

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017 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  
  Jacob Eighner, 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; Eighner 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 24, 2017 Workshop

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve the January 24, 2017 Workshop. Motion carried.

February 07, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the February 07, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

**ITEM 5: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 332 MARIJUANA MORATORIUMS:**

Ramunni reads aloud.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve final reading of Ordinance 332 Medical Marijuana Moratorium. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE WATER.**

Lucas states I talked with Sam and he thinks that Innovative Security would be the way to go. McGee states where are they located? Briefman states they have an office in Ft. Myers. Decker states how long will it record for? Briefman states 30 days then it will start over, it only records when there is movement. Decker states does the quote from the company in Okeechobee have this in it? Briefman states yes. McGee states is this the one you recommend, will be happy with. Briefman states at the last meeting I asked the Council to consider number 1, and obviously number 3 is the highest. Whidden states what about trouble shooting and maintenance, what is the closest location for that. Briefman states Ft. Myers. Whidden states what would be the response time. Briefman states he told me it would be 24 hours for response.

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve the security system from Innovative Security and to add the 5 year plan with it. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE QUOTE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 43 AVENUE J (LUNDY BUILDING). EIGHNER.**

Eighner states at the last meeting we talked about it, everyone seemed fairly positive; one of the things we wanted to know was if the company would lower the price at all. Schlueter states they said they would lower the price by \$1,500.00 for the mobilization and the County is going to allow them to crush the concrete out at the hotel site. Ramunni states we already have an order from the Court to allow us to demolish the building.

Discussion: Whidden states for the \$112,000.00 I cannot justify doing it. I have wanted it gone for 30 years, but now we are going to have 2 lots, there is a relatively new building to the west of it that is vacant and to the right of it is the thrift store and the agape home, that property is worth about \$20,000.00 and we are going to spend \$112,000.00 for that. Lucas states we have been trying to get this down since I have been on the Council, and this is the closest we have gotten.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve the demolition of 43 Avenue J (Lundy Building) using CAPFA funds. Motion carried. 1 opposed.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE ACQUIRING 201 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET (ANNE-TIQUE BUILDING). EIGHNER:**

Eighner states last meeting we had talked about the taxes to see if the County would drop them, it is State statute that they cannot drop the taxes. Mr. Rawls owns the most dollar amount in certificates, he is probably not going to let go of them, before someone else decides to come in and scoop up this property I think the City needs to act. Ramunni states how many years are outstanding. Eighner states it is going on its 6<sup>th</sup> year. Ramunni states if we try to do that, then we are trying to acquire it ahead of the County acquiring it. If they had acquired it then we could approach them and try to work something out. Eighner states it will be 6 years before the County will acquire it. Whidden states can we get it for the \$9,800.00 in back taxes right now. Eighner states yes sir. Whidden states well this should be a piece of cake, we just spent \$112,000.00. Ramunni states how many years is it before the County takes it over? Eighner

states it would be 6 years. Schlueter states Gail Jones said the back taxes up to 6 years, and then the County has up to 3 years to deem it as surplus property and then it could be up to another 3 after that before they put it on their work plan to do anything with it.

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by Eighner to approve the purchase of 201 1<sup>st</sup> Street (Anne-tiques Building) once we get the deed using CAPFA funds. Motion carried.

### **ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

#### **9A: Public Work Director**

Schlueter states under Code Enforcement, Kevin and I went to Court on the Bedell property, on the 13<sup>th</sup> and everything we have been sending Ms. Bedell has been coming back in the mail. The most recent came back as undeliverable as addressed. The Judge is under the assumption that Ms. Bedell is no longer at the address we have for her in Louisville, Kentucky. That is the only address we have for her, but his suggestion was that we find someone local to track down Ms. Bedell and serve her with some type of notification that we want to demolish that place.

Schlueter states the next food truck invasion, with the Council's approval, is set for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the insurance company did ask for additional paperwork. I did forward it to David so that he could get it back to us and we could forward it on to the insurance company.

