

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

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

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

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.**

Whidden gave the roll call.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

NONE

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

May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by Browning to approval June 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE WESTERGAARD HOUSE AT 270 AVENUE L.**

Whidden states we have discussed this in a couple of meetings back, we would like to take it back over. Ramunni states I ordered a title search and I should get it by the end of the week. Whidden states at one point it belonged to the City and the City gave it to the Historical Society, I think we only need the clean title search done and Eighner is going to arrange Mrs. Coffee to sign the paperwork. Browning states does it no need work done on it? Whidden states its minor work. Decker states who oversees the maintaining the of roof, are we responsible for all the repairs to maintain the house? Whidden states we will. Decker states there is a handicap ramp in the back that needs to be repaired also some of the white trim around the house is rotted and needs to be replaced, we are going to spend some money. Whidden states we are going to have to, once all the

Historical Society are all gone the house is going to sit there and rot down. Eighner states she mention that at one point they had a little over \$70,000 in their checking account, now a lot of that was for repairs and maintenance on the house. I did not ask her the current balances but whatever is in there should continue to be used for repairs. Eighner states I do not know if you can sell a Historical house. Raminni states yes you can. Browning states can anyone buy the house? Eighner states yes if they buy it from the Historical Society yes but from the City no the City will have to go out for bids. Ramunni states in the past the property would have to be appraised and the City does half of the tax value. Whidden states we need to put this on the next agenda.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE GOLF CART ORDINANCE# 341**

Whidden states is the Golf Cart ordinances going to stay #341? Ramunni states no we are amending ordinance #341 in part, Wills will this ordinance be #341? Wills states yes. Ramunni reads ordinance #342 out loud by title.

**MOTION** was made by Eighner seconded by Browning to approval first reading of Golf Cart Ordinance# 342. Motion Carried

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE WATER CONSERVING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION ORDINANCE.**

Ramunni states we need to continue this to the first meeting in July.

**ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**8A: City Manager**

Miller states I heard from Bob Jones he called me about the fireworks the Corps of Engineers denied the fireworks permit. Whidden states the problem is they are not giving us the permit to set the fireworks off the levee, but all the people will be at Alva Ward parking lot and that will be open correct. Miller states is it owned by the Corps of Engineers? Whidden states its owned by the Corps of Engineers but it is leased by the County. Eighner states they do not lease by the levee and that is where we shoot the fireworks form. Miller states the problem is when they shoot the fireworks it must be at a certain distance. Whidden states I understand that, but can we use the east end of that property, Miller can you get with Bob Jones and see if that is available to be used. Whidden states we can put it on the next agenda. Eighner states we are past our deadline and we already spend \$5,000. Miller states if we cannot go with the fireworks, I think we can get some of it back. Browning states why can't we shoot them down here? Whidden states that type of fireworks is to risky to shoot near residents' homes.

Miller states on the Rivergardens sewer expansion the permit has been submitted to DEP. Tomorrow Gene and Greg from Crag A Smith are coming Roberts and I will be talking to them about the scope of work and also to go over some things at the Water Plant and Sewer Plant.

Miller states as of this today we are a member of Sunshine 811, we will get notification if someone is going to dig in the area and we can locate our water lines and sewer lines.

Miller states Pamula Dufrene at the Marina gave us her two weeks' notice her last day is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states on the J. Whidden property I called the Tax Collectors there is about \$2,500 on back taxes that are going to be due, do you all want to pay them before we get the judgement or after? Whidden states how would it affect us? Ramunni states I do not think it will be of the judgment with out the taxes would be \$25,000 and another \$2,500. Whidden states I think we should go ahead and pay the taxes.

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by Browning to approve to pay \$2,500 back taxes on J. Whidden property. Motion Carried

**8C: City Clerk.**

NONE

**8D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**8E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**8F: Water Department Supervisor**

Roberts states the water plant operators were making repairs last week, the feed line was not getting enough through it, you can maybe get a number two pencil down the hole it's eat up that much with calcium we need to repair and replace all of it.

The guys have been doing a great job in taking care of things that have been needing attention. We did have an issue on communications two weeks ago we all had to go out there and fix it, it took us 6 hours. We are looking into putting something over it.

**ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,363.60.**

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$14,363.60. Motion Carried

**ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

Jeff states I wanted to know if we were going to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival. Whidden states as far as I know we are. Eighner states if we get turned down on the fireworks are, we still going to do the festival? Whidden states yes, I want to.

**ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Eighner states I did not get a Code Enforcement list in my packet. Eighner states we are getting into our final stages with the company that is helping us redevelop the downtown. If we do not help our self those people will not help us. The whole thing is to make us look better moving forward the goal is to make the City look good. Unfortunately if we can get any grants we can't do a lot, but I would like to do work on the landscaping, the skirting on the homes, the vehicles and the mowing there is no code violations in the City. I am not trying to come down in Felicia Littles because I know through all the corona virus, she has been covering the warehouse and helping at City Hall, but I want Code Enforcement to go back to how it was six months ago.

Decker states I want to talk about the Marina there is over \$31,000 in wages that can be used on other departments. I do not see why we need to put a second person in the Marina. Miller states I did put together a list of profit and lost, this report is from June 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020 the Marina took in \$5,300 we spent \$4,481.13 which left \$818.87 that is not including the water and lights. I think to keep the standards you all want I really need that employee back. Decker states you all know that we do not have the same number of customers in summer as we do in the spring and fall. Whidden states I think Miller is heading in the right direction with it, I am not for closing it and am not for letting that building rot. I think the funds came out a little better than what it thought we can look into cutting the hours but not closing it. Eighner states I thought it had to stay open a certain number of hours per day per the grant? Ramunni states I am not sure but if you give me the paperwork, I can go over it. Miller states Ramunni can I do 30 hours? Ramunni states yes.

Decker states I am not sure if you all know but the Animal Control guy was let go the County will be hiring for Animal Control.

Decker states I want to discuss the garbage and extra trash pickup. Miller states the apartment across from Decker's home Littles has been working on this and got with the owner and took the dumpster out and we are giving them until Monday to have two 30-gallon cans per apartment and if they have extra trash like furnisher they need to call in to get a workorder done, I am going to look into the ordinance on construction debris. Whidden states I am not going to stop anyone from cleaning up their property if they put it on the side of the road, we will charge them.

Whidden states Miller you got an email from Florida League of Cities about the federal funds the City's part is about \$105,000. Miller states I am not sure if we need to apply but It will be looking into. Whidden states across from Missouri Park a man has a vacant lot and wants to put a park model on it, our zoning map said a trailer has to be 10x40 but a park model is 12x38 which gives you more square footage but right now the park model is not aloud we need to look into changing it.

**ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Ashley Wills, City Clerk  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

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