

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2019 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, Councilman, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
 Dave McGee, Councilman
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman

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 does roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

ITEM 4: TRACY WHIRLS TO GIVE UP DATE:

Whirls states I am here specifically to give you an update on the Brownfield initiative. The RPC was able to get a \$600,000.00 grant from the EPA at the federal level to do Brownfield assessments in Glades County, Hendry County and the community of Immokalee. The City of Moore Haven has a defined Brownfield overlay, which are also the CRA boundaries. We are focusing our efforts primarily in that area. The Brownfield program is intended not to just identify areas that might be perceived to be contaminated, like a former gas station site or an old dump or something like that, but we are also trying to identify those properties that are most likely to be redeveloped. What we have done so far is we have completed phase one assessments for the Glades Inn property, the Herring Bay Property, which is near the Catholic Church. The phase one is primarily like a title search and then there is also a site access agreement that was signed so that the company that is doing the assessments can actually walk onto the site to see if there are any visible indication of previous problems. If there a no issues then we are done, but if they identify any issues they have the ability to come back and do a phase two, which would involve soil sampling and that sort of thing. It is all about getting those sites fixed.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 338 (PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES) CONTINUED FROM LAST MEETING:

Ramunni states I don't have the corrections made yet, and I have a question while I am in the process of amending it slightly. I understand as far as you wanting to keep it limited to one commercial vehicle as it would be defined already per residential property. The other intent was with regards to vehicles without current licensing and inoperable; the way it was defined was unless screened from view from any adjacent property, I was thinking that is probably not what we are ultimately looking for, unless it is in an enclosed structure like we do elsewhere in that particular section of the code. We would just be more consistent, and I didn't like that unless screened from view language, because I don't think it is as comprehensive as what you were looking for through code enforcement. Eighner states what we are talking about right now is what we had talked about two years ago when we made Kevin have everybody put tarps on top of cars. The issue is vehicles in yards with no tags or out of date tags. That is the only thing that needs to be changed, according to what I have been told. Ramunni states ok, I will make the changes.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to continue Ordinance #338 to the next meeting. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DICUSS AND/OR APPROVE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RENTAL OF THE CHALO NITKA GROUNDS:

Whidden states this is another one that we have been discussing and we need to keep it on the agenda until we get it to where it needs to be.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Browning to continue Rules and Regulations for the rental of the Chalo Nitka Ground to the next meeting. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states Jake had asked me about getting reimbursed for the repair of the traffic signals. I spoke to Steve Miller; he is the head of that. Basically on the 6th Street light, that bill is really under maintenance, but we had a really good talk. There are some other things we have to get done, some more inspections and stuff like that, he is going to help me with getting those things done at a very minimal cost. He was appreciative of the things that we are doing to make things better. He said to call him first; they will do whatever they can to lessen the cost.

Miller states US 27, there is going to be a pre-construction meeting on June 25th at 9 o'clock in Sebring. I need to attend that, I just wanted to let you all know that I would be going.

Miller states animal control, you all had asked me to address Mr. Murphy. I did go see him. His comment was he would like to keep the hours as they are right now and his reasoning, basically was right now she is being more reactive. She is getting more calls to go here and go there than

being able to just do a regular routine. He thinks if we change the hours she won't be as productive.

Miller states Sugar Country Apartments, a couple of weeks ago Felicia and I were notified that the grease traps were being taken out of the apartments. I had discussions with Steve and Gene and we came to the conclusion that we are going to give them a certain time period to put them back in. That time period was actually today, I did get an email yesterday morning that the plumbers were on their way to get them reinstalled. There was a vehicle accident and the plumber that was coming had been killed in the wreck. I did respond back to them, that under the circumstances the City does understand, and to please notify me we want to get this rescheduled.

7B: CITY ATTORNEY

Burleson states we have a little issue come up from the purchase of a property, block 164 which is at the end of 4th Street. Around 1998 thru 2002 there was a law suit about that corner area that involved Glen Thomas and a couple of other people and it finally ended up in court. From my investigation, Judge Lundy made a ruling on the fact of where the lines were going to be for block 163 and 164 on the east side. What comes into play is when we bought the property from the City of Moore Haven we bought all of block 164 and it appears what Lundy did through his whatever it was what he had to do to settle this law suit is he moved the east property line for block 164 some 21 feet to the west from where it was originally. They moved the actual boundary of the block. Ramunni states do you have anything pertaining to the law suit? Burleson states yes, I do. Ramunni states it would be very helpful to me to have whatever paperwork you have. (Burleson gives Ramunni a copy of the information he has). Burleson states I don't have a problem with any of this, yes I am losing a piece of property, and yes I expect to be compensated in some way for that piece of property from someone. I have everything that says I own block 164. Ramunni states that is the question, what is block 164? That is what I will do the research on.

7C: CITY CLERK

Nothing to report.

7D: CRAIG A SMITH

Nothing to report.

7E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

7F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Briefman states I one thing I would like to bring up so that Steve is aware of it. Our GE/SUEZ we have used almost all the credit we had with them. We have \$862.00 left out of that.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,754.13:

MOTION was made by Eighner, seconded by Browning to approve bills in the amount of \$32,754.13. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GERNAL CONCERNS:

Nothing to discuss.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner has nothing to report.

Browning has nothing to report.

Decker has nothing to report.

McGee has nothing to report.

Whidden has nothing to report

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

Nothing to discuss.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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