

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 19, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

Council members present: Bret Whidden, Mayor
 Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Dave McGee, Councilman

Others Present: Ashley Wills, City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 David Miller, City Manager
 Brandon Roberts, Public Works
 Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Eighner states I have an addition to the agenda to discuss the Westergaard House.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLWING MEETINGS MINUTES.

May 05, 2020 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Browning to approve May 05, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion Carried.

Browning states we have some changes we need to make. Under item two, the first line, Brewington is spelled wrong, also once in 2A.

ITEM 4A: DISCUSS WESTERGAARD HOUSE.

Eighner states the Peter Westergaard House was under the Historical Society, which was Anne Dueschle and a group of other people. Anne is about the only person still a part of the Historical Society, and she does not know who to rent the building to or not. We have had a few issues. This property is valued at \$63,000.00; it is a not for profit property, and on the property appraisers' site it says the Historical Society owns it. Unfortunately, there is no one running the Historical Society. We pay the utility bills and we mow the yard; I feel we need to take full control of the property

and run it the way we run the Chalo Nitka grounds. What I am asking for is to find out what type of paperwork the City needs to take over the property. Ramunni states what is the address. Eighner states I am not sure, but it is on Avenue L. Ramunni states do we have a deed or anything. Whidden states I am not sure, but the meeting before last I brought to the attention of Mr. Miller and Steve to see what we need to do to take this over. Ramunni states we can order the reports so that we can see the chain of title. Eighner states Anne would be the one to sign it over, so if you will get the paperwork to Mr. Miller of what she needs to sign. Mr. Miller can give it to me, and I will give it to Melissa and she have her come sign it. Browning states is that house in good shape. Whidden states yes, it is in good shape.

ITEM 5: AWARD SAM BRIEFMAN PLAQUE FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN.

Miller reads plaque aloud. Briefman states I would like to thank David and this Council. I appreciate all of you and everything you have done for me and the water plant.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS RIVERGARDENS SEWER EXTENTION.

Whidden states they are building two new houses over there, one of them can be hooked to the sewer and the other one cannot. We have about 300 foot of line that we have to run to pick up that house. This will need to come before the sewer authority board, but Mr. Miller has been looking for a contractor. I do not want to slow the Habitat for Humanity house down. Miller states I had the sewer sent to me today, I would like to get it signed but that is up to Steve. Ramunni states that will have to wait until the meeting Tuesday, and we need to have a CAPFA then as well. If you are going to fund it from CAPFA there should be a meeting to approve it. Miller states I will try to get the pricing.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS GOLF CART ORDINANE NUMBER 340 AND NUMBER 341.

Whidden states we had 340 then we did some changes and we had 341. Ramunni states 341 supersedes 340. Whidden states right, but when you have people in the community that have one or both, deputies have one or both, it causes a lot of confusion. There were some tickets written on 340. If you read through 340 and 341 you will see the discrepancies. Decker states if a grandparent or parent is with the child, they can drive the golf cart. Eliminate A and change 17 to 16. Ramunni states so change 17 to 16. Whidden states I do not even know why you need that in there. Anyone under the age of 16 has to have a licensed person with them. Then you have to figure out how to take care of the older people that do not have a driver's license. Eighner states whether our ordinance was the way we wanted it or not, as soon as he crossed over Highway 27 the State law supersedes Glades County law and now here, we are on golf carts again. Browning states do we need a motion? Ramunni state no I have to amend the ordinance first. Eighner states please put it on the next agenda.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER.

8A: City Manager

Miller states first we need approval for Ashley Wills to be the representative for our property and casualty and the group health insurance for PRM

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker for Ashley to be our representative for PRM. Motion Carried.

Miller states I have the quotes for the demo of the Whidden and the Collier property. Whidden states the Whidden property where? Eighner states on Avenue K. Whidden states I just wanted it on the record that is not the Whidden property on Avenue O. Miller states on Avenue K, the cost to demo the house, the low bid was \$12,525.00 and to do the shed is \$2,700.00. Ramunni states if you are going to incur more expenses then we need to include it on to the final judgement amount. I was told there was a budget that we may be exceeding if we do both structures. Eighner states what is the amount on the Collier house that is the most important house to be torn down. Miller states \$9,880.00 by Pittman and they were the only ones I could get to give me a quote. In the budget we have \$20,000.00 out of CAPFA. Whidden state I agree, I think we need to demo the Collier property first, that is going to take about half the budget. Is the majority of that just wood? Eighner states that and basically everything in the house. Miller states in the quote it is the removal of the structure, removal of trees and vegetation to make property accessible for the demo, clean up, permit fees up to \$100.00 and does not include the septic tank abandonment. Eighner states the Whidden structure is still standing, but the garage is leaning, and we just got that great big new machine that tears things down. I would like for the City to demo the shed but keep all this money owed on the lien. The City can go over there and tear it down before it falls in the ally. Then you can take the rest of the budget tear down the Collier house and you get a nice clear lot by the Baptist Church. Are you ok with the City tearing down the shed? Miller states no, I am not crazy about the City tearing it down. Eighner states all you have to do is go in with the grabber truck and carry it right out there. That would save us \$2,700.00. Decker states why do you not want the City to tear it down? Miller states we use the grabber truck everyday and that means if we are working on this for two days it will put us behind on pickup. If Pittman comes in with the right machine, they are done in a couple of hours and then they are done. We will do it. Eighner states Steve you are going to file the papers, the City is going to tear down the shed, and we can have Pittman move forward with tearing down the Collier house tomorrow. Ramunni states the judge has already granted that.

8B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states we are going to amend the water conservation ordinance. Ramunni reads aloud by title only.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Browning for Ashley to approve first reading of water conservation ordinance. Motion Carried.

8C: City Clerk.

NONE

8D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

8E: CAS Governmental Services

Vannasche states the Governor still working on the reemployment. The budget has not been presented to him.

8F: Water Department Supervisor

Roberts states hurricane season is coming up, I talked with the operators about getting the plant ready for it. The CCR for 2019 is completed and getting ready to be sent out.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,878.71.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$58,878.71. Motion Carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

NONE

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Decker states I have not had the chance to ask, David have you heard anything from Comcast? I have sent two or three emails and I am not getting a response.

Browning states Friday afternoon at 6:00 they will have the senior parade. It will be the same route as Chalo Nitka.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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