

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 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, Vice Mayor
 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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden does roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

JANUARY 28, 2019 MARINA WORKSHOP

MOTION was made by Decker, seconded by McGee to approve January 28, 2019 Marina Workshop. Motion carried.

FEBRUARY 05, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION was made by Browning, seconded by Eighner to approve February 05, 2019 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS MARINA LEASE AND OTHER OPTIONS:

Whidden states we are going to leave this on the agenda. We had a workshop, of course we couldn't make any decisions, but we did discuss a lot of different options. Mr. Miller has been working on some plans. Ramunni states do we have full possession now? Miller states yes. Whidden states Jake has been working with Mr. Miller on it. We are just going to leave it on the agenda and continue to move forward. Hopefully by the next meeting we will have a plan put into place and know what we are looking at doing. Miller states we are comfortable with the plan we have. Whidden states you can present that under your reports tonight if you would like or if you want to wait until the next meeting, which is up to you. Miller states I did not bring the one sheet but I think I can talk you through it. Eighner states we are almost to the point that we are ready to put an ad in the paper for the two part time employees. Whidden states when it gets to your report just fill us in on what you have and we can move forward with that. Eighner states I do have one thing on the marina, at the last meeting I had brought up without the high concentration of people being at the marina I was concerned about the boat trailers that are just sitting down there. We asked Felicia to reach out to the owners and give them the option of either moving their trailers home or us storing them at the City Complex. I would like you to check in with her to see if she has moved forward with that. Did we decide if we were going to charge them \$75.00 for the boat and go up \$20.00 to store their trailer? I know we discussed it at the workshop, and we didn't make a decision. Whidden states I want to say it was \$10.00 or \$20.00, I don't remember \$25.00. Eighner states do we need to make a motion on that, Steve? Ramunni states that you are going to start storing the trailers for a certain amount per month. Eighner states as long as they have their boat at the marina.

MOTION was made by Eighner, seconded by Browning as long as they have their boat at the marina to add \$20.00 to the boat slip fee for the City of Moore Haven storage of the trailers. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

6A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states at the Chalo Nitka grounds we have painted the bathrooms, we have put new wood under the sinks, and all the plumbing has been repaired. I spoke with them this morning, and I told them the bathrooms are looking nice and they will stay that way. We finished up the irrigation for the rodeo arena. On the marina grant for the park, we had an amendment letter written, by Mr. Fox, and Maxine and I looked it over. It is deleting everything but the picnic tables, because we could not put the park in the parking area. Things are starting to come in and we are under a time frame to get this completed. I want it all completed by the end of March, because by then end of April we have to have that closing packet submitted.

Miller states on the marina, we have worked it out to where two part time employees working less than the 29 hours a week will cover the time that we want at the marina. I would like to go

ahead and put it in the paper to see what kind of applications we might get so that we can move forward on that. We looked at the financial part of it, we should be fine, it should not be an issue what so ever. McGee states that is just for the dockage right? Miller states no that is to run the marina. We start at 5:30 in the morning and close at 3:00 in the afternoon. That would also be closing on Monday, with one of the part time employees working Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and the other one working Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is the plan and if you all so desire, I would like to get with Maxine about getting it into the paper.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to move forward with this project. Motion carried.

Miller states FEMA, we just got paid for another project, so that makes a total of three projects we have been paid, in the amount of \$64,654.62. There are four more projects that I am still dealing with the State on. I just wanted to bring you up to date on that.

Miller states on Avenue O, N, and S, the sewer project, we received two bids today. We will be passing them on to the engineers so they can evaluate the two packages. They were both over the budget.

6B: CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

6C: CITY CLERK

Nothing to report.

6D: CRAIG A SMITH

Nothing to report.

6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

6F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Briefman states the flushing and mapping program is moving forward. We have 11 individual maps we can isolate certain areas of the city without turning everyone off. The City Manager, myself, and Chuck interviewed for a part time position for the water plant. He is an operator, he has a C license. It will be a part time position with 28 hours a week at the wage you see. He has taken his B test and passed, all he needs is his hours. Once he gets his hours in, either Chuck or I will sign off for them and he will receive his B license and there will be no additional wages added for that.

