

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 4, 2020 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, 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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE WESTERGAARD HOME AT 270 AVENUE L.

Eighner states I dropped off the paperwork at Anne's. I texted her yesterday morning and I have not heard back from her; I will have to see if I can find her in person to speak to her. Ramunni states if you can get the by-laws then I can go over them and start to prepare the deed.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS DEPOSIT/RECONNECT/CHARGES ORDINANCE.

Ramunni reads out-loud first reading of ordinance for deposit/reconnect charges.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve first reading of deposit/reconnect/charges ordinance. Motion Carried

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE WATER CONSERVING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION ORDINANCE.

Ramunni states I went ahead and plugged in the language from South Florida Water Management, there are a couple of questions I have in terms of blending the priors sections of the code of the

current one. There were some prohibitions regarding to some defective plumbing. Eighner states I will be honest with you the City of Moore Haven and the School Board probably have more irrigation lines then the entire City all together to regulate it we will be regulating our self's.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SERVICE FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS ON POWER OUTAGES.

Whidden states what does this service do? Wills states this service notified residents when there is a power outage, we have had minimal power outages and for a short period of time, and we are paying \$3,317.89. I don't think we should renew this for this amount but I did find another program that we can use, and it will be \$275 per year. Whidden states I do not think we should renew this. We are a small community and they want to talk to a real person.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER.

8A: City Manager

Miller states on the River Garden Thatcher Blvd sanitation sewer improvement, we opened all the bids and I sent them over to Craig Smith, Greg has recommended to award the bid to Midway Corporation they bid was for \$77,424. Whidden states was that the lowest bid? Miller states yes.

Miller states Avenue N, O, S and 4th Street sealed bids are due August 20th at 2 pm at City Hall for the rest of the sewer hookups.

Miller states I received an email from Jason Shepler from Mittauer Engineering on Friday stating they have begun to lay out the plans for the Marina and they will let me know when GEO technical work will be done.

Miller states I want to discuss the new Glades County ordinance for county road 720, I gave you all a copy of the ordinance. The work that is going to be done there is going to be a lot of road traffic, the County was worried about the road being destroyed. They made an ordinance to keep the trucks off the road. I was told that the County is negotiating with the people doing the dike to come up with a bond or an agreement that will repair the road after. Whidden we do not need it coming up 1st Street and 6th Street. Miller states I think we need to adopt an ordinance similar too it. Whidden states yes, I agree.

Miller states I want to discuss and/or approve the rollback millage rate. The rate is going to be 4.5510 last year's rate was 4.64 when the Property Appraiser's Office did their work it shows that they are receiving more revenue.

Miller states I gave you all a sheet with the Budget Workshop dates to approve with the tentative millage rates hearing these dates are imperative. We have a very short period of time to get them approved.

Miller states we must approve this interlocal agreement for the local optional gas tax. I have the paperwork for the renewal, and I need the Mayor to sign it.

Miller states I want to discuss the one cent county tax; it is an interlocal agreement with the County. I spoke to Bob and they have expanded the ordinance on the way we can spend this, this does not need to be approved until October 1st.

MOTION was made by Browning seconded by McGee to approve the local optional gas tax. Motion Carried

Miller states I have had difficulties with the burning of the horticulture, last week I called multiple times and tried multiple days and the rangers are saying it is a smoke sensitive area and the only time they are going to let us burn is if the winds are coming from the north, north east or north west. Whidden states why is it a smoke sensitive area? Miller states I am not sure if someone complained, but it has become difficult to deal with them.

8B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states on Capfa there is a FedEx coming on the UCF refinancing, the County Commissioners has been approved there by the interlocal agreement and McGee will need to sign. We need to do several Capfa meetings before the 28th.

8C: City Clerk.

NONE

8D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

8E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

8F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,099.42.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$46,099.42. Motion Carried

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

NONE

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Decker states we have a lot of double poles with Comcast if we have a hurricane, it will not be good. Miller states I will work in it.

Eighner states on the Jason Whidden property at that last meeting they had left the Judges Office and there was not a sale date. Rammuni states there is a sale date September 3rd. Eighner states we have invested \$29,000 into the property. Rammuni states we have a public records document with the final judgement. In the event that someone wanted to bid at the clerk sale you can cap your bid at a specific amount, if a bidder wants to bid higher you don't have to go down to your final judgment amount, however if there needs to be a discussion in terms if you want to sale it at a lower amount. You would have to do an executive session. We can set this up for the next meeting. Eighner states without having the executive session if you all agree we can ask at least \$20,000 for the property. We need to try and recoup as much as we can, we have around \$29,000 invested into it. Ramunni states it is up to you all, and whoever goes on the day of the bid we need to have the bidding instructions that the council authorized. Ramunni states we can do the executive session on August 18th at 6:30pm, before the Capfa's meeting at 6:45pm and have the regular meeting at 7pm.

Eighner states on the Collier property we have talked about trading it and I don't want to stop it, all this lots that we have been acquired we have given them to the Habitat for Humanity now the homes that they have built do not raise the property value like the homes with three to four bedroom homes or a home with a garage. The property that is across from the Church that we are trading, I propose not to give them to Habitat for Humanity but to get with a contractors and see if they are willing to build a three or four bedroom two bathroom home and explain to them how much we have invested to be able to recover it back what we have invested in to the property. That way the property value will go up, you do not have to decide right now but this is something to consider.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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