

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 2016 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 (ABSENT)
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST.

McGee states it's that time of the year for judging we need to pick someone. Brantley states we can do it Monday the 19th and then we can award it on the 20th meeting.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE CANS.

McGee states the reason I'm bringing this up is because I got a letter to move my garbage can off the easement; but they will be some people that will have to move them inside of their fence. I have moved my 8ft back and that is a long way for the guys and if you add a fence then they have to open and close it so it may present problems. Bryant states we have some that have complied and some we have to take in to consideration like the ones with a fence if they put it up close to it that is fine. Whidden states you are talking about the garbage containers that they put their garbage cans in. Bryant states yes. McGee states even if we do that and someone hits it the City is liable. Whidden states if there is a wreck they are going to hit the fence and the cans. Whidden states we are getting a lot more done in Code Enforcement now but at this time I am still not for spending that much money for the City to supply garbage cans.

McGee states I have some options that the Council can go over. Option #1 the City purchase the cans and use Capfa funds; the cost will be around \$65,000. The cans cost around \$30 to \$40 each depending on the amount the City purchases. This will give the customers two cans and 40 for spares. The advantage will be 100% clean transition the disadvantage is the cost. Option #2 the City will purchase the cans for a section of the City; the cost will be determine on the customers in that section, the advantage will be the City will start progress in implementing the cans for the City, the disadvantage will be the customers that didn't receive the cans might be angry. Option #3 offers our customers to purchase the cans at cost, the kind I am referring to is the ones that have wheels and can roll. The advantage to having it on wheels is that you can roll it out the day of pick up and roll it back in the evening or they will get a penalty. The cans will be their property if they buy them and it will be less cost to the City. The disadvantage will be not everyone will purchase the cans and will continue to use the old ones. McGee states I know the City has more important things on the table; like the Lundy building bait and tackle and any other building that needs to be demo, with the garbage cans it's the entire City and I know the Council would like to make the City look nicer. Whidden states I don't think it's a bad idea I just think it's the wrong time we have Code Enforcement working good now and on option #3 I think you are going to put more load on Code Enforcement for something we can't get right now. Code Enforcement is working on cleaning up the City and we do have a policy now that you put you cans out Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and commercials is on Wednesday. You made a statement if you leave them out you will get a penalty that just adds to the load of Code Enforcement and we will have to change the policy and that takes time. Lucas states I agree.

Eighner states when Schlueter gave her presentation to be a sanitation worker you have to be able to pick up 75lb. My vision was not only to get the can holders off the easement but to eliminate them completely. One reason why people started to put their trash cans in the holders was because the animal control was lacking on their job, now the animal control has turned up a bit but the trash can holders are just inside of the property. We have not achieved the appearance of anything other than moving them back off the easement; how did we inform them on moving the holders. Bryant states we sent them a letter. Eighner states was there any feedback on removing the holders? Bryant states no there was no feedback we just removed them. Eighner states McGee on option #1 I don't see where we will store the extra 40 cans unless we can keep them outside in the locked gate. Eighner states I like option #2 and if we start on Avenue A and B that's where a lot of these containers where left on the side of the road. Since then a lot of the containers have been dragged back to the road and on the south side of town there have been a couple that have put out new containers.

Eighner states Whidden I can see that \$75,000 is a lot of money for garbage cans but what I would like to see is on the section of Elmwood, where we have been enforcing Code Enforcement more recently is to find out how many cans we need. There will be some people that only need one garbage can which can help in the initials cost. I have spoken to the sanitation worker there is a number of cans exactly like that around town and they don't have a problem picking up and putting back. I want to see the trash cans there because if you gave someone the option to put those nice cans out by the side of the road then we can get rid of those metal holders that are sitting inside there yard. Bryant states if you offer two cans they will want two cans just in case. Whidden states we can look at it but I think the timing is wrong the policy we have in place now is two cans for twice a week pickup even if you use it or not. Bryant states

how will the City recover the money? Decker states we don't. McGee states we can borrow the money from Capfa and pay it back just like we have done in the past with equipment. Whidden states if we keep going in the direction we are going in Code Enforcement and it's the only thing we have to worry about I'm all for them but I still don't think we should use tax payers money to buy something the customers are responsible for. Decker states lets clean up the town but I have to agree with Whidden I can see the money used on something else like the drainage. Eighner states I know we have to fix the drainage in the alleys but why do we have to concentrate only on one project?

