

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
AUGUST 17, 2021, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL,
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

Council Members Present:

Bret Whidden, Mayor
Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Marcus "Marc" Decker
Clay Browning
Jan Gunn

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
David Miller, City Manager
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Roberts. Pledge lead by Decker.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There are none.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS TREES DONATED TO THE CITY IN PREVIOUS MEETING.

Roberts stated he spoke with the gentleman about having a meeting and deciding what the board wanted to do with the trees.

Gunn mentioned that Ryan stated there is an issue with getting the trees here that the City would have to pick the trees up.

Eighner mentioned that Perry was willing to donate trees to the residents in the City.

The board stated to start out with 10 trees.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

August 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

MOTION was made by Decker to approve the August 3rd, 2021, regular meeting minutes.
Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

6A: CITY MANAGER

Miller stated that he received a draft for the American Rescue Plan regarding the stimulus money for the municipalities. The City will be receiving \$905,043. He stated the board needs to approve Wills as the designated precipitant over it. Wills is setting up a bank account.

6B: CITY ATTORNEY.

Ramunni stated he went through the seawall permit and asked Miller about what all needs to be done. Miller stated that Mittauer is still waiting on the Army Core permit. Once that is done, he believes the grant will be satisfied.

As far as the construction goes the City would have to get another grant and go through the process again.

Ramunni stated that he has the contract for the historical house prepared.

Whidden stated that he wants Ramunni to look over the Clyde Johnson proposal for the six different parcels. He offered \$85,000 but Ramunni believes the offer is a little premature.

Ramunni stated to put Clyde Johnson on the next meeting agenda.

6C: CITY CLERK

Wills stated that City Hall has been having several issues with the internet recently. It has got to the point where we can't take payments. Wills stated that she got a quote from Freedom Wi-Fi in the amount of \$950.00 a month. The amount includes services for City Hall, City Barn, the Water treatment facilities. It also includes brand new phones. The installation fee is \$2,450 so for the first month including the installation fee would be \$3,400.

6D: CRAIG A. SMITH

Nothing to report.

6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

6F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR

Roberts stated that he had the IT guy come out and calibrate the 720-water meter and he did some more tweaking on it, and everything seems to look good.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,574.27.

MOTION by Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$44,574.27. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/ GENERAL CONCERNS:

There are none.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS

Gunn mentioned the thrift store and asked if it is structurally sound. Felicia stated that yes, the thrift store is structurally sound. Felica stated that there is a permit for the roof, and they are going to fix the roof.

Eighner mentioned that there hasn't been any progress at the Moore Haven Restaurant. The gentleman stated that he is just putting wood over the windows. The City has picked up trash from the restaurant. Ramunni stated to cite him with whatever code violations Felicia can. Mr. Lee has not pulled any permits for the restaurant since the City gave him 30 days to do so. Ramunni stated to start the clock with the citations. Eighner stated to put the Moore Haven Restaurant on the next meeting agenda.

Decker stated that he would have a difficult time making it to the 9/27 budget hearing. Wills stated that she can work on moving the date. He also wanted to mention that he was very pleased with how the Audit came out for the City.

Whidden stated that the minimum wage is increasing to \$15 an hour and it will eventually change the budget.

Whidden stated that board needs take into consideration to increase the rate for electric due to the increase in minimum wage in the future.

Roberts stated that she received a phone call from DEP and was informed that the cities COD was not given to her.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor