

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Council members present: Bret Whidden, Mayor (ABSENT)  
Dave McGee, Vice Mayor, Financial Director  
Marc Decker, Councilman  
Patricia Lucas, Councilwoman  
Jacob Eighner, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk  
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney  
Jeri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director  
Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor  
Kevin Bryant, Code Enforcement

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.**

Whidden gave the roll call.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Butch Jones gave the invocation; Briefman led in the flag salute.

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

NONE

**ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-03 APPROVING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 4.8640 WITH A 0 PERCENT CHANGE OF THE ROLL-BACK RATE.**

Ramunni reads Resolution 2017-03 aloud by title only.

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by Decker to approve Resolution 2017-03 approving the millage rate of 4.8640 with a 0 percent change of the roll-back rate. Motion carried

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-04 APPROVING THE 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

Ramunni reads Resolution 2017-04 aloud by title only.

**MOTION** was made by Decker seconded by Lucas to approve Resolution 2017-04 approving the 2017-2018 budget. Motion carried

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS VETERANS MEMORIAL WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION.**

Jones states we have Korean War Veteran, I am a Vietnam Veteran, and we have many WWII Veteran that have passed away. I have spoke to several people on the Council and Jerri Lynn has been most helpful, she has gone over this with me. What you have purposed are the 5 branches of the Military and the American Flag in the center. The only thing I would ask is that you put a POW flag under the American Flag. I do thank the City for considering a veterans memorial and if we can help or something we can do, I would be glad to entertain any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Schlueter states I am still working on the site plan. I am waiting on Comcast to see if they can move that cable. They have been out, but then the storm hit and I don't know what the outcome is. So I am waiting to hear from them. Lucas states I would like to have a list some where a list of veterans that died in combat if we could do that. Jones states the veteran's memorial we have in Ortona; it cost \$17,000.00 for what you see at the entrance. We wanted all the veterans, regardless if they were born here or from out of state we wanted the veteran to have memorial book in honor of their service along with copy of the DD214. Eighner states we are going to start with the flag poles with the branches of service, with a POW flag and some benches. We can always add on to it.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVAL OF CONSENTS AND WAIVERS TO RELEASE VERO BEACH FROM FMPA POWER PROJECT CONTRACTS.**

McGee states this will take place on the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS MARINA SITE PLAN.**

Ramunni states I did look at this the other day, I am honestly not crazy about everything being on the other side of the building close to the water. Is there a way we could adjust? Schlueter states yes, I think that is how the site plan was laid out in the FRDAP Grant. When you do the letter about the playground equipment you could include that. I just thought it would get more use at the end, if you put it at the back I don't think people would use it. Ramunni states in general we have a pretty good piece of property there, but some of it we are going to try and sit on because we wanted to perhaps develop it commercially at the riverfront. We can play around with the design a little bit.

**ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**9A: Public Work Director**

Schlueter states I did not get a chance to put a report together, I did get the animal control report yesterday, so I did leave a copy on your table. I also have a very rough preliminary estimate on the storm; labor is only through the 12<sup>th</sup> because I haven't got the time cards together for the last part. The first three pages are expenses. I don't have any costs from the contractors. I am still waiting on some stuff to come in. We are currently 100% restored on the electric, I think we have maybe 5 customers that are still out, but that is because of their issues not ours. We never

lost water, we never lost sewer. Sonja used a generator to keep the lift stations pumped down. We missed 2 regular days of garbage pick-up because we were cleaning the streets, but everything is back running as normal. Public Works are working 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. trying to get the debris removed from the streets. Our first priority is vegetation, after that will be house hold debris. We are trying to put it out there that we are not picking up roof tiles, we are not picking up if your roof blew off, we are not doing any of that. Ramunni states I happened to have a hearing with the Judge today, he mentioned something about Alvin's bait and Tackle. Schlueter states it has 1 back wall standing. Ramunni states I will prepare a complaint, because honestly we are not going to get anyone served.

Eighner states on the debris is that for the trucks to come in? Schlueter states it is easier if we put it into a big pile for the grabber truck. Eighner states are we going to have to pick that up with our grabber truck? Schlueter states yes. Eighner states so all that stuff we have to get rid of it ourselves. Schlueter states yes, we are trying to get a burn authorization for tomorrow. We will burn what is down at Avenue R; the we will move what's at the Chalo Nitka grounds to Avenue R.

**9B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states I am going to go ahead and do a first reading, at the last meeting you told me to do a repeal on the alcohol consumption on City property. So I did an ordinance.

Ramunni reads ordinance 333 aloud by title only.

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by Decker to approve Ordinance 333. Motion carried

**9C: City Clerk.**

NONE

**9D: Craig A Smith.**

Gene states I want to update you on Avenue R, the two projects we have going on, the drainage project and the SCOP Project on Avenue R and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. On the drainage project, everything is complete, permit, we are ready to go. That needs to be done before we can do the paving. On the Avenue R project, the plans are done. All we need to do now is submit them to DOT for their approval. The plans for 6<sup>th</sup> Street will probably be done by the end of this month.

**9E: CAS Governmental Services**

NONE

**9F: Water Department Supervision Reports**

Briefman states we had minimal damage at the plant. Everything is in pretty good shape. There is a list of what was lost out there. Schlueter states when you get your prices, it you would get those to me. Briefman states okay.

**ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,842.14.**

**MOTION** was made by Eighner seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$14,842.14. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

NONE

**ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Decker states I agree with how they are staging the stuff and the way they are picking it up with the equipment.

McGee states I really appreciate all the hard work. Thank you so much.

**ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Maxine Brantley, City Clerk  
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

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Dave McGee, Vice Mayor