencing for the Ballfields. Motion carried.

Whidden states on the drainage where are we at on it? Schlueter states I'm waiting on Tommy Perry. Whidden states call Tommy in the morning to see where he is at on it. McGee states did you get any of the water meter boxes and how many has Alarcon changed? Schlueter states no City Hall has to print me out a report. McGee states he doesn't need a report. Schlueter states it has to be put on a work-order. McGee states even if he sees one busted. Schlueter states he should hand wright a work-order and turn it in that's the only way we can keep track of it. Whidden states we read meters every month are all the meter readers' righting down the busted water meter boxes? Schlueter states most of the time. Whidden states where they are replacing the water lines what are they doing with the old water meter boxes? Schlueter states I don't know I'm not sure what was in the contract. Alarcon states I talk to Dayton who works with Crayton and he said they just leave the old ones there and put the new tap beside it so the old boxes are going to be left there. Whidden states they are not going to be left there the city is going to go pick them up and use them because there is nothing wrong with my old box and there is a new one right beside it. Bryant states I have red tag five vehicles as of right now all of them are gone except for one which is Mrs. Ramey's, but I gave her till Thursday. As of 10/23 I tagged a vehicle on 215 avenue H and today I tagged one at 698 and 415 avenue O and they have ten days; if not they will be towed. Lucas states next time can you please type up a report so we can keep track of them. Decker states is your truck lettered? Bryant states I want to ask the council do you want the truck lettered on the side or on the back? Decker states on the side. McGee states I like the sides. Ogletree states on all three places. McGee states what is the cost? Bryant states I don't know I was thinking of the back it gives me the advantage of pulling up. Lucas states but they should know you're coming, it should be the city seal on the side and Code Enforcement on the back.

**6B: City Attorney.**

NONE

**6C: City Clerk.**

NONE

**6D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**6E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**6F: Water Department Supervision Reports.**

NONE

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AMENDED 2014-2015 BUDGET.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve amended 2014-2015 budget. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE COUNCIL RAISES.**

McGee states I had Brantley put this on the agenda; the last time the council had an adjustment was in 2002 and the adjustment was to set an even rate for the council pay. What I want to do is \$50.00 more a month. Whidden states I think Ramunni needs to be here because the council and Mayor pay goes by the charter and there is an equation in the charter that comes up with that figure; it has to do with population, budgeting and so on so we need Ramunni to look into the charter.

**ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,164.92.**

**MOTION** was made by Ogletree seconded by McGee to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$39,164.92. Motion carried.

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

Jay Odom states I would like to know where the chicken situation is going. Whidden states we have a special workshop November 23<sup>rd</sup> after the CCPWA meeting.

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

Ogletree states the landscaping you all know Mike Brantley was the one who wanted this started. I asked Schlueter to look at a plaque to put there in honor of Mike, it is only \$259.00. Schlueter states where do you all want it placed we haven't done the concert stamping yet so we can put it in that median. Whidden states I think that's where it needs to be. Schlueter states or any of the two median we didn't put anything in. Lucas states is it going to be flat? Schlueter states yes because DOT don't let us put anything that is up right. Lucas states how about by the bridge where the first tree is? Schlueter states we already have a plaque in the first median in honor of Lawrence Roberts for the flag pole. Schlueter states I will get with Maxine because I didn't know what dates to put on it.

Lucas states going back to the chickens I went to LaBelle and on my way there I saw two roasters running around after my appointment and I saw chickens running around also. Lucas

states I want to put on the agenda about amending the ordinance for some of the things Bryant does. McGee states Ramunni is working on it.

Decker states who was on call for dockage and the parks this week? Schlueter states Ansel Bell. Decker states Saturday I got a call that the garbage cans where full. Sunday night I came at the same time and the cans where still full and the shower doors where wide open the fan was running and lights were on. I went to the docks and ask one of the boaters has anyone come and collected dockage he said no. I went up there again on Monday morning and everything was still the same, are we paying him call time? Schlueter states he won't get paid for that weekend. Decker states was he here Friday after the party at the parks? Schlueter states after the Halloween carnival Clint Green clean it. Decker states he didn't do his job so he should not get paid.

McGee states on security I was thinking we have our meetings at night so I didn't know if you all might want security in the form of a Deputy. The County Commission have on because of the court house, the school board don't have security the cost is \$25.00 an hour with a minimum of three hours. Lucas states I don't feel threaten. McGee states I don't neither but with everything going one it's just something to think about. Whidden states this is something you look at two different ways, the county has a security officer he is the first person you see so if someone is going to do something, he is the first person they are going to take out, if you budget for it and have the money that's fine. Whidden states we can make a decision as a council to lock the doors at 7:30pm. Lucas states we can't do that it's a public meeting. Whidden states the meeting starts at 7pm so who every wants to come will be there at 7pm so by 7:30pm we can lock the doors.

Whidden states I looked at this several years ago electric meter cans that can't be sealed, the issue with that is it is a safety issue if a meter can can't be properly sealed the meter reader needs to make a note and if the meter can't be property and safely sealed we will send a letter out to the home owner or renter that they have ten days to fix it or it will be disconnected for safety issues until it is fixed.

Whiddens states when you get the disconnect list from city hall it needs to be done when you get it I don't care if it's me on the cut off list or an employee go do the cut off list. No more I'll give you an hour just go and cut it off because if you don't it creates more problems. Randy Lucas states how about the older people that gets there bill paid by Goodwill? There is an older lady that 99% she is on the list 99 times out of 100. Goodwill pays it within an hour so I don't understand why she is on the list. What I would do was give her sometime because before I would even leave; city hall was calling me to turn her on but I won't do that anymore. Whidden states I know where you are coming from but they know when they get a bill they know when it's due and they know the cutoff date they know Goodwill and other programs help them every month they need to quit waiting for the last minute to make that phone call.

**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 8:15 pm

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