

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 17, 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 (ABSENT)
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman, Financial Director

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, 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; Eighner led in the flag salute.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN:

Whidden states it is time to look at our insurance plan and the insurance goes up across the board with every entity, municipality or businesses. David, it is his job to look into different plans, different options, he looks at the financing part of it for the City budget, plus look at it for the employees. He has done that and we have all the scenarios and have looked over it, discussed it at previous meetings, somewhat, everyone went home and studied it. I looked at all of it and talked to David about it and my recommendation is that the City absorbs the increase and keeps the plan that we have now in place for the employees. Miller states I feel the same way and this is my opinion and I just want to add that once we set that plan in place, there is like 3 more options underneath that the boys could choose from if they would like. Whidden states that would be at their discretion. Miller states yes, that's right, at their discretion. Whidden states I think you did a good job looking into that. McGee states I like the plan 0727, which is what we have now. Decker states I spoke to three employees and they would very much like to keep the plan 0727.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to keep the insurance plan 0727.
Motion carried.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICER:

5A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states just to carry on with the insurance. I have scheduled a meeting with the insurance company for the 27th of month, which will be a Friday. They are going to come and explain everything to all the employees, I am bringing them all in here to City Hall at 10 o'clock and they will be able to ask any questions and look over the options.

Miller states tomorrow I am returning the track machine that we have been going down the allys with. We are done with it for now. We have the asphalt patching along all the roads on the north side of Highway 27, we had done a little bit on the south side, but we will get it completed.

Miller states tomorrow morning we will start cleaning up the water park. I have gotten with Sam and he has ordered two 4" osny valves, there is an assembly that has been leaking, we are going to stop that leak and then we will look at the valving inside, because I think there are some issues there.

Whidden states the back yard machine for the tree trimming did you get what you needed done? Miller states yes. Right now manpower wise, I have gone as far as we really can. I am going to see if I can schedule something for January or February of this year and bring it back.

Miller states the County is doing a feasibility study for the U.S. 27 corridor on the other side of the bridge. I am having a meeting with that study group on the 19th, they have asked for a bunch of information about our sewer system and our water system. I have also set up a meeting with FDOT on the U.S. 27 project. We are meeting next Wednesday at 11 o'clock here at City Hall. I will be out of town the 20th and the 23rd. I want to set up a workshop on the 27th in the afternoon. Whidden states what time. Miller states about 1:30 pm. Eighner states I will not be in town on the 27th. Miller states let me look at it again and we will try to reschedule after that day. McGee states don't forget about the side arm mower. Miller states I am working on that. McGee states the grass is still growing. Miller states the County may have one and I am going to go look at it. Decker states have you heard anything else on the decorative poles? Miller states I have the information it is just the matter of manpower, and priorities to be honest with you. We are getting towards the end of the budget and I have been a little more careful watching what we are spending. Just so you all know Maxine and I talk about these things and we are watching the budget as it comes down to the end.

5B: City Attorney:

NONE

5C: City Clerk:

NONE

5D: Craig A Smith:

NONE

5E: CAS Governmental Services:

NONE

5F: Water Department Supervision Reports:

Briefman states I have 3 bids for, as you know I have been coming to you for the last couple of months for the chlorine issue and I am requesting the purchase of a skid for the downtown pump station. Bid number one is what we are recommending. It is the least expensive of the three and it will do the same job as the other ones. Whidden states I looked at those too and I make the recommendation we go with Sam's choice.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve bid number one for the skid system in the amount of \$5,151.50. Motion carried.

Briefman states I have contacted our engineers they are going to contact DEP and advise them of what we are doing.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,822.11:

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$107,822.11. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:

Mrs. Adams states the lights on the street in front of the motel have been out for over a year now. I have called the County barn and I have spoken to someone on the truck, I guess that fixes electric stuff, and they have not been fixed yet. I don't know what the problem was, but we need those lights. My grandchildren are out there walking the dogs. Whidden states is it the ones on top of the bridge? Adams states no, it is the ones on the street. Miller states is it the decorative lights? Adams states yes, they have taken the pole out. Whidden states those are the ones he was asking about. We are trying to change them out, but we cannot get those anymore, so we are trying to replace them. Adams states that is great, as long as it is in the works, it is ok.

Joe Newton states as you know I mow the property over in Rivergardens and around here in town. I have been informed by the Code Enforcement Officer that it has to be mowed every two weeks. My customers will not stand for that. Littles states the rules are that the grass has to be 12" or below. I send out a letter of violation when the grass is above 12". It is not that the lot has to be mowed twice a month it can be mowed 3 times a month, but has to be kept below 12", and in the winter time it doesn't grow as fast, so it may not be cut as often. Newton states I have been mowing grass here for 30 years and I have had a code enforcement officer come up with an idea like this. Whidden states that has always been the code. Eighner states it just wasn't enforced. Littles states I have a list of the properties he mows and I will send them a copy of the

ordinance. Schlueter states have you considered changing the ordinance for number of days that the violation has to be corrected right now it is 10 days. You can drive down Avenue K and there is at least 6 lots between here and 5th Street that are well above the 12" and I have talked to Felicia and she said she has sent out letters. By the time she sends out a letter and you wait the 10 days you have grass out there that is hip high right now and a regular property owner there is no way for them to mow that.

ITEM 8: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states I had the opportunity to spend time today with the Glades County Summer Youth Program. Ms. Laura and the rest are running a great program. Today they had Glades County Sheriff Office come out to the Creek and show them different animal tracks and things. The ladies that were out there wanted me to thank you all again for pushing for the summer camp. Another thing I would like to talk about is animal control. Our animal control officer, Jamie Wright, is here tonight. About a week or so ago I was missing my animal, so I went out there to check it out, she pulled up while I was there and gave me a tour of the place. Since I have sat on the board and before, there has always been a problem with animal control. I know in the last 3 or 4 months our reports have picked up, we haven't had as many stray animals and we haven't talked about animal control hardly at all here. The facility that is out there was built in 2003. There have not been very many upgrades to that facility. We are getting close to working on our budget; currently right now the City gives the County \$25,000.00 a year to run that facility. I would encourage each of you to go out there and take a tour and see what she is working with. I just think the way animal control is moving forward that it is time to get with the County and do some upgrades out there. Ahern states with the working relationship between the City and the County I will get with Bob Jones and we do have new people at the road department, I think they will be more cooperative to help out with things, make some changes there and will make some improvements. I will talk to Bob about the problems.

Decker states I was out there also and I sure am glad you are there. She definitely needs our support as far as a dumpster as soon as we can get one out there. Miller states I can make that happen right away. She has a priority list and hope she can get the help she needs from the County and us. I was amazed at the filing cabinets and the dog collars, the leashes, right down to everything that she has gotten donated. Everything is neat and clean and in its place.

McGee states you definitely need some support and I am 100% for it. Anything we can do, we will do it. Ahern states I was on the City Council when we recognized the need for animal control and I will fully support it from the County side.

Whidden states the only thing I have is, we are working on the budget and we still have to have some workshops on that. I want you all to keep in your mind and talk about putting some more in the budget for the EDC. Another area we need to look at and discuss, along with animal control, is the fire department. You all start thinking about that if you would.

Eighner states we have not set a date for the budget workshop. Brantley states you are not going to be here on the 27th and that was the date that David and I were looking at so we will come up with another date. Miller states maybe the following Friday. I would like to do it on a Friday to

where everyone is a little more available to spend an afternoon together. Eighner states I am fine with the following Friday. Ok Friday after next at 1 o'clock maybe. Brantley states it will be August 3rd at 1:30 pm.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED:

NONE

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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