

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA

Council members present: Bret Whidden, Mayor
 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
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

January 02, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve January 02, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE DONATION FOR THE SAFETY PATROL:

Whidden states we discussed this two or three meetings ago, there is some information in you packet showing what kind of fund raisers they have had and what they have coming up. Hopefully you all will be in contact with some of the buyers at the upcoming Youth Livestock Sale. I think when we first started talking about it, there are 36 students. Tillery states there are 22 going on the trip. Whidden states when Pat first brought it up there was 36 and I found out the other day it is down to 22. The trip is scheduled for May. Lucas states how much are you short? Whidden states according to this it is \$17,000.00. Is that just for the 22 that are going, that is the \$17,000.00 that you are short. Tillery states yes sir. Whidden states I support all the organizations that the kids are involved in. We just have to be careful how we donate to every organization with the right money, but we can do something out of Capfa, I don't know what you all want to do. Also, I will personally write a check. Lucas states I want to say something.

Maybe, what we can do is give them some money tonight, or wait until their fund raising is done, and then do what is left. Gwen Lucas states we have a time line of when our deposits are due, our last deposit was December 1st and that wiped us out, so now we have to come up with our next deposit and when it is due, it has to be paid on that day. What has got us behind is with Hurricane Irma has taken away from the fund raising and being able to bring the money in, plus competing with the other organizations for funding. I know that if you donate this year they will continue to ask keep asking from here on out. Whidden states we can decide what we are going to do tonight and a lot that money, but we cannot approve it tonight because it will come out of Capfa. Lucas states when is the next deposit due? Tillery states March 8th. It has to be in New York on March 8th. Eighner states if we give you \$500.00 no how are you going to determine how the money is spent. Tillery states our goal is to raise enough money that the kids don't have the means to pay, because we have a lot of kids that don't have the money for this trip. Eighner states so it is going straight to tickets. Tillery states it goes to the whole program itself. What we pay for is everything excluding lunch, and that is also money we are trying to raise. Decker states everything I have heard about the program has been good. I have not heard anything negative. Tillery states it will be a once in a lifetime trip for many of them. McGee states I think we can do maybe \$1,000.00 at least. Lucas states I think we can do more than that. How much do you need for the March deposit? Tillery states we have to have the \$17,887.00. Whidden state we just have to be careful to not set precedence. If we give a certain amount, then every time the door is open, they say well you all gave this to them and they are going to hold us to that, and we have to be able to justify that. Lucas states why don't we go ahead and until just before you have to send in the money, because I know you are still going to do other things, because we will do something, believe me. Eighner states you have 5 fund raisers left, is that right? Tillery states yes, that is just a few, there is more that go through the school. Whidden states don't forget they have Youth Livestock. Eighner states they have at least 5 more here plus she says they are going to have more, plus the Youth Livestock buy back pigs and steers. I think we should have it put back on the agenda for the late February meeting. Whidden states I am going to do something personally, myself. Keep in mind we cannot set a precedence for other organizations. We have to hold it to a window that we do for other organizations.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FINAL CERTIFICATION ON THE MOORE HAVEN APARTMENTS:

Eighner states I had this put on the agenda. I have been working real close over the last week with Mike Jones with a few issues on the punch list and some things on the plans that were not complete during construction. One of the main things I wanted to talk to you about is the gutters and the down spouts on the building. There are no gutters or down spouts on the building and it is on the plans. I spoke with Gene a couple of times about it, and he has his people here that could probably shed some more light on it than I can. They raised the foundations of the building and that is going to help sheet the water, not only that, if the water does stand around the building that is not on the City. So if there is water standing, yes we may eventually hear about it, but that is what that office is down there for. I have read over it, I have looked at it, as long as Mike Jones is happy, I don't think the City Council should have any problems agreeing with what he suggests. It's time to move forward and get them open. Gene did mention it is up to the City Council to decide if they want the gutters on the building or not.

Summer Foster with Johnson and Prewitt states I just wanted to make sure about the fence around the lift station. Gene had sent us the rule, the wording in the rules doesn't say fencing it says secure. So my question/request is if we have locks on the panel boxes and the lift station gates can we not put in a fence? Giarratana states the requirements require that you have it fenced in. It has to be a chain link fence; it has been a regulation of Glades County for the last 20 years. Foster states the only reason I ask is because the thing Gene sent us did not read that way. Giarratana states it is in the Developers agreement and the plans call for the fence. DEP requires you to have it, as a matter of fact, on the permit application the engineer has to check a spot that says the area will be fence in. It is just standard. Ramunni states let's not deviate from DEP. Whidden states as far as the down spouts and the gutters, that's up to the owner and that has nothing to do with the City, but we cannot deviate from DEP Regulations. We are not going to sway from County or City Ordinances.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve no down sports or gutters, installing a fence and light at the lift station and removal of dirt and construction debris. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CITY HALL BID AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Whidden states everyone should have a copy in your packet. Eighner states are they just coming up here to pick up a bid packet? Schlueter states she hasn't even sent this out for bid yet, this is to get approval to send it out for bid. I have a budget estimate that Clyde gave me during our budget talks, he will actually have to come get a packet and do a formal bid once it gets advertised. Whidden states the bib packet is fine; we just need to get it out there. Schlueter states mine will be in the same format; I just didn't have time to put it together.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve bid and specifications for City Hall. Motion carried

ITEM8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE BALLFIELD BID AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Eighner states a while back they made a wish list of things they wanted, needing new bleachers, some were damaged, and does that come from the CDBG. Schlueter states they CDBG will replace the two sets of wooden bleachers that are down there, but no bleacher covers.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve bid and specifications for Ballfield. Motion carried

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICER:

9A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states the two trees at Roger Cuevas' have been removed, he seemed to be satisfied with the work, I have not heard anything different. Also on Marina Drive we took down the signs and made everything two way. I have been in touch with Archie at the County. They have

a manual road painter, so they will paint the lines to separate the two lanes. I have ordered ten additional picnic tables from Mr. Lanier. He is currently working on another project; he said he should have these done within two to three weeks.

Whidden states I want the docks in front of City Hall and the ones at the marina treated and painted. Schlueter states I picked the paint up today from MCM Paints. Eighner states I was asked if the City has the banner that goes across the highway for Chalo Nitka. Schlueter states they have one made every year. Lucas states the County has that done. Schlueter states the Chalo Nitka Committee has that made. I am sure we have an old one, but they usually have one made every year. Sometimes they put the date and sometimes they don't. Eighner states they did a really good job on all the hedges. Decker states on our landfill tickets, we left two tires and they charged us \$182.50. Schlueter states for two tires? I don't know but I will have to check into that.

9B: City Attorney:

Ramunni states the only thing I have is the Court Reporter prepared the transcripts from our executive session. I will leave those with Maxine.

9C: City Clerk:

NONE

9D: Craig A Smith:

NONE

9E: CAS Governmental Services:

NONE

9F: Water Department Supervision Reports:

Briefman states the membranes were delivered to the water plant today.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve Sam Briefman attending conference. Motion carried.

Briefman states Dale and Connie called me today at 5:30. The appropriations committee met today from 1 until 5, the City of Moore Haven's project was not on the list. During the meeting one on the other projects was dropped, Dale spoke to them and we were added back on the list. As of this Thursday a new list is coming out and Moore Haven is supposed to be on it.

ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,934.80:

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$193,934.80. Motion carried

ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:

Irene Smith states on 10th Street is there any way you could put a fence around that pond? We have a lot of small children over there and two people have already drowned in that pond. Whidden states we can look into it, we have looked into it before and what we have run into is the cost and maintaining it. We can't maintain it properly with a fence up because we cannot get the equipment in there. We can look into it. Schlueter states we can only do three sides because the other side is private property. We cannot make you fence your property. Smith states my son bought a pool from Wal-Mart and you all sent him a letter saying he had to put a fence around it. Schlueter states the City did not send it, it was more than likely his insurance company, or the County due to a building permit issue, but the City did not send him a letter. Smith states the City and the County are different? Schlueter states yes ma'am. Smith states who takes care of the pond. Schlueter states the City does, we only have an easement on three sides of the pond. On the back side of the pond is private property. Smith states you can't demand they put up a fence. Schlueter states no ma'am.

ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Decker states I spoke to Bob Jones today about the animals getting in the garbage. He said they picked up 3 today.

McGee states I forgot to ask you about a Code Enforcement Officer? No new applications? Schlueter states no just the same two I had at the last meeting. Lucas states why can't we go in with the County? They have a Code Enforcement Officer; we could pay part of his salary. Why can't we do that instead of hiring someone? Whidden states I don't want to venture into an agreement, because the County is seven hundred and fifty square miles and the City is only one square mile and he would spend most of his time in the County and not in the City. That is just my opinion. McGee states mine too.

ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED:

NONE

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

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