

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 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
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; Ramunni 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 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE APPLICANT FOR CITY MANAGER.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve to hire David Miller upon negotiations for City Manager. Motion carried

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICER.

6A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states a follow up on the drainage they have been working on the culverts and got more of them in they finished the one on 10th street this afternoon which leaves them with the culverts on 6th street going into river gardens.

Schlueter states the only thing I need is the approval of item number one in parks and streets. Whidden states for the mule? Schlueter states yes.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve purchase the Kawasaki mule in the amount of \$9,081. Motion carried

Decker states the dirt that was taken out on Avenue O and Avenue R where did you put it? Schlueter states that was the deal that Crayton and the property owner to put that dirt there. Decker states that property owner got city dirt? Schlueter states that is not city dirt there was nothing in the agreement that said the city was getting that dirt. Decker states it seems to me if it was on city property it was city dirt. Whidden states yes that was city dirt, when they did the other project it was city dirt. Schlueter states there was an agreement with City and Ridgill on that dirt there was not an agreement with Crayton on this one. Decker states a verbal agreement or written? Schlueter states verbal. Decker states some of that dirt could have been used in town I don't think you should have given it away. Schlueter states I did not give it away like I said there was not an agreement with the dirt. Whidden states we should have stock piled some of it now it will be handle differently next time it that dirt comes out of city ally that is city dirt it's no difference than it coming out of City Street. Ramunni states if you're going to have a contractor preform the excavation it should be in writing. McGee states on Mr. Ruud did he get us a price on the on the extra strainer? Whidden states he is going to give us one. Schlueter states no we have to pay for it a walk way that he build it's called a garbage grate it will catch the debris at the south pump.

Whidden states Schlueter at the City Marina where the boat slips are the water line were ran but the water was never hooked up when it is going to be hooked up. Schlueter states we have to be in a boat to be able to hook it up. Power states you don't have to be on a boat to hook it up you can use two planks and hook it up from the top. Schlueter states then we can hook it up tomorrow. Whidden states I don't know why it was not hooked up. Schlueter states that was a former employee job that didn't get completed and we didn't find out until Mr. Powers moved in. Whidden states across City Hall you had that leak that was a month ago when is that going to get fixed? Schlueter states I got a price from Go Underground and I am waiting on a second price we have to divert the 6' water line and redo the curb and concrete box. Whidden states who is giving you the second price? Schlueter states Denco. Whidden states we should go with Go Underground because there are already in town so we need to get it fix. Schlueter states yes sir.

Ramunni states it looks like the Sugar County apartment are close to being done. Schlueter states I do have a question are they in charge of the lift station for the first year and then the CCPWA will take care of it? Whidden states I don't remember a year I remember once it was inspected and approved specs then we take care of it. Schlueter states the only reason I asked it that they want to turn the water on but they have a lock on it and I thought that Craig A Smith said something about them maintaining it for the first year. Ramunni states I don't remember a year. Whidden states I don't remember a year I remember once it was inspected and approved specs then we take care of it but Ramunni we need to double check into it.

6B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states I have a follow up on Phil Bennett settlement I have talked to the other attorney and it looks like we have a settlement for \$50,000 lump sum and I am in the process of the paperwork.

Lucas states Ramunni what is going on with Alvin Bait? Ramunni states I am waiting on one part services of publishing. Lucas states did you talked to the Judge to see if he could do something else? Ramunni states the only other way to get around it is if it's an emergency. Lucas states it is. Eighner states I have had people asked me twice a week about that property I know you have been working on it and the Judge held us back and Code Enforcement held us back but. Lucas states it is dangerous and I have seen kids playing there. Eighner states can we contract someone to clean it and then do a lien on the property. Ramunni states the problem is the property has a SPS mortgage I can talk to them and see if we can have the property exchange for the cleaning of the property. Lucas states I wouldn't care if we did it and paid for it and they didn't pay us back we just need to get it done and it is dangerous. Ramunni states I will see if I can get a hearing from Judge Lundy because if it's a public health issue.

6C: City Clerk.

NONE

6D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

6E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

6F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,194.52.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$25,194.52. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Robert Power states if you can get me 13 2x10 14 foot long I can make bumper for the deck at the marina where they are bolts sticking out. Whidden states we can do that.

Jay Odem states I know we don't have a code enforcer right know but my neighbor yard is worst then last year. Whidden states within a couple of weeks we will have one hired.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Lucas states the house next to rainbow gardens they do a lot of mechanic work the yard looks bad.

ITEM 10 DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 11: DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH APPLICANT FOR CITY MANAGER.