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICER.

6A: Public Work Director

Decker states I talked to Marc Taylor and he had two other police with him about the problem in the park and the officer will be putting it in the computer for all other officers.

Bryant states Briefman and I talked to AIM engineering at Loves; we were discussing an issue they have on one of their lines they had to divert and we got it worked out. Briefman states they didn't have a 12" clearing from the storm water to the water line so they called us and they are going to fix it. Whidden states so it will be in code? Briefman states yes.

Eighner states Bryant do you know when we are going to start the street signs? Bryant states we have finished the first phase of the list you had us do I can get you a copy of the list and where we are in it if you like. Decker states are they any left? Bryant states no we only have six or seven left to replace on our first phase but we can order more because we are trying to do it by budget.

McGee states Bryant I would like it if someone could get in the bucket truck and take pictures of the Lundy Building. Brantley states we have pictures. McGee states we need to get quotes on demolition. Bryant states we have been doing that I just called a guy today that has the contract with the Motel he is going to give us a quote. McGee states also include Alvin's bait and tackle and the Antique shop.

Eighner states the property on 10th street do you have anything on it? Bryant states he didn't call me yesterday but I will call him tomorrow.

Decker states I heard a rumor of hogs being raised in the City? Whidden states I have not heard of any. McGee states I hope they are not. Bryant states I will get with the meter readers.

Tim Jones states what is the time limit after the vehicle gets tagged? Bryant states they have ten days from the day I red tag it to get a tag or cover it. Fielder states I seen them on Elmwood that they are covering it with clear plastic and putting rocks on it. Decker states so they are allowed to cover it with a cover? Bryant states yes. McGee states are they allowed to use plastic? Bryant states not plastic. Decker states how about a blue tarp? Bryant states yes. Jones states my question is the car is still there it's still old and not working so covering it up its just canceling it. Whidden states that is our job to change the policy. Eighner states does it say it has to be a car

cover? Bryant states its say it has to be covered. Eighner states how many cars did you tow last week? Bryant states three or four. Eighner states how many did you tag? Bryant states it's on my report.

6B: City Attorney.

Ramunni states I had a conversation with Mr. LaRue our planer he wants to have a public hearing in regards to minimum square footage for signal family residence. We also had a conversation on the medical marijuana and how the Council wants to regulate within the City at some point we will have to have a workshop on it.

6C: City Clerk.

Brantley states Ramunni and I met with FPL today and every December they have what is call a buyers option that we can choose to go with or not they recommend that we don't go with it. If you go with the buyers option when they go on managers demand it will cost you more money if we stay where we are we can save \$18,700, they only had to go on managers demand two times in the last 25 years. Whidden states what did Ed recommend? Brantley states not to go with it. Ramunni states one of my questions was what do other Cities that have the same contract as us do and they all elected not to go with it. McGee states in our current contract are we locked in our rate? Whidden states it's a nine and a half year contract and there are some increases in it but we don't need to do this.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to not go with the managers demand and keep it as is. Motion carried

Brantley states can we go ahead and pay out the Holiday bonuses? Whidden states that is fine.

6D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

6E: CAS Governmental Services

Vanassche states the DEP grant is finalized the engineers have been notified that they can start working and the first report will be do at the end of the month. This is the legislative packets before I send it I just want to review it with you all. Do you have any changes you want to make? McGee states it all looks good.

6F: Water Department Supervision Reports

Briefman states I want the Council to know we are having some issues with the South Florida Water Management permit they are requesting some more data so I am going to turn it over to Ramunni because I'm not sure where to go from here.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,251.63.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$31,251.63. Motion carried

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

NONE

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner states I have a list here but I will wait and give it to Schlueter when she is here.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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