Whidden states I just want to commend you on the last several years you worked very hard and diligently in hiring the personnel that has or has the ability to get the license to cover the City of Moore Haven. I like that you have been up front that in the next few years you are going to retire and we have talked about a smooth transition and I think you have worked very well at doing that. I want to thank you for that because that means a lot when somebody knows they are going to retire and helps train and gets the right person on board. Decker states I want to thank you to for the initiative you have taken in helping David and the rest of the city crews. McGee states also when everyone else was gone he stepped up and took care of everything.

MOTION was made by Browning, seconded by McGee to rename Sam from Water Plant Supervisor to Assistant City Manager in title only at this time. Motion carried.

Discussion: McGee states he has done it, whenever David is gone Sam is the one in charge. Miller states I am 100% for that. When Sam and I have been discussing these different departments, Sam has never once complained if I have asked him to do something that is in another department, it didn't matter what department it was, he took care of it for me. It was in the back of my mind I need that person can float around a little bit because I am going to have to get more into the financial side. Whidden states I don't have a problem with it.

Briefman states in you packet you have the 2017/2018 water loss form we have to fill out for the district. When Chuck came on board with us he brought some software that we didn't have. We get the statistics every day, but we didn't have the software or program. We have that now and these figures are pretty much on the money. Miller states we did have a meeting with Gene and Keith about the loan. There were somethings we had to do with some tables and we are working on that. We are really looking at the overall thing, and continue to see where we can save water and money. Whidden states we are going to save a lot of money. Miller states we have Gene working on a letter to DEP to where we don't have to add anymore operators. We are trying to get the best of both worlds. I really believe we can do it. Whidden states I think we can, with the figures you and I went over and the water we are saving and there other options that we can save more. That will keep us out of that threshold we won't have to take that loan right now. That is going to mean a lot to the City of Moore Haven. Miller states we are going to continue to try to go with the loan because we are 90% of the way through it now. It would not be good to not continue. Whidden states we need to look at that. Eighner states this is for the \$2,000,000,000.00? Briefeman states yes. Eighner states the State came in and told us we were over our threshold of water we pull out of the ground because the fire hydrant and blow off on North Avenue. You are trying to bring these numbers down to prove to the State that we do not have to have the expansion on the water plant. Miller states it gets a little more complicated than that. I really believe we can do it and save money on both sides, with the loan. Eighner states so we are still moving forward with the addition, just not on such a grand scale. Miller states it will be the almost \$2,000,000,000.00 loan, yes. Whidden states I still want to look at those figures and see where that threshold is. Even though we are going to save the water, which saves money to pacify the loan, I am on board with that, but also we have got to be looking out for what is best for us at this time. The engineers work for us, it is their job to keep us updated and in compliance, but also that is where they make their money. We don't always have to go with

their suggestions. Miller states here is what is happening to us. When you originally went for that loan you were supposed to get two of those UFs and more components, but at the time you could not afford to get all that, so you trimmed it all out. When you trimmed it out like that we only have one UF and per what Sam is telling me, if we had an issue with that UF we could not sustain water for the City for maybe a few days, what should happen is that other UF would allow us to make water, but right now you don't have that. That's what concerns me, and that has been there for a while now, something is going to happen. I was trying to satisfy that we have no problems with water, but not have to add all the operators and all that. Briefman states it is a substantial cost. Whidden states it is still our job to look at all that regardless of the outcome.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,972.64:

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Eighner to approve bills in the amount of \$73,972.64. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GERNAL CONCERNS:

Nothing to discuss.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:

McGee has nothing to report.

Decker states I went to the Community Safety Meeting with Mr. Miller it was very informative. Also animal control has been in town, I spoke to her twice and I sent her to a couple of problem areas.

Browning states I spoke to Tommy and Cindy Davidson. They were on the list here and they are not living in their RV they just have it hooked up to keep the refrigerator and air conditioner on. They had the septic line hooked up but they have removed it. Bret and I went to the South Florida Water Management meeting it was very informative about dropping the lake.

Eighner states hope you all are ready for Chalo Nitka because it's here.

Whidden states there was a rumor going around that Glades Electric refused to help. That is not true. They were never asked to help, they would have definitely sent crews to help if they were asked.

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.

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

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