Whidden states during the interview we talked about \$75,000 with 90 day probation I agree on the \$75,000 starting but I would like for a six months' probation also I don't see a problem for the city to furnish a vehicle at \$75,000 now if he would like to negotiate a higher salary then I think he can provide his own way to work back and forth then he can use a city vehicle for his day to day work around the city. Whidden states if you consider the mileage, maintenance and insurance of the vehicle it's around \$10,000 a year perk. Decker states I agree on the six month probation. David Miller states I agree on that. Decker states I have told you all I don't agree on the vehicle but I would like to see what Mr. Miller has to say. Eighner states I am for the \$75,000 with a vehicle or \$85,000 without vehicle and six month probation period. McGee states I fill the same way and I am looking forward to working with you. Eighner states I would like to see him start on March 1st when we are at are busiest. Miller states March 1st in on a Thursday and I don't know how your pay period runs but if it's convenient to start on that Monday. Brantley states our payroll is from Wednesday to Tuesday but you can start Monday. Whidden states what do you agree on the salary? Miller states I agree on my own vehicle and the \$85,000. Whidden states ok you will do your own vehicle from you house to work. Miller states yes. Whidden states there is only two vehicles that are appropriate for you which is 2004 Escape and 2014 Ford F150. Miller states I would like the pickup truck because I would like to be more in the field to help out. Lucas states where is his office going to be at? Decker states the City Barn. Whidden states I prefer him to start at the City warehouse where the crew starts at 7am down the road he can move into the office of where the City Manager was in City Hall. Miller states will I get a cell phone? Whidden states you will be supplied with a City phone. Miller states that is public records? Whidden states yes. Eighner states Brantley has a personnel policy for you. Miller states when will the health insurance start? Brantley states it will start 60 days after you start. Miller states how does the vacation work? Whidden states you accrual it. Brantley stats the first five years you get a day a month, five to ten years you get a day and a quarter a month and over ten years you get a day and a half. Whidden states what does he get on sick days? Brantley states one day a month. Lucas states it's all in the policy. Brantley states thirty days is the cut off on vacation and sick there is not cut off but you don't take it with you. Eighner states do you have any more question for us Mr. Miller? Miller states no so I will start on the 26th. Lucas states just give Brantley and Schlueter a call if you need anything.

Whidden states the grand opening for the Marina is February 17th from 12pm to 7pm that will be the same day as the party at the park. Whidden states Mr. Powers is going to have after school is out in the summer safety classes fishing deals for kids at the Marina.

Whidden states I have to bring an unpleasant issue up I don't have all the information but I have some people come to me and it's not the first time that I am aware of it and I have to address the

council about it and I don't know how many of you all know about it but I don't do social media Facebook, Snapchat Schlueter represents the City as one of our leaders and she also represents the City on the Chalo-Nitka Committee last year there was a big issue about the Chalo-Nitka queen contest and there was social media plastered from different people. Lucas states does this have to be at a meeting girls fighting it can be done privately? Whidden states it involves one of our leaders and I have tried privately and I have asked this council more than once to get involved with City operations and to talk to employees but when something is brought up to my attention I have told you all over two years ago what I suspected now is going to be on public records. Lucas states but it doesn't have to be public does it? Whidden states I asked Schlueter a month ago why is she on water leak calls one or two weeks or three weeks in a roll and Ian's on call one or two weeks why is it that Kelly and Steve who can run any equipment we have why are they not on water leak calls. Lucas states why you haven't asked her that. Whidden states I did right Schlueter? Schlueter states yes. Whidden states and you know what she answered, I can't answer that. Schlueter states I can know. Whidden states I kept it out of this meeting because three years ago I said I don't like to air dirty laundry out in a meeting but I am tired of the social media stuff that involves one of our leaders and like it or not what I do or what any city employee does on or off city time reflects on the job. Lucas states that's your opinion Whidden states that's a fact. Decker states it reflects on all of us. Whidden states I am just letting the council know what I have been putting up with the last couple of days that is why I have asked the council to get involved. Lucas states I have been involved. Whidden states have you heard about this? Lucas states yes, I have gotten three calls but I would not bring this up at a meeting I would go to her office and talk with her. Whidden states I don't want any more social media from any leaders of the City. Lucas states you can't do that. Whidden states you know what we can make some changes. Lucas states maybe you can. Whidden states I am just telling you my point of view I can't make a motion I am just telling you how I feel and I am representing the tax payer's money. Whidden states Schlueter you said you could answer the question of the water leak calls? Schlueter states yes Kelly cannot do it because he can't see at night so he said he cannot do water leak calls Steve said he was willing to take water leak calls. Whidden states Kelly is one of our best employees so when he was hired going over his application this didn't come up? Schlueter states no sir.

Eighner states what do you have to say Schlueter about what happen on social media? Schlueter states it was a childish thing that I did I didn't put it on social media but it was copied onto social media. Eighner states do you understand what he is saying that you represent all of us. Schlueter states yes. McGee states you need to be careful what you put on social media.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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