

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Councilman, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
 Dave McGee, Councilman
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk (ABSENT)
 Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 David Miller, City Manager
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden does roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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 THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

AUGUST 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Browning to approve the following meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT AND DONATED LEAVE TIME:

Whidden states we have talked about this a few times and I wanted a report of all the accrued leave and we got that and we put it back on the agenda. Miller states I still need to get with Steve, we are still trying to iron somethings out. We have just not been able to get back together to look at it. Once we agree upon it we can bring it back to you. Whidden states ok, just leave it on the agenda. Ramunni states just need to move to continue it to the next agenda.

MOTION was made by Browning, seconded by McGee to continue Family Medical Leave Act and donated sick leave to the next meeting. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #340 GOLF CARTS:

Ramunni states I will go ahead and read the title then we can discuss it.

Ramunni reads aloud by title only.

Eighner states I have read through it and I have 2 things. In the beginning when we talked about this at a workshop, we talked about how in Clewiston you must go to City Hall to get a sticker. I think what we talked about then was we were not going to require our residents to come to City Hall to get a sticker because it was going to be more of a workload on them and Felicia would have to come up here, once they did get the sticker the sheriff department would have to enforce that sticker. There was the sticker thing I really didn't care for and once again there was the steering wheel issue. I think where it says steering apparatus it should be changed to steering wheel because right now the problem in town is not the golf carts and the side by sides, the problem is the 4 wheelers and dirt bikes. They have handlebars, and if you eliminate apparatus and put steering wheel on there then it goes to the next step with the sheriff department stopping them. Whidden states I don't think a sticker is going to make them drive right, a tag on a car don't make people drive right. I agree with you and I think we can approve this with the correction of those 2 items. Ramunni states eliminate the entire registration subsection. Whidden states yes, it doesn't have a bearing on anything. Eighner states when is the next safety meeting Mr. Decker? Miller states it is the first Thursday of the month. Eighner state would we be able to get this ready? Ramunni states it is active now. I am going to make the edits tomorrow. Eighner states if you would please since you are the representative of the City tell the sheriff departments representative at that meeting here are the rules.

MOTION was made by Decker, seconded by Browning to approve Ordinance #340 Golf Cart as amended. Motion carried.

Discussion: McGee states on the insurance, if they don't get insurance, we won't be responsible for checking on that will be up to the sheriff department. Whidden states that is up to them, but they will have to deal with the law on that. We are not going to have any liability.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states on US Highway 27 they are continuing to install the 8" water main. The testing is going very well. The milling and paving has started up again. On Avenue O, N, S and 4th Street work had resumed with putting the sewer main in on Avenue S, they brought in another track hoe today and will have another crew starting on Avenue N tomorrow. Ramunni states did you ever get any feedback on any of their new testing? Miller states Mike Jones and I talked about

that today. They have not received it from the testing company yet, Mike talked to PRP and they are going to call them and find out where the report is. On the project on the north side, I spoke with Jason Sheppler, he has been in contact with DENCO, they have already put the manholes into production, they also plan on mobilizing still October 1st. Jason has reassured me the extension will not be a problem. The playground we are still continuing on getting it painted and cleaned up. We have installed a couple of the spring riders and I am waiting on the new equipment that we are going to install, should see it any day now. We also installed some new lighting. The pole behind the elementary school, we braced that up. The cameras are working at the warehouse. Just to let you know we no longer have a secretary at the warehouse as of yesterday. Felicia is going to be stepping up and helping me in that position until we can solve that. She is going to be busy, there were some questions about some cars that needed to be towed, and she has been on the phone just about every day with the towing company she is trying to work with. They were doing pretty good, but now they have kind of backed up on us, so we are venturing out to find someone else.

McGee states on the lineman? Miller states he will be here from the 22nd through the 25th. I will keep you updated on that.

7B: CITY ATTORNEY

Ramunni states I went to court last week regarding that one code enforcement matter for Whidden and the judge granted our motion to assess \$24,500.00 in liens and I will be filing a lien foreclosure on that. The other thing I have is the City received a notice of a claim, I believe it was involving a single vehicle, I think it was a dirt bike, but it was not within the city limits. The City, Glades County and the School Board all received a notice about the death of Mr. Hallback from allegedly riding his dirt bike and hitting some sort of plumbing apparatus. I communicated with the attorney for Mr. Hallback's estate from Morgan and Morgan to try to get some more information, an accident report which I did get, and I forwarded it to Maxine. It is clearly not in the City and we do not have any sewer out there, so I am not sure how the claim is even pertinent to the City or the joint authority for that matter. Today I saw an email from our insurance carrier where they are talking about there may have been at one point been another building on this vacant lot and there might have been something left over after demolition and that is perhaps what he hit, which caused him to be ejected and hit the building and then pass away. I told our insurer that I would try to get a little bit of historical information on this property, does anybody know what was there. Whidden states there were all kind of buildings out there at one time. There was a gym there. Ramunni states who would have owned that? The School Board, right? Eighner states yes and that is where the community center is now. Ramunni states and this is next to the community center? Whidden states yes, and that is all School Board, we don't have anything out there. Ramunni states we immediately notified our insurance carrier and they have assigned an attorney to the case. I am trying to be the coordinator between the 2.

Decker states I got a phone call today from a lady about the Collier property next to the Baptist Church. She said she went to City Hall and City Hall told her that Felicia had turned the paperwork over to you. Arnold states no sir, I told her to contact Felicia and that we didn't have anything on it. Decker states has she called you or anything? Ramunni states Felicia, no. Decker states no this lady. Ramunni states no. Decker states so you have no paperwork on it at all.

Ramunni states no sir. Eighner states on the demolition on the Collier home right by the Baptist Church. The one we looked at with the banyan tree. Whidden states you can't see it; it is all grown up around it. Miller states if vaguely remember it. Ramunni states this if the first I am hearing of it. Eighner states the one we got the price from Kevin Rayburn to tear down. Miller state right. Eighner states that is the one that Felicia is actively seeking on code enforcement. Ramunni states I will call Felicia tomorrow. Decker states she was pretty sure that you had the paperwork on it, and could we speed up the process. Ramunni states have we sited the property already? Eighner states yes.

7C: CITY CLERK

Nothing to report.

7D: CRAIG A SMITH

Nothing to report.

7E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

7F: WATER DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Nothing to report.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,029.40:

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Eighner to approve bills in the amount of \$100,029.40. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GERNAL CONCERNS:

Jay Odom states back to the golf carts, is it still where I can let my 14-year old grandson drive if I am with him? Whidden states yes sir.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner has nothing to report.

Browning has nothing to report.

Decker has nothing to report.

McGee has nothing to report.

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Whidden has nothing to report

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

Nothing to discuss.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

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