

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2016 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)
 Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor (ABSENT)
 Ed Wiser, Fred Wilson and Associates

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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

January 19, 2016 Regular meeting.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

NONE

ITEM 5: DISCUSS ELECTRIC REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITH ED WISER (ELECTRICAL ENGINEER):

Wiser states we received some good proposals in December. I have taken a look at them and the report is in your packet. Just to give you a real brief summary, you received 3 responses. One was from FMPA, and you got one from FPL, and one from your current provider Glades Electric Cooperative. The bottom line is, when you look at, for example, year 2014 you had Glades Electric Cooperative providing you power, you were paying about 8.5 cents per kilo watt hour on average during 2014. If you look at the proposals you received FMPA would come in at about 8.2 cents, FPL is at about 7.4 cents, and Glades Electric is at about 9.7 cents per kilo watt hour.

Essentially FPL is proposing about a 1 cent savings per kilo watt hour to you in the overall analysis. If you were to change power suppliers, there would end up being 3 components to your power bill. One would be the base bill to FPL, a portion would go to Glades Electric Cooperative for wheeling charges, and then there would be a portion of the bill to FPL transmission, which is a separate entity under FERC rules now. Lucas states on those 3 things did it all use to be included into one, they always had it but it was in one bill. Wisner states yes, and if you were to stay with Glades Electric Cooperative it would still be the one bill. Ramunni states I spoke with Mr. Wisner earlier today, just so I'm under the right belief, if we went with FPL we would still need to pay wheeling charges to Glades Electric Cooperative, is that a fixed charge per kilo watt hour or does it fluctuate. I'm trying to project out overall for the negotiation process if there is going to be a savings. Wisner states the wheeling charges proposed to Glades Electric Cooperative as fixed amount per kilo watt hour. Ramunni states the 3rd component, the transmission, that would also be fixed. Wisner states the transmission component is regulated by FERC, so that changes every year. Ramunni states that is based on regulations. Wisner states what we have seen on that, I don't think there was much change from last year, but on average we are projecting a 2% increase per year. Lucas states will we have any expense if we go with FPL. Wisner states there would not be any expense with building any lines. The only expense we see is at the metering point on 4th Street. They may have to do something there, some communication equipment or something. That would be a one-time expense. Ramunni state so the overall process, regardless of what the ultimately rank at the next meeting, is there will be a sit down with the representatives as was submitted as part of the RFP, and then we would negotiate the logistics so to speak with whoever is ranked number one verses number two and number three. Wisner states I am not sure how you would handle the ranking, it is not a qualifications type proposal, this is actually a bid. So financially I have given you a ranking. You can choose to go with whoever you want. Ramunni states you are basically saying here is what the package is, here is what the cost is, there really is no need to negotiate anything further, because basically it is what is. Wisner states you will be negotiating the contract, the legal side of things. Bryant states if we go with FPL verses Glades Electric Cooperative, what is the savings over the 5 year contract. Wisner states over the 5 years we had proposed a savings of \$2.3 million. Ramunni states when you did your analysis on the numbers they were all spread over a 5 year period. Wisner states this is all over 5.5 years. Glades Electric Cooperative did offer up to 10 years. Whidden state 9.5 years. Ramunni states so you used all the data and broke it down over 5.5 years. Ramunni states when does our current contract with Glades Electric Cooperative end. Wisner states July 1, 2016.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-01 AND AGREEMENT #438924-1-54-01 BETWEEN CITY AND FDOT TO PAVE 6TH STREET FROM AVENUE A TO THATCHER BLVD.

MOTION was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve Resolution 2016-01 and Agreement #438924-1-54-01 between the City and FDOT to pave 6th Street from Avenue A to Thatcher Blvd. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-02 AND AGREEMENT #438923-1-54-01 BETWEEN CITY AND FDOT TO PAVE AVENUE R FROM RIVERSIDE DRIVE TO WEST AVENEUE:

Schlueter states DOT opened up the scop fund for municipalities last year and they had \$9,000,000.00 available for the whole state. The City received \$1,000,000.00 of that money. So that is where the money for the paving is coming from.

