

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 7, 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 (ABSENT)
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor
 Kevin Bryant, Code Enforcement

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

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

February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PURCHASING TOWER LIGHT.

Eighner states I went back and studied all the paper work I also talked to Schlueter about it, we are borrowing them form Clewiston and from DOT. There is one here 2009 with 3200 hours for \$2,500 with the local events increasing we are going to have to borrow them more often. I understand how the board fills about purchasing them and then having them sit under the barn but on the other hand we do have other equipment that cost more than \$2,500 that we don't use on regular bases. I think as far as safety not only for the City but County wide it could be used if there was an accident or water leak or even a power outage.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by Lucas to approve the purchase 2009 Tower Light for \$2,500. Motion carried

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FDOT RAILROAD REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT.

Whidden states I read through it and I'm not sure. Brantley states I talked to Ramunni and he said its standard. Whidden states let's put it on the next agenda.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICER.

7A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states Ridgdill is going to be doing the drainage on the lot by the School on 6th Street on spring break.

Schlueter states we have discuss the lights on highway 27 about changing them to LED. I have a sample light from Gresco that falls under DOT requirements and we used it over the weekend so we would like to purchase thirty six of these LED lights so we can change out all the lights that we maintain on highway 27 the total cost is \$13,860. McGee states do we have a good track record with Gresco? I know we have I had some issues with some street lights before. Schlueter states that was not with Gresco it was with the manufactory of the lights but I will check into it.

Schlueter states on GCYAA they are going to start up there ball season they want to purchase a fryer to put in the concession stand, there is not one there and in prior years they have used fry daddies so they want to know if the council would help in the purchase of one. I have prices you can look at. Whidden states who is over it now? Schlueter states Timothy Jones is the president Susan Adams is the treasurer and I don't think they have elected a vice president. Lucas states is it a big fryer? Schulter states yes it's an industrial fryer. Eighner states is there propane in that building? Schlueter states no it will be electric. Eighner states do you have to run the electricity there. Schlueter states no there is an outlet already there. Schlueter states that cost is right at \$1,600. Schlueter states Joseph Hernandez has volunteered to help in the concession stand. Whidden states I glad Timothy and Joseph have got involved we have had some issues with prior volunteers and the City has bailed them out more than once with the people that are involved now I not afraid to so some more supporting.

MOTION was made by Lucas seconded by Eighner to approve the purchase of industrial counter top fryer in the amount of \$1,600. Motion carried

Schlueter states I have a couple of updates on the sewer hook ups Denco has moved in to start the work on 4th Street and Avenue R they are running there well points tomorrow, we have three utility poles that is in conflict and we will be moving them and they should be starting anytime.

Schlueter states on state road 78 we did the fluent line today we found the crack its 252 feet south of where we opened up the line we have a video I'm going to send it to Gene and see what their recommendation are because it is directly under the asphalt of state road 78 also DOT was

on site today. Whidden states with the rainy season coming we need to get that line fix. Schlueter states I agree.

Whidden states do you have an update on the animal control report? Schlueter states they will be sending it on a monthly bases.

Whidden states what is going on with the Lundy building? Schlueter states we are waiting on the County we have had a couple of issues with permits so it sure be any day now.

7B: City Attorney.

NONE

7C: City Clerk.

NONE

7D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

7E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

7F: Water Department Supervision Reports

Briefman states CNC control they are working on taking out the old DOS and putting in the new system. Also on the new security system they came in yesterday and did a walk through and that is all I have for you all.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,427.26.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$45,427.26. Motion carried

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Mr. Fielder states back in November I talked to Decker on the street light on 10th street and I think Schlueter said that everything was approved by DOT, but Friday we almost had someone killed at that street. Whidden state Schlueter said what was approved? Fielder states that DOT was in the process of getting a new box and redoing it. Schlueter states we have the new boxes. Fielder states Mable Teal was almost hit by a semi-trailer. Schlueter states did she push the pedestrian cross button? Fielder states I don't know what she did. Schlueter states I don't think she did. Fielder states but we also had another wreck there yesterday two semi-trailer run into each other, everyone that use the red light on 10th street complains about how you get half way down the road and the light changes. Whidden states first of all them electric wheel chairs don't drive fast enough to make across the highway so they shouldn't be crossing the highway; we had

a fatality on Thursday night because of it. Fielder states in my car I have been close to being hit by a semi-trailer because the light changes before I can get across. If you have a car coming from the south side and you're coming from the north side and he is going to turn to go north by the time you make your turn to go south that light has changed. Whidden states we don't have control of the timers. Fielder states I know you don't have control of it but put pressure on DOT to get something done about it. Schlueter states they are set on timers we have them check twice a year they come out and make sure everything is according to DOT standards. Fielder states I just wanted you all to know what was going on. Lucas states if we are having problems why can't we call DOT and let them know. Schlueter states I will call them. Fielder states it doesn't do it all the time. Decker states are you saying the timer is different every time. Fielder states it malfunction sometimes it doesn't give you enough time if you're coming off the side street but if you're on highway 27 there is no problem. Timmy Jones states I have been in the same situation I looked up and it's green and by the time I get to the middle it is red. Fielder states if a semi-trailer is coming down highway 27 and its yellow he is not going to stop. Schlueter states the timer is set for a portion of the day it's not like the 6th street light because it's a full functioning light it functions 24hr the one on 10th street does not. Whidden states the light on 10th street is a hazardous light. McGee states let's just call them and let them know what is going on. Schlueter states I will. Lucas states it is worth a try if you can save someone's life. Schlueter states a lot of people should think about it with their own self and save their own lives.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner states on code enforcement over on avenue C and D in that section a lot of trash can holders are back on both sides of the street; I would like if someone can follow up on them. Schlueter states we did go though there, there was four that we counted that have been moved back to the road I have letters that I'm going to send out.

Eighner states on Avenue F and 5th street it's been vacant for two years let get some paper work on it and moving forward before it becomes another abandon house.

Eighner states on the apartment on Avenue F there is a trail blazer that doesn't have a tag on it.

Eighner states have you talked to Jason Whidden? Schlueter states I sent a letter to Jason.

Eighner states Avenue M and 6th street they have two machine shop setting out there a lot of flea market furniture and three campers that don't have tags on them.

Lucas states down by the marina where the lot was sold they are doing a great job in keeping it mowed.

Lucas states on the golf carts that are all around town; I don't want to stop the golf carts but I have noticed a lot of kids driving them and they are also driving them across the highway. There has to be some way to let the people know that they can't let their children drive them. Whidden state we have an ordinance. Lucas states I know but how many people are going to come up here and read it we need to let them know even if we tell them ever six months. Whidden states we have let the sheriff department know already.

Lucas states we need to have a workshop on code enforcement and the customers not responding on the letters. McGee states I would like to have a copy of all the ordinances. Schlueter states you call the code book. Lucas states let's make the meeting next month. Brantley states at the CCPWA meeting April 24th? Lucas states that's fine. Eighner states what time would that be? Whidden states the CCPWA meeting starts at 5pm so we can do it right after. Schlueter states Kevin Bryant won't be here he is on vacation that day. Whidden states all he does is try to enforce the ordinance we make them.

Decker states have you sent out the letters on the dumpsters yet? Schlueter states no I have been working with City Hall on getting addresses. There are places we put dumpsters out for our convenience like in the Moore Haven Commons. We put a dumpster there so the trash truck doesn't have to drive in the roundabout so we need to get every resident address to inform them.

McGee states on the oak trees we are going to be planting; do you have a time frame? Schlueter states not yet. McGee states I would like to remind you that the Christian motorcycle rally's on the 1st of May.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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