

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 2019 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 (ABSENT)
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Dave McGee, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk (ABSENT)
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 David Miller, City Manager
 Charles Hale, Water Plant Supervisor
 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; Arnold led in the flag salute.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RENTAL OF CHALO NITKA GROUNDS.

Whidden states Brantley got with Miller and Eighner and worked on the Chalonitka Grounds rental rules and regulations and Ramunni looked at it. Ramunni states when I edit it, Miller told me that we are putting in one-million-dollar insurance requirement for special events also I want to see the application to make sure what needs and to make any changes we need to. McGee seconded my Eighner.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICER.

5A: City Manager

Miller states on the FDOT project we did a connection point and the new 8” water line has been installed on the south side of US 27. Testing have been done today and will continue tomorrow, we also have done connection points US 27 and county road 78 and they are starting to go to the water plant with the new lines. Ajax is projecting to start the milling and the paving on US 27

and outside of town on August 15th they will be working 24 hours, milling at night and paving in the day.

Miller states on the sewer project for Avenue O, N, S and 4th Street I do not have any issues at this time, they pretty much have completed Avenue O and they should start straightening out the street.

Miller states the sewer project on the north side of town Mr. Fox and Middtower have summited paperwork to extend the grant period six more months which will push the completion date to May of 2020.

Miller states I have been notified by Rian Stacy he is the auditors for emergency management, concerning out last project with Irma. He has completed the audit and has sent the amount of \$141,356.46 to the state for approval.

Miller states I have ordered the equipment to repair the playground and while we wait on the equipment we are going to clean and paint it.

Miller states the easement letter will be mailed out by Friday the 16th and anything that is returned to sender we will try, and hand delivered

Miller states the High School transformer repair haves been completed.

Miller states we have a long-term employee that is going to be out for several months with health issues, I don't know if we have a policy in place of employees being able to donate sick time. Whidden states we have done it in the past but this is what you run into about other employees donating the sick time the auditors get involved with it the example is you have an employee that makes \$20 an hour and you got an employee that makes \$12 an hour and he donates his time to the sick employee you have a \$8 deficit. That is where you run into problems, and another thing is you set a precedent. I want to help him, but that's why I always make a point of employees abusing their time because when they need it they don't have it and then we run into this issue and you have the employees that don't abuse it that say I have plenty I will donate some. Whidden states on helping the employee I am going to leave it up to you just keep the Council and Ramunni informed also on the surgery he is going to have he is going to be out for a month he might need to look into short term disability. Eighner states that is something we can help him fill the paperwork out. Whidden states yes that is why I am going to have Miller help him with it. Miller states we don't have short term disability. Arnold states we do not have it any of our short-term disability and long-term disability are purchased separately through Aflac, Liberty and Colonial but the City does not have one and the employee doesn't have one currently. Miller states this employee I believe has not abused his time. Whidden states but he has used all his sick time. Miller states he has always given me doctor notes when he has. Ramunni states he can apply for disability through social security but it's not a fast process, I would have to look into it because part of it ties into the FMLA which gives a person a period of time I think its 12 weeks and it's not necessarily with pay it just reserves the job. Miller states yes and I have that paperwork for him. Ramunni states we need to come up with a new policy.

Miller states I would like to schedule a workshop this Friday at 1pm. Whidden states it's a short period of time I'll let you know tomorrow if I can. Eighner states on August 23rd at 10am Habitat for Humanity is going to have a dedication and I was hoping someone from the City could be there because I cannot be there. Whidden states I will be there. Miller states we need at least two workshops before it gets approved. Eighner states I can be there on August 23rd. Miller states ok and I would like to have one on August 16th also. McGee states I can be there on August 16th and August 23rd. Ramunni states you can also do one meeting on August 26th after the CCPWA meeting. Miller states we can do it on August 16th at 1pm and August 23rd at 1pm and finish on August 26th after the CCPWA meeting.

Eighner states in front of the Court House are we going to have Ajax come in and pave while they are here on August 15th, Miller states right now they are trying to get there part of the project done first, but I am going to try and get them to do it just as they are finishing up.

5B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states on the code enforcement for Whidden I did a motion to assess the financial amount owed to the City, Littles is ready with the information we will go back to Court and file a lien.

Ramunni states I was called by Hendry County Attorney because Hendry County is looking at Madame Magistrate for code enforcement but that is something you would have to pay a magistrate for so he was wondering if we would be interested. The problem is logistically we would be on our own because any hearing will have to be done in Glades County so I don't think that is feasible.

Ramunni states I have the memo on the medical marijuana policy as far as employees, I should have something soon.

Ramunni states I looked at the survey that Mr. Buerlson gave me and also the neighbor survey, that identifies that it's a 25 feet wide piece of property off of the corner and when you look at the survey as far as the total amount of feet that is affected I came up with approximately 900 square feet that could be affected but keep in mind I am not a surveyor.

5C: City Clerk.

NONE

5D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

5E: CAS Governmental Services

Connie states the senate house funding request form did get published and I will move forward with the drainage project.

Connie states we did get communication today from Congressman Stuckey regarding the Corps of Engineers deviation schedule this is an opportunity to put comments in also we will be in Tallahassee on September 16th for the committee week.

5F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,814.52.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$115,814.52.

ITEM 7: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Winston Harvey states I submitted a document to the City, I am a member of the Methodist Church the reason I am here is to give you an idea we do not have facility to accommodate the necessary things that we would like to do when we have visitors at our Church. My understating is in the corner of 6th Street and Hendrix the City owns the property it is not big enough to put a home on it, my request is if the City accept the proposed document I submitted to purchase the property. I would like to put some kind of structure on it to be able to accommodate our Church visitors. Eighner states I think that is the property we are looking into to put a lift station on. Whidden states I understand what you want to do but we will have to investigate it.

ITEM 8: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

McGee states on Alvin; bait and tackle have the taxes been paid and took possession of? Ramunni states was there a tax sale? Eighner states no, there has not been a sale.

Eighner states at the last meeting I went to Sandra Browns office and Mr. Lee from the Moore Haven Restaurant was there and I asked him about the semi-truck, and he does not know of it. Miller states I think they are gone because I have not seen the truck there in the last four days.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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