MOTION was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve Resolution 2016-02 and Agreement #438923-1-54-01 between the City and FDOT to pave Avenue R from Riverside Drive and West Avenue. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-03 ESTABLISHING BANK ACCOUNTS WITH FIRST BANK AND CLOSING CERTAIN ACCOUNTS WITH SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK.

Whidden states everyone knows that Seacoast is closing some of their branches. We are going to leave some accounts with Seacoast National, but the day to day accounts will go to First Bank.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve Resolution 2016-03 establishing bank accounts with First bank and closing certain accounts with Seacoast National Bank. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RIDGDILL AND SONS, INC. INVOICE 7566 PAVING MARINA AVENUE TO BE PAID OUT OF THE LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,290.00

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve paying Ridgdill and Sons, Inc. invoice #7566 paving Marina Avenue to be paid out of the Local Option Gas Tax in the amount of \$16,290.00. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: REPORT OF OFFICERS.

10A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states everyone should have the copies of the proposals I have received on various roads and projects that have been discussed, I would like to know how you would like me to proceed on them.

Whidden states I am good with the warehouse, I am good with parks and streets, I am good with the drainage. The water distribution and wastewater, I, you and Sam discussed it. Schlueter states yes, I was going to get to that too, because I do have something I was going to add to that. Whidden states there are some conflicts there with that fire hydrant and the tie in. Schlueter states all that has been addressed and has been sent to AIM Engineering. Whidden states has Mr. Carlisle been addressed? Schlueter states I don't know, we received all the information from AIM, so that is who we have been corresponding with. Whidden states tomorrow advise Mr. Carlisle of your findings and let him know that you have sent that to their engineer. Ramunni states I will also call Mr. Pringle and give him a heads up there are still some issues that need to be addressed, as well.

Schlueter states back to parks and streets we did talk to Ridgill, Waylon and Tom from Clewiston. They don't feel that they are solely responsible for the damage on Avenue R. They did drive on the road, but Denco did travel that road with dump trucks, Go Underground has traveled that road with equipment and trailers, as well. Ramunni states we will have a hard time proving that it was Ridgill that caused all the damage. Schlueter states I did get a price from Ridgill to repair the road, \$9,200.00.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve Ridgill and Sons, Inc. to repair Avenue R for the amount of \$9,200.00. Motion carried.

Schlueter states what about the other roads, the ones that are in my report?

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the repairs for the other roads. Motion carried.

10B: City Attorney.

NONE

10C: City Clerk.

NONE

10D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

10E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

10F: Water Department Supervision Reports.

NONE

Lucas states I have something I would like to say. Kevin your report sounds good and looks good, but the only thing is you direct these people to do these things right. Bryant states this is my boss and she directs things to be done on a daily basis, she tells me what she wants done and it is my responsibility makes sure it all gets done. Lucas states I thought you were over the outside personnel.

ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,722.37

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$175,722.37. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Dr. Jim Howell states we have it one way from the East to the West, we have a problem with people coming in from the West going east. I would recommend you put up another sign. Schlueter states we have ordered the sign, we just don't keep that type of sign in stock. Howell states I did some measuring from the concrete out to the paved road and at the West end it is 18 feet and it gets wider as you go east. I use that and other people use that for parking, especially when they have visitors because they don't have any place to park. I don't know what your plans are exactly, I would hope you would pass some provision for people to park along the North side of Marina Avenue and since that is a one way street, and you paved it as a double wide street, would you create one side for parallel parking? Since that is a one way street there is a possibility for that. Whidden states I didn't want it paved that wide, but the way the property line is we had too. Now where you are talking about wanting to park is City property. People in that park own their spaces and they can park where ever they need to park, but we cannot have everyone parking on City property especially when we are trying to make it look nice. We are not turning half of a newly paved road into parking lot, due to safety and liability issues.

ITEM 13: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Decker states you need to fill in the holes on Palm Avenue where you put in the new fence with top soil and get rid of the junk pile you told me you would take care of. Bryant states I will take care of it.

McGee states we need to come up with something to put on my road to keep from having to keep coming back all the time. We haven't had any luck on the crumbled asphalt. Bryant states you can hardly get it. They keep it and recycle it.

ITEM 14: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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