Schlueter states I have put in some quotes on some light towers. We use them at Christmas on the Caloosahatchee, we use them for the different festivals around here and the one thing we don't have them for is if we have a water leak or some kind of repair that we need at night. They would be very useful if we had them. Lucas states do we already have some? Schlueter states we do not have them, we borrow one from DOT when it is available and then we rent the second one. Whidden states what is the rent for that one? Schlueter states it is \$80.00 per day. Eighner states Glades County does not own one of those lights, there are none in this County. Bryant states we do need them. Schlueter states we do have money in the budget. Whidden states I know we borrow one when we can and rent one for the Christmas on the Caloosahatchee for \$80.00, but you are looking at \$14,000.00 for two lights. Our bucket truck, digger truck that we set poles with, they are equipped with lights. On water leaks we have lights; we can buy those go lights. We are going to have \$14,000.00 worth of the lights that are only going to be used three times a year and parked under the barn. Motion made by Lucas to purchase one new light tower from Kelly Tractor for \$7,100.00, failed for lack of a second. Eighner requests for this to be put on the next agenda.

Whidden states I got the animal control report, and I see where Bob Jones would like to do this quarterly, why? Schlueter states I did not ask, he just asked if it would be ok with the Council to do it quarterly. Decker states I think it should remain monthly. Whidden states I want it monthly, but whether it is monthly or quarterly, I want a record of where the calls are from, the address, the Road, the Avenue, the Street and who called.

Whidden states one more thing on CCPWA on the repair on Highway 78; I see we ran into another snag. Schlueter states as of yesterday all entities are on board, everything is approved and we are ready to go March 7<sup>th</sup>.

McGee states any more on the crumbles asphalt. The price I got I was asked to give it to Bret. Whidden states we need to check to see if we can use the gas tax money for that. We need to get with CCPWA and see what they want to do or if the City is going to handle it. Schlueter states do you want to put this on the CCPWA agenda. Whidden states yes.

Decker states on the email I received from Mr. Moorhouse about the rooster, what's been done about that? Schlueter states he was notified today.

**9B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states on the litigation with GE, we are going to have a settlement discussion on March 22<sup>nd</sup> here at City Hall. I was going to handle it, but if one of you would like to be present. McGee state only one. Ramunni states yes, only one.

Ramunni states I know from listening to the news in regards to immigration issues, that there have been a lot of people picked up and I was wondering if it affected the local facility, if the numbers were starting to go up or not. Because we had done a temporary reprieve on the base rate, so we might want to revisit that. Ahern states it is at 439 this week.

Ramunni states I was talking to Sam about the water plant, and in the not so distant future we may need to start looking at implementing phase II of the expansion.

**9C: City Clerk.**

NONE

**9D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**9E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**9F: Water Department Supervision Reports**

Briefman states the only thing I have is that I will not be here for the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting I will be on vacation, but I will be back for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with GE.

**ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,106.08.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$59,106.08. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

Ahern states on the Moore Haven Canal, I just found out today they cancelled the meeting for tomorrow and there will be on Friday at 9:00 am if you would like to come. On the Corp Camp Ground, it hasn't been real one high on their priority list, but we have known that. I did tell the Corp that they needed to go ahead and lease it to the County and we would control how it was leased then. That it is important to us.

**ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Eighner states Jason Whidden's house across from Jerri Lynn, there is no skirting anywhere around the house and piles of propane tanks, I don't even think he lives there anymore, but before it starts looking like Mark William's house down the street, we need to get a letter to him and tell him to clean it up.

Lucas states Kevin do you have letter head for when you send out a letter? Bryant states yes ma'am. Lucas states I had said this one time before, I think we should think about a small skate park. Ramunni states Ft. Myers just got rid of theirs.

Decker states what about the letters about the dumpsters? Schlueter states you were going to go around and talk to them before I sent out the letters. Decker states go ahead and send them. Have you heard anything on the screening on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street lift station? Schlueter states Denco is the contractor that put that up, we just did the change order with them to do the next phase of sewer, so when they come in to start it they will rescreen the lift station on Avenue M.

**ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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