

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 6, 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
 Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Dave McGee, Councilman (ABSENT)

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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Whidden states I need to add to the bill submitted an invoice in the amount of \$849.60 from Robert Chadziutko.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES.

October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to approve October 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS and/or APPROVE THE 2017-2018 AMENDED BUDGET.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by Browning to approve the 2017-2018 Amended Budget. Motion carried

ITEM 6: JOSEPH HERNANDEZ TO DUSCUSS BALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND.

Hernandez states I a member of the Glades County Youth Athletics we just wanted to discuss our needs for the upcoming ball season and the future of the organization. Right now, we need the

main ball field redone and, we want to discuss redoing the whole area. Whidden states we discussed this at a previous meeting in-depth also Miller has a plan and Eighner has gotten with him we also looked at it and have gotten prices on getting the fields back into shape; now how fast can we get to all the fields I don't know, which all the fields are not the City's. We had issues with all the ball fields we had issues with the concession stand where it was not taken care of properly also it has been broken into three times, we had issues with the soccer fields and issues with the football field which are not the City's but we got a plan I just don't know how fast its going to happen because its all about the budget. Whidden states what I want the community to know is we built a basket ball court that cost a lot of money and it was vandalized a lot of times, and the City footed the bill. The program you're over now it was abused from people running it and money was missing and the City bailed them out a lot of times. People don't understand that when something gets vandalized, they are not concerned about the City fixing it, but the City fix it with their money we don't have money we are not handed money every year from the State we operate off taxes and utilities.

Miller states we come up with a list of things that need to be done but first we need to talk about the concession stand we have some real issues there. We need to get a new roof on it and rewire the electric and get it up to code. I did get some quotes just to get a ball park on prices but we do need to get some more, the first one is from Clyde Johnson to get the wiring up to code which was \$2,420 and I got one for the roof which is \$8,550. Eighner states that is \$10,000 Miller states yes and I agree with the Mayor to do this in sections. Hernandez states as of right now none of the fields are playable because the grass is over grown around the baselines, they are requiring some work so in the meantime what should we do because they are not playable and will not be playable until someone does something. Eighner states one thing that we looked at with Al Brown was if we can bring the concession stand up to code and concentrate on the field, he is talking about putting money into the concession stand and grass that field. Then work on a five-year plan to get the rest of the fields fix. Browning states I'm all for getting it fixed but we need to take our time and get it right the first time.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICER.

7A: City Manager

Miller states the final on the paving for Avenue R and 6th Street was done October 24th we are working on the punch list, so we should be done soon.

Miller states we did received \$33,000 from FEMA last week.

Miller states we received one bid for the Marina project it was from Clyde Johnson the amount was \$53,844 so I would like the approval to go ahead and awarded the bid.

MOTION was made by Eighner seconded by Decker to approve Clyde Johnson Marina project bid in the amount of \$53,844. Motion carried

Miller states all the new directions signs for the City have been installed.

Miller states Briefman and I continue to monitor the FDOT drainage project.

Miller states the insurance claim was denied from progressive for the damaged electric poles on Cactus Avenue. So, I want to know if the City wants to pursue legal action on the driver? Whidden states no I think the legal actions are going to cost more but ask Ramunni. Ramunni states how much is it going to cost to repair it? Miller states around \$7,000. Ramunni states you would have to sue the driver and then the insurance company should step in but if the lines were put up by someone else then they will have to find out who was at fault. Decker states Century Link is at fault, right? Whidden states we allowed Century Link to put the lines there which they pay a rental fee for so is the City at fault, because we did not inform them that their lines were not properly installed. So I think we will spend more money and time trying to recuperate it so it's up to the Council to tell Ramunni what we want to do. Ramunni states you can sue but it's not cost affective.

Miller states stop sign on the south side of town are starting to be replaced. Whidden states I want them to all be the same level around the whole City.

Miller states I would like to give a 3% cost of living raise to all employees and it to be retroactive to the first payroll in October and a merit raise only to a few employees. Whidden states I'm fine with the 3% cost of living raise and I'm glad on what you side on the merit raises because not everyone deserves a merit raise and if you're not evaluated truthfully and honestly throughout the year the employee doesn't know where they weak at or where they need to step up at they will continue to get the same raise as everyone else then you got a problem so it's up to you on the merit raise you work them and you know who deserves it.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by Eighner to approve 3% cost of living raise across the board with it being retroactive to the first payroll in October and with Miller approve of merit raises. Motion carried

Miller states I'm going on vacation and I will be gone Monday the 12th through the 19th and Briefman will be in charge.

7B: City Attorney.

Raminni states the City was sued in the accident where Jerri Lynn was driving, I provided it to the Attorney for our insurance company and they are working it.

Raminni states Miller and I are working on FMLA medical leave act languish that needs to be incorporated in.

Eighner states I found out that we have a couple of utility customers that have not hooked up to sewer in 2016 they have not even applied for their permits and know they are going to received certified letters that they have to hook up once sewer was put in front of your house you had ninety days to hook up. If you didn't do that the City had someone hired to hook it up and we would bill them on their utility bill. Once they receive the currant letter we are mailing out and since this was from 2016 how long do, they have once they get the letter, what type of time

frame do you recommend, and should we fine them? Ramunni states have we fined others for not hooking up? Brantley states no. Ramunni states that's the problem and the City didn't go in and hook it up, so I recommend to send another letter and tell them they have thirty days to comply and if they don't then the City will go in and hook them up and bill them.

7C: City Clerk.

NONE

7D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

7E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

7F: Water Department Supervisor

Briefman states to update you all on the permit since I didn't give everyone a copy. I have explained at the last couple of meeting that I have been adding chemicals to the water at both pump stations and I finally have got approval to do that, we started doing it at the 720-pump station also the down town pump station has been down for weeks the computer took a hit and we are working on replacing it and once its repaired we will start adding chemicals.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,172.15.

MOTION was made by Browning seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$57,172.15. Motion carried. With added invoice in the amount \$849.60.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Kevin Lee states I have come in to talk about the zoning at the flower shop. Ramunni states going to have to apply for whatever your seeking. Lee states that's the reason I'm here I talked to Brantley the other day and my understanding is we can't change it. Ramunni states the problem is you can apply for it but legally its going to be difficult to change because of the reason the planners have provided I can give you a copy of what he stated and it's up to you if you still want to apply.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Browning states Littles has been doing a great job the last three weekends we had had some vendors come in to town and doing business without a proper license and she has taken care of it.

Decker states I attended the safety meeting with Miller it was a great meeting.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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