

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
ON DECEMBER 17, 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 (ABSENT)  
Dave McGee, Councilman  
Marc Decker, Councilman  
Clay Browning, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk (ABSENT)  
Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk  
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney  
David Miller, City Manager  
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**

NONE

**ITEM 3: JEFF BREWINGTON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

Brewington states I represent the Trustees for Glades Electric and I am here on their behalf to present you with a capital credit refund for the years 1984, 1985, and 1986. The check is for \$76,741.06. McGee states we appreciate everything you do for us.

**ITEM 4: DISCUSS PAYING EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS BONUSES:**

Whidden states it is that time of year again. Decker states we have always given them a bonus.

**MOTION** was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to approve Christmas Bonuses for the employees. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DICUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE #329 ANIMALS AND CHICKENS:**

Whidden states last meeting we discussed it, and had it left on the agenda. I am sure Steve is still working on it. Ramunni states I have written it, but I haven't typed it yet. Whidden states we are

going to leave it on the agenda until Steve gets the final draft until we can discuss it and then we will move forward with it, but we are going to leave it on the agenda until everything gets completed. Ramunni states just to follow up, the particular ordinance had particular items in it besides the allowance for poultry and chickens, so it is only one section number that is being repealed. The rest of the ordinance will stay intact. If you are a permit holder, whether it is a new permit or a renewal it will expire after the term of the permit.

Cole Swaford states all of us are here because of the chicken ordinance, do we speak now or do we wait until the end. Whidden states we can discuss it, you just have to come up and state your name. We cannot act on it tonight, but you can discuss it and we can put that in our thoughts. Swaford states I went to every permit holder over the last two days, took me about 3 hours. I didn't see any a single chicken out of the cage, I didn't see any roosters. It seems to me it has become a larger issue than it should be. What I see from riding around and talking to people, I didn't see anyone that wasn't in compliance, there have been no one around us that has complained about the chickens or the noise. It seems like it is not being followed from point a to point b when someone applies for a permit, it's not the chickens. It seems like you don't have a good handle on the process.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**6A: CITY MANAGER**

Miller states US 27 water line relocation, I received the DEP clearance that the whole new line is clear. We will be making arrangements to do the tie ins. The signal light at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, we have had an issue with it the last couple of days. The light has to be monitored by AIS, they are the contractor that's the responsible party. I told City Hall, they provided me an emergency number, I have passed that on to them, and the Sheriff Department. I informed the Sheriff Department that if that light has an issue these are the people you call. We also have an issue with the lights at 10<sup>th</sup> Street. I followed up with them today, they found a short. Then they came to me and told me all the wiring was bad. I will have a meeting with the contractors tomorrow, I will put the point across that everything worked fine before you got here. That should not be on us, I will have a discussion with them in the meeting tomorrow. On Avenues O, N, S and 4<sup>th</sup> Street we are working on a preliminary punch list for the walk throughs. The sanitary sewer project on the north side, Ridgdill is going to be doing the work over there, they will be mobilizing tomorrow or Thursday to start the road restoration. At 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Railroad Avenue, the water line replacement, the 6" line is installed, we have completed the pressure test, we took our first samples today we should know the results tomorrow. If that all goes well, hopefully we can tie that all in by the end of the week. We opened the bids today for the City paving. We received 2 bids, Weakley Asphalt in the amount of \$144,660.00 and Ajax Paving in the amount of \$127,671.54. I have copies to give to Steve so he can take a look at it. I am recommending that we accept the Ajax bid.

Whidden states I want Steve to read over it first. Ramunni states they are the same as far as the responsiveness, obviously the prices are different.

**MOTION** was made by McGee, seconded by Browning to approve accept bid for Ajax Paving in the amount of \$127,671.54. Motion carried.

**6B: CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to report.

**6C: CITY CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**6D: CRAIG A SMITH**

Absent.

**6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Absent.

**6F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR**

Nothing to report.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,213.12:**

**MOTION** was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to approve bills in the amount of \$60,213.12.  
Motion carried.

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

None.

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

Eighner absent.

Browning has nothing to report.

Decker has nothing to report.

McGee has nothing to report.

Whidden has nothing to report.

**ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:**

Nothing to discuss.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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