

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR  
MEETING ON JULY 21, 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

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.**

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

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

NONE

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

June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Browning to approve June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion Carried.

July 07, 2020 Regular Meeting

**MOTION** was made by Browning seconded by McGee to approve July 07, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion Carried.

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

Eighner states I spoke with Anne after our last meeting. She does have a set of bylaws she has to locate them and we would have them by the next City Council meeting. Ramunni states are the other people able to sign? Eighner states I did ask her and she said she did not think they were able. Ramunni states they will have to appoint new directors. I can amend the articles and appoint

two people, because you must have three members because it is a not for profit. Get me the bylaws first so I can look at it and we can proceed from there. Whidden states keep it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS DEPOSIT/RECONNECT/CHARGES ORDINANCE.**

Whidden states I have one correction, on section A where it reads restored, I would like it to read reconnected. Ramunni states do you have any other changes. Eighner states I have a change about the people that own the property and a renter moving out on them and leaving a utility bill. Whidden states then we can go after the owner. Wills states the only problem with that is the state statutes. Miller states we are going to have to get together, there is a state statute that states you cannot come back on the owner if they are not on the account. I think Steve and I are going to have to have a conversation about how to deal with this. Ramunni states we can still do the first reading now and then it will get published, when we come back for the second reading, we can tweak it. Whidden states leave this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**McGee withdraws motion.**

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

Ramunni states I need to postpone this. I have it hand-written, can you email me the body, that would make it easier for me to get it prepared.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE TRADING LOTS ON AVENUE J WITH BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Laura Mathis states we just wanted to come to discuss the property that has been cleared next to church and we have the two lots across from the backside our church that we are hoping to switch out with the City. As representatives we wanted to let it be known that we are interested in that. Eighner states do you have an update? Are we still waiting on Mr. Lundy? Ramunni states yes, once it is done, I can finish it up.

**ITEM 9: DISCUSS FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION OUTREACH.**

Whidden states a gentleman reached out to me about a month ago and we have been talking and he is supposed to get back to me this week in person. He is meeting with the surrounding counties about the Florida Trail Association to promote more activities. I just wanted you all to be aware of what was going on. I have him interested in Moore Haven and the canal project.

**ITEM 10: REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**10A: City Manager**

Miller states just a reminder, on the Rivergardens Sewer Extension, the sealed bids are due July 29<sup>th</sup>. The bid for the customers not yet hooked up to the sewer on Avenue N, O, S and 4<sup>th</sup> Street,

bids will be opened on August 20<sup>th</sup>. I had a meeting with Bob Jones yesterday concerning the CARES Act funding. The County will be preparing applications and the evaluations, the whole process. As far as the City, we will help them distribute applications.

**10B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states I had Ashley put in your packets an update on the refinance with CAPFA.

**10C: City Clerk.**

Wills states Tuesday Tritt from First Bank contacted me today and we need to fill out the renewal for the FPL pledge for First Bank. I just have to get it into the minutes so that she can have someone come down and fill it out. Whidden states I will go by there and fill it out.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the renewal pledge for FPL. Motion Carried.

**10D: Craig A Smith.**

NONE

**10E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**10F: Water Department Supervisor**

Roberts states the plant is running good and just wanted to remind you all that the roof over the skids when possible would be really nice. The operators have been doing a really good job, they re-dosed the chemicals, and did a recalculation on the flow and found out that we were overdosing. We are able save on chemical costs and will a couple of hundred dollars we were able to fix our mixing problem. Whidden states I thought we had already talked about getting the roof over done. Miller states we talked about getting the pricing and look at it at budget time.

**ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,631.60.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$40,631.60. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 12: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

Annie Brown states I am still complaining about signs, they put some up, but they are in the wrong place. They need to be on Elmwood Avenue. Whidden states we can put one there, I do not know if they will pay attention to it or not, but we can put one there.

**ITEM 13: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

McGee states I just want to commend David and the crew on the stop signs. Also, I appreciate the Burger King, they have started painting it and it is looking better.

Browning states is there some information on the More to Moore Haven that I can get to look at? Whidden states it is getting finalize now and when it is finished, I will get it for you.

**ITEM 14: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 115: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Ashley Wills, City Clerk  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

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Bret Whidden, Mayor

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