

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 18, 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
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Patricia Lucas, Councilwoman
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman, Financial Director

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 gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

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

May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve May 01, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried...

ITEM 5: DISCUSS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SUMMER CAMP:

Felinda Langdale states we want to start a summer program at the Elementary School for 2 weeks in July, the school cannot fund it, and so we are looking for outside sources to help us with this camp. We want to take them bowling, to fisheating creek, and possibly Gatorama. Lucas states I was not here, how much do you all need? Langdale states we broke everything down for transportation, our teachers, we want the students to pay but it won't cover everything, but with the transportation and teachers it would be right at \$10,000.00. Decker states it that excluding any donations you already have? Langdale states no that is over all to run the whole project. Whidden states do you have the figure of what you need from the City? Langdale states no, Mrs. Perry has been running it and she just asked me to step in for her tonight, she has all that

information. Whidden states can you bring back those figures to the next meeting and we will see what we can do. Langdale state yes we can.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SCOP DEFICIENT OUT OF LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX:

Ramunni states I spoke to Maxine earlier and she said there was a shortage and she needed to supplement that.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve paying Scop deficient out of local option gas tax. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CONNECTION/HOOKUP FEES FOR THE HOTEL PROPERTY:

Whidden states I had this put on the agenda. There are a couple of people that are interested in doing something there. I want to discuss the sewer, the electric, and the water hook up. I wanted to let the Council know that I think that we need to make it more feasible for someone that is interested to put something there to hit them with all the fees. Ramunni states do we need to do something now or do we need to wait until there is a contract presented? Ahern states right now we are working on the bid proposal, so if it is approved we can incorporate that into the bid document for prospective bidders, and right now I think we have 3. Ramunni states when you do the bid, you are then going to award the bid, there is going to be a contract in place to say they are going to develop a minimum of so many units over a certain time line. Ahern states what we are doing is we are going to have a special meeting next week to try to come up with everything we want to put into the bid. Lucas states is it normal for them to not pay the hook-up fees? Ramunni states if they have already been paid, then yes.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve waiving hook-up fees the hotel property. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER:

8A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states we have started cleaning ditches on the south side of Highway 27; we should be completed with the bucket truck purchase in the next few days. We did quite well there, we saved about \$17,000.00. The marina was supposed to be inspected today, it was and passed. I talked to the contractor and he is supposed to pour it Wednesday or Thursday, depending on the weather. We received a quoted from Rayburn to demo the bait and tackle store, Maxine and I discussed that today, and we are going to need another quote, so we will do that again. At the new apartments they are asking for 3 poles with lights on them. McGee states street lights? Miller states street lighting is basically on us, but security lighting is on them. Decker states it that where they are wanting the lights? Miller states yes. Decker states that is not our streets. Miller state not that I can see. Whidden states the one we would be responsible for would be on

the corners of Ramey Avenue and 10th Street and Ramey Avenue and City Limits Road. Miller states I will discuss it with them. Miller states Mr. Washington is retiring on Friday and I have set up a little luncheon for his retirement, and I wanted to let you all know you are invited and it is at noon at the warehouse.

8B: City Attorney:

NONE

8C: City Clerk:

NONE

8D: Craig A Smith:

NONE

8E: CAS Governmental Services:

NONE

8F: Water Department Supervision Reports:

NONE

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,040.46:

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$60,040.46. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:

Patricia Brown states I have an issue, I don't know who the guys are that are doing the spraying at the ditches, it is on your property, but when they are spraying it is drifting to my property and killing my grass and plants. They are over spraying and it is traveling. In the past they have been using a weed eater, but now they are spraying and it is killing not only my yard but others on the 10th Street. Miller states I wanted them to spray around the edges of the pipe so that the water will flow through the ditches. I did have an issues with this employee and he is no longer working with us.

Margaret Brown states I have an issue with my utilities, my bill has gone up from \$150.00 to \$190.00 in one month and it is just me in the house. Whidden states what went up? Brown states everything. Whidden states was it your electric, your water? Brown states it was everything. Whidden states if you will go to City Hall tomorrow and talk to Maxine, Melissa or Vicki, they can look at it and help you out. Brown states has there been any increase in the rates? Whidden states no ma'am.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Decker states from day one, David Miller, I thank you. We put him on 6 month probation, I would like to change that to 3 months and make him a regular employee. Ramunni states how long has it been? Decker states not quite 3 month yet. Miller states is started February 26th, it is coming up very quick. Ramunni states that is up to you all.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve changing probation for David Miller from 6 months to 3 months. Motion carried.

McGee states I have been noticing a lot more traffic, not golf carts, but things like 4 wheelers, quads and motorcycles. I don't know how we can address that, maybe get with Sheriff Hardin, or put something in the paper letting everyone know they are not supposed to be on the streets. It is getting kind of dangerous behind my house. Miller states that is basically a law enforcement issue.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED:

NONE

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm