

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, 2018 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, Mayor Financial Officer
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
Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor (ABSENT)
Charles Hale, Water plant

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden does roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

ITEM 4: JEFF BREWINGTON FROM GLADES ELECTRIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Brewington states the City used to be a member of the Co-op and they were a member in 1983. This year we were able to give out, even after \$8,000,000.00 in costs from Irma, we had plans to retire several years of capital credits, we were only able to do one and that was 1983. The Co-op had a little over a half of a million dollars in margins that year, and margins are the extra over the cost of energy to run the plant. And as we are able to, we will continue to retire those credits and return them to our members. I am honored to deliver to you tonight a check for \$32,859.27. Whidden states I want to thank you for your continued support of the City of Moore Haven. We have had to call on Glades Electric a few times with some outages, CT banks and you have always been willing to send help to us. We appreciate the help.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS GRANT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND CITY HALL BLOCK:

Vanassche states at the last meeting it was mentioned about bringing back money from Tallahassee, so I reached out to Mr. Miller about the drainage at the library and around City Hall. I didn't want to let it go by if that is the project that you all wanted to do. As part of this process, to get the legislative budget request ready, what we are seeing with the delegation notices, the House and Senate must be filled out and be part of the delegation package. At this point in time, I don't know when the meeting is. I have reached out to the office yesterday but they don't know the exact date just yet. We talked with Mr. Miller and Mr. Schriner because we will have to have some figures to put into the legislative budget request. I wanted to come back before you and ask is this something you would like to do. The deadline to have the House form in is February 5th. It is a short time frame to do all this and the House form is 15 pages long and the Senate's is 5. So I wanted to seek your guidance and if this is something you want to do, then we can work with Gene. Schriner states I just want to add something. The western end will be 1st Street, the north end will be Avenue J to Riverside Drive and the south end will be Avenue K. I told David that I would do all the up-front work free of charge to get it in Tallahassee. Whidden states I think we need to move forward with this and do whatever it takes to get it to Tallahassee on time.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

6A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states I talked with Johnson Engineering today. They have completed the punch list. I am meeting with them within the next few days to double check the list and the job will be complete. The tennis court lights have been completed, and I am real happy with that. The materials have been ordered for the marina project. Sam and I are continuing to monitor the US 27 DOT Project. We are doing a lot of work with the Water Distribution, both the chlorine stations are up and running. Christmas on the Caloosahatchee was very successful. I really enjoyed it, it was my first go around and it is awesome to see the community come together like that. The transformers are still on order for Ahern's . As soon as we get them in we will get that taken care of.

6B: CITY ATTORNEY

Ramunni states I had drafted a law suit that I will file this week on the old Lundy Building. I have been talking to Felicia, and we have a list of properties. I will continue working with her and we should have all the properties in the City's name in the next few months.

6C: CITY CLERK

Noting to report.

6D: CRAIG A SMITH

Nothing to report.

6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Vanassche states the City County Public Works Authority is not meeting this month, but we heard at the BOCC meeting today that the North East septic to sewer project was discussed at the meeting and I wanted to bring it forward to you, so that you know what we are doing. Gene and his staff have put together some numbers for that area and there are over 200 septic tanks and the total price tag is over \$4,000,000.00. We are working with Gene to try to phase it, and bring each project under the \$1,000,000.00 range. Gene put together this atlas. They have to do a lift station and a force main in order to bring everyone in on all the streets. That will be the first part of the project. Gene states we do still have some fine tuning to do, but that is how we are envisioning this.

6F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Nothing to report.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,654.34:

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Eighner to approve bills in the amount of \$48,654.34. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Ahern states the project going across the river and down US 27 we are going to have it on our priority list and we will support anything the City is doing, individual projects and the ones we are doing together. When we are in Tallahassee, I will continue to promote the City projects just like I have for the County. Also on the hotel project, we are working on a ground lease, we chose to do a ground lease verses selling it out right. We want to be sure something happens there.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states at the City Marina, it is time to sign the contract. I have kept a very close eye on the marina in the last year. When we discussed the lease, we decided to not charge a large amount just to keep the marina open. Mr. Power and his group took it upon themselves to suggest a rental payment to us. I thought at the time it was quite steep going into a business adventure that had been closed for so many years. I am asking the Council to be lenient on it, I believe it is \$500.00 a month and that is what they suggested and I didn't think that was a good idea. Whidden states I did not either. Eighner states I would personally like to see the marina open at a lesser price, than to see it closed. We are going to put it on the agenda for the next meeting and I would like you to think about it. Ramunni states is there a breakdown of the dock fees. Whidden states as far as the stationary boats it is \$75.00 a month. Ramunni states it would

be helpful to do that at the next meeting too, to see a comparison and see what is coming in. Whidden states that is recorded, it is consistent as far as what is there. The big boats, that varies. I am like Councilman Eighner, it stayed closed and we wanted it open and other Councilmen talked about leasing it a year or 3 years, I was against the \$500.00 a month, but that is what they were wanting to do and that was fine; but I think between now and the next meeting we all need to see what we can do to keep it open. It is only going to get better, but I don't think we need to start over from scratch. I think we are going in the right direction; we just need to keep working the way we are working. Eighner states Steve I know you did a lot of work on that contract, but it just has not been that ball of fire over there I think that some people thought it was going to be. Ramunni states you need to look at the big picture, has he done everything he was supposed to do. Whidden states I can tell you that the boat slips that are there monthly are pretty consistent. We can readjust that contract. Ramunni states I understand that but you need a spread sheet to show that. Eighner states so we need a financial statement. Ramunni states yes, it doesn't have to be anything intricate, so that you are not in the dark making a decision. It needs to show what he has done and what we have done. Whidden states we can look at that but we do not want to close it. Power states I can show you what I have paid in sales tax in the last quarter, I paid in \$251.00. I didn't make any money. Whidden states I'll get with you on what we need to look at. Power states I will bring everything to you. Ramunni states a simple spread sheet is all we need.

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 Eighner, seconded by McGee to adjourn. Motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

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