

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2, 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
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor

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: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES.

January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

McGee states on page 3 I abstain on motion number 2 at the last meeting.

Whidden states on page 5 I stated lease not least.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. With corrections

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND /OR APPROVE FINAL READING ORDINANCE 329 BACKYARD CHICKENS.

Ramunni reads ordinance 329 out loud by title.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve Ordinance 329. Motion carried. 3 to 2 as amended

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SPENDING UP TO \$150,000.00 OF LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FOR PAVING OF THE AVENUES L, M & N SEWER PROJECT.

Brantley states we have discussed this in a sewer meeting about pledging some money where we can put more lines in the ground; they have finished the paving so we need to reimburse the county.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve spending up to \$150,000.00 of local option gas tax for paving of the Avenues L, M & N Sewer Project. Motion carried

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE DISCONTINUING THE RATE STABILIZATION CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE GLADES ELECTRIC UTILITY BILL.

Brantley states years ago we set up this fund for the rate stabilization to be able to put money in it monthly which would go towards the power cost to bring it down so it won't be so bad on the customers. Now I am running short in that fund so need to stop it for a while and let it build back up.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve Discontinuing the Rate Stabilization Contribution towards the Glades Electric utility Bill. Motion carried

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS.

8A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states under parks and streets on the price quote for the paving on Avenue K I have not been able to get a second quote but I would like to do a little bit more research before I bring it up to the council. Ogletree states what is going on with Avenue R? Schlueter states we are trying to work on it a little bit until DOP comes though with their money. Whidden states do you know when that is? Schlueter states within two years they have until 2018 for the funds.

Schlueter states we are going to be renting a long stick to clean out the ditches we will have it for a week the mosquito control haves given us money to rent the long stick. McGee states does that include Avenue N between 3RD and 5th Street it has a lot of trees growing over it? Schlueter states this is to clean out debris.

McGee states on Code Enforcement the property by the Marina who mows it? Schlueter states we just mowed it. McGee states when did you mow it? Schlueter states on last Thursday.

Whidden states Schlueter did you meet the new warden at GEO? Schlueter states no. Whidden states on February 24th they are having a lunch at the EMS building. Schlueter states Bryant and I are going.

8B: City Attorney.

McGee states how are we doing on the properties like Alvin's Bait and Tackle? Schlueter states we cannot do anything on Alvin's Bait and Tackle because the IRS has a lien on it, where are we at on the Lundy Building? Ramunni states the guy never called me back but we are still in the same dilemma on getting it demolish. Lucas states how about the bank building? The roof is falling in. Whidden states if its falls in the road we can do something about it. Schlueter states we can't get anybody to go in and condemned a building for us. Lucas states why? Schlueter states because the County won't do it we don't have a building inspector.

8C: City Clerk.

Brantley states the only thing I have is Ed Wiser is working on the three FRPs we got on the electric and he will be here for the next meeting on February 16th.

8D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

8E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

8F: Water Department Supervision Reports.

Briefman states with all the rain we have been having and Mr. Story burning his cane fields we have an infestation of rats so they have been chewing on the electrical wires I had to replace some heavy lines that go to the back wash pumps they bowl the main breaker of the water plant which will reflect in my bills. There is an \$1,800 and an \$2,600 charge.

Briefman states to Ramunni I have been having a problem with the South Florida Water Management permitting I thought that your firm took care of the monitoring permit required report? Ramunni states yes. Briefman states I'm getting emails form South Florida Water Management on the reports. Ramunni states I will have to pull the file and research it.

Briefman states I placed in front of you tonight what I brought up to the Council a couple of weeks ago. They are pictures one and two that shows the valves; they are all 12" valves they all need to be replaced. In order to do that I have to call another company to come out and do a line stop I have to stop the flow of water coming back from the ground storage tank. I have to do that in order to change two valves and then we can replace the other valves later. The total cost is going to be \$15,047.85, that's \$8,412.85 for the valves, \$5,265.00 for the line stop, \$370.00 for equipment rentals, \$1,000.00 for startup which is when the pump is installed a representative will come out and align it; if it is not aligned the warranty will be voided.

MOTION was made by Ogletree seconded by McGee to approve spending up to \$15,047.85 for valve replacement at the water plant. Motion carried

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,048.91.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Ogletree to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$30,048.91. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Jay Odem states where are we on the chickens? Whidden states right now it has passed we are just waiting on the resolution from Ramunni to be approved.

Jake Eighner states I would like to go back to Avenue R the road is very narrow and there are two big ponds it's hard to drive down that road also, I'm not sure how often the school buses use it but with the basketball courts put there and if the Carolyn Ramey's project goes through will be there is traffic there even foot traffic. You can patch it right away but I think you need to look forward to widening the road and putting a sidewalk there. Eighner states the next think I would like to talk to you all about is the drainage; I know we have had a lot of rain; my understanding is the pump station is on a float and kicks on and off? Schlueter states yes but we can turn it on manually. Eighner states so that's what you have probably had to do? Schluter states it rained four days straight. Eighner states the trees that hang over on Avenue M by the apartments are restricting the water, but when that pump is running on automatic a lot of times it is shutting off because that canal is drained. Whidden states there are a lot of problem areas we are trying to take care of. Unfortunately we had that bad weather in January which was record high.

Barbara Brown states I live on the corner of Elmwood and Orchard Avenue the drainage they did; does it need to be connected to the easement behind the house? Whidden states who put the drainage in? Schlueter states that's in Ranch Lakes the one South West Florida Management put in. Whidden states unfortunately, the way it works is when it rains it fills up and pushes the water out; it will dry out but not as quickly as before. Randy Lucas states the big pond in Ranch Lakes are we not allowed to drainage it. Schlueter states we don't have control over the flow of them pumps. Barbara McCall Brown states the pumps down where I live during hurricane season should we be out of electricity we don't have a generator. Whidden states we have access to spare generators but both pumps are designed to back a tractor up to it and hook a PTO on it.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Decker states on the docks why can't we separate them and rent them out and let City Hall collect the rent; a lot of people have been asking about them. Ramunni states there is an RFP out on it so let's wait till the end of the month and see what happens.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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