

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 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
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Dave McGee, Councilman (ABSENT)

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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES.

January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Browning to approve January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS CDBG SEWER PROJECT AND CONSIDERATION OF AWARD.

Greg Lang with Mittauer & Associates states it's been over two years when the City approved us to work with Fred Fox Enterprises on the CDBG grant application, the City was funded at \$600,000 on the grant and the City pledged \$50,000. We did go out for bid just before the holidays and we opened the bids on January 22nd we had two qualified bidders and the lowest bidder was Denco at \$772,230 which was still over our construction budget of \$651,800. What we need to talk about is how and if the City wants to move forward. This project has two components one is a source extension component which we are still over by \$80,000, the other component was a park improvement and the lowest bidder was at \$45,000. Whidden states we are over by \$120,000? Lang states no it's by \$80,000. Whidden states that's after the bleachers?

Lang states we have worked with the contractors and including the bleachers we are over by \$80,000 to \$85,000. Eighner states the bleachers are going to the ballfields and they will fit 80 people also how much are the bleachers? Lang states the total low bid prices for the bleachers for both is \$45,000 from the contractor that includes purchasing them delivery and getting them installed also each bleachers are 20ft deep and 15ft wide and it seats 80 people each. Whidden states where are they going? Eighner states the City ballfields, Mr. Lang is there anything in there about water fountain? Lang states I have to get with grant administrator about that. Eighner states I will tell you right now we do not need those bleachers; we have purchased some bleachers for the basketball court and when the hurricane come it and broke the wooden at the ballfields we took the ones from the basketball court and put them at the ballfield. Also we have talked to Gene about design of the parking lot and we talked about their only being a possibility of only 40 vehicles that will fit we are not going to have 160 spectators that will fill the bleachers there at a time you can take that off your list. Lang states that is a great idea but I need to inform you what I have learned from the grant administrator and DEO part of the application that you would have to do some bleacher work, 5% of your total budget goes to a City wide activity and the bleachers counts as a City wide activity because everyone can use them, you can take one out or you can trim it back on the price that is fine, but its approved by Department of Economic and so on it's a process to get done. Whidden states I understand the grant process we can accommodate the public that goes and watches the ball games, but this sewer project is more important than bleachers, not more important than the youth programs but more important than two bleachers that we don't really need. Getting more septic tanks out of the ground in our location is where the State is heading if we are that close to getting that many septic tanks and drain fields out of our community and away from the river. We have CAPFA money available that we can make up for the slack of that \$85,000 or \$45,000 and maybe down size the bleachers and put in a water fountain to make up to the community for that percentage that would be a question to ask. Eighner states if we do need to get the bleachers that is fine but we need to down grade because we don't need two big ones. Lang states I think they will approve it we just need to send them the information for their approval. Lane states you can award Denco for being the low bidder of the project with contingent upon DEO approval your attorney's approval and that the contractor is providing proper bonds and insurance certificates and the City is making up the short fall with all those contingences you could award the project.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to award Denco on contingent the City attorney has approved. Motion carried

ITEM 6: DISCUSS MARINA OPTIONS.

Whidden states we had a work shop and we discuss a lot of options we have to move forward and had it put back on the agenda. The part time employee has to be 29hr or less. Ramunni states as long as we stay under the threshold we are fine. Eighner states he did get his ted shed off the property today. Ramunni states I did do a statement agreement he might be already out of there, but I don't think we have the keys. Eighner states we have all the keys. Whidden states I have one set. Decker states according to Miller as of this afternoon Mr. Power still has a set of keys. Briefman states yes he still has a set because he is still going by the 45 days. Ramunni states the statement agreement gives him to the end of the month or he can be expedited. Whidden states there is nothing there to sell and we granted him 45 days but he is cleaning it up.

Eighner states we need to think about taking the boat trailers off of that property since no one will be there all the time like Mr. Power was. We can give them the option off moving it onto their property or to store it down at the City Barn for now, Mrs. Arnold we need to inform them about the situation that is going on and there options. Arnold states that's fine we do have all the information we have been collecting. Whidden states we need to keep on the agenda we do have some good ideas.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICER.

7A: City Manager

Whidden states Miller and Briefman for the last several weeks have been working on locating the valves for the water leaks in the City, last week was a ruff week for the City that storm came through Sunday night and a pole came down at the Elementary which was on our list to already get it changed out and then the following day a County dump truck took two more poles down but we got that taken care of, also a lot of the Youth Live Stock and community need to thank Mr. Miller and Mr. Briefman on all the work they have been doing to get everything together. Whidden states I would like a thank you letter typed up to go to the City of Clewiston and Danny Williams for allowing there electric crew to come and help out when the dump truck took the pole out. Briefman states there were also a couple of Glades Electric guys.

7B: City Attorney.

NONE

7C: City Clerk.

NONE

7D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

7E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

7F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,373.84.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$54,373.84.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Marie Korinke states during the month of October our fence was damaged on the south side on the alleyway with a tear of about 18” and it cost to get it fixed. Whidden states how did it get damaged? Korinke states a lawn mower and Doug asked one of the City crew to mow the distant of the deck of the lawnmower away from the fences. Eighner states so you are asking us to tell the mowing crew not to mow one pass and that Doug will take care of it. Korinke states yes and to reimburse me what it cost to fix the damaged fence. Browning states how much was the damage? Korinke states it was \$518.00. Decker states it happen at the end of October? Korinke states yes it took this long because Adron Fence was busy and they finally got to me and gave me a quote so I just told them to go ahead and fix it. Decker states was there anybody in the City aware of it? Korinke states yes I called Mr. Miller the day after it happen also this is the second time it has happen. Eighner states I will defiantly ask Mr. Miller about the issue. Browning states did you see the City mower hit it? Korinke states no, I did not but they are the only ones that mow back there. Whidden states I will also get with Mr. Miller and see if he talked to any of the mowing crew and I will get with Brantley so we can take care of it.

Ramunni states I forgot to mention about the City received a notice on a deed sale with regards of the old Bedell property, the amount of taxes owed is over \$8,000 I didn’t see where that would be cost effected to the City to pay more money to get the property. We did put money in it to get it cleaned up but it does have a mortgage. My recommendation is that the City to let it go.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner states I need to hang the Chalo-Nitka banner across US 27 I need to know if FPL is or when they are coming with the tank. Whidden states no they have not came; I will try and find out when they are coming, who usually hang the banner Glades or the City? Eighner states the City and I know they also contact the Sheriff Department. Eighner states I had a request from Habitat for Humanity they are doing the concrete and the stem walls, the concrete lady did pay the deposit but she did ask if we would waive the \$65 fee but that she would pay for the water used also once they are finished the new owner will pay the water deposit. Whidden states yes we waive that fee for the contractor. Eighner states Arnold can you give back her fee.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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