

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 17, 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
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Patricia Lucas, Councilwoman
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman, Financial Director

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, 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:

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

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

March 26, 2018 Workshop

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve March 26, 2018 Workshop Minutes. Motion carried. With Correction.

McGee states on page one; I don't know if it is on there or not, but I just want to clarify it. On paragraph one about three quarters of the way down, just by doing that alone will clean up a lot. I want to put on the priority list garbage containers; I want to make sure it is on the list. Also, I would like to get a copy of that priority list to make sure everything is on there.

Eighner states at the bottom of page two, "McGee states I have something on 5C no vessel shall exceed 26 feet", and I believe I was the one who stated that.

April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting

MOTION was made by Lucas seconded by Decker to approve April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried. With Correction.

McGee states on page one, item 5 on the bottom line, it says “fill” needs to be feel.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD WITH LAURA PERRY:

Laura Perry states Crystal Drake is also here, she will be more than happy to answer any questions that I cannot answer. The reason I am here tonight is to try to encourage you to consider bringing back a camp to Moore Haven for our kids. We have a lot of kids during the summer with nothing to do; they are either at home unsupervised, and watching TV. The Glades Education Foundation have put into their strategic plan to try to improve that situation for our kids in Glades County. We are really, as an Education Foundation, not in the business of running or putting a summer camp together, but we do have funds and means to try to get programs going for kids. What we did last year, was we pooled some funding and resources and actually bussed kids over to Clewiston for their camp they have been putting on for over twenty years. We had twenty-five to thirty kids that attended the six weeks of camp. The Education Foundation paid their tuition to the city camp and we secured funding for the busses. Ideally what we would like to see happen is that Moore Haven indorses their own City Camp, so that we are not bussing kids out of town. I wanted to bring you some information to consider. We could charge a fee to help offset the cost for the movies and things like that. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We could probably get high school students to help to accrue community service hours. We still have the option to bus the kids to Clewiston that is still on the table. It will be run by the YMCA this year and it is \$55.00 a week for 8 weeks. They will have child care from 8 am to 3 pm. Lucas states you are looking for money to help defray that money, so that the kids won't have to pay \$55.00 a week. Perry states this is what I am asking for; I would like to see the City and the County to chip in for the cost to defray paying the cost of the teachers, and counselors, because that is going to be the biggest cost. I know the Education Foundation will kick in funds to help, and I know of some additional sources to tap that will help. We are estimating 40 to 50 kids this year between the ages for 5 to 12. Lucas states I personally think it is a good thing and if we can do something when we are working on the budget if you would give us an amount. Eighner states this program will be over by the time we start the new budget. What I would like to do this year is make a donation, then when we start budget we can look further into it. Robert Powers states I am 100% behind this. Eighner states I would like to put it on the next agenda to give us some time to think about it.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICER:

6A: CITY MANAGER

Miller states first of all I would like to welcome Priscilla Spooner; she is the new secretary at the warehouse. The ditch cleaning process, I talked to the Corp of Engineers, they do not have a problem with us pumping water into the river. I already have crews starting on the laterals, they started today. The track hoe is on schedule to be delivered on Monday. The ladders and safety rings have been installed on the docks. On code enforcement, Felicia has been doing a really good job. We are getting a good response; I am seeing a lot of things being cleaned up. The concrete work at the marina should start in 2 weeks. Spoke to Clyde Johnson; he should be starting on City Hall renovations on April 20th. One thing we have to definitely talk about is, I was contacted by FDOT, they have a project starting on US 27, remilling from 5th Street to State

Road 78. Randy, the engineer, he is saying they are going to resloap the ditches, and the way they are wanting to sloap is going to cause our water line to have only 1 foot of dirt over it. That is not acceptable. These are our transmission lines. He insinuated that if that is not acceptable then we would have to endure the cost of moving the lines. Whidden states it is not that we can't endure it, the State says it has to have 30" of cover. The State is moving it, so the State is going to have to come up with the money.

McGee states there is grass growing on RailRoad Avenue, can we get that sprayed. Eighner states who got the bids for Avenue R? Miller states they are being reviewed by an engineer, to make sure our documents are correct. We should have the results next week some time. Brantley states May 1st.

6B: City Attorney:

Ramunni states the only thing I have is a check for the City for \$50,000.00 this represents the lump sum settlement that we worked out with regarding to Phil Bennett.

6C: City Clerk:

NONE

Eighner states do you remember a long time back, like 1995 that is the last time I remember being a summer program. Do you remember us making any type of donation? Brantley states no, we didn't.

Robert Power states I need some signage. Whidden states you have to give us some time. We found a way we can do it.

6D: Craig A Smith:

NONE

6E: CAS Governmental Services:

NONE

6F: Water Department Supervision Reports:

Briefman states as far as the tank that had damage at the water plant, we have separated those two tanks Monday; we cut one down, then cut the other one down today. We don't have to buy any more chemicals for the membrane. We will start working on the new ones. I am having an issue with the UF; I need to purchase new modules. I don't need to purchase them all at the same time, so that is not a large expense. Whidden states just don't get us behind.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,210.04:

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$86,210.04. Motion carried.

McGee states page one at the bottom, in the building department, First Bank Card. What is best butt? Decker states it's the camera for the building department. McGee states it was spelled wrong, so I didn't know.

Eighner states page three, JSM Electric, diagnosed problem with control panel for \$1,260.00. Briefman states that also includes a \$920.00 part.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS:

Cheryl Ivack states at the last meeting I requested a quick claim deed for the little piece of the lot at the back of my property. Ramunni states it is going to have to wait until we get engineers in here and re-do the survey, because we don't know what to deed at this point. I would like to accommodate you, and we have a project coming up in the next few months, and they will be doing the survey. That is how we plan on doing it, plus we will have to get with the engineers as far as realigning the road. Ivack states if you realign the road that has been there a good long time, you will be adding an expense to each property owner if you move the road. Ramunni states why? Ivack states because Mr. Odom just put up a fence, do you want to move that fence? Odom states I'm not going too. Ivack states the person that is next to me, where the fence runs to the proper easement line, and if you are going to move the road over and take part of their land you are going to have issues. Ramunni states we are not taking their land. We are simply adjusting the road to match what should be the right of way. There is no taking that is happening. I don't know what to tell you, we are going to have to do a survey; we are going to have to do it in conjunction with the engineers. You just can't do a quick claim deed, especially knowing that there is an issue now, without knowing what the proper legal description is going to be. We are trying to accommodate what you are looking for but it doesn't happen overnight. Lucas states why can't we have them do that now? Ramunni states because it won't be reimbursed, if you want it to come out of pocket and pay it, you can do it now. Whidden states we are going to be doing it in a couple of months anyway. Ivack states I purchased this property in May, I didn't get the deed until November, and I have been mowing it thinking it went to the proper easement to the road. Ramunni states you were given a legal description that says a lot and block number nothing more. We appreciate you mowing it, but that's not the issue and we are trying to accommodate you. The residence on the other side of the road are going to gain property, whether or not u look at costing them money or not, that is beside the point, but we are about to realign the whole road. Ivack states well that's a lot of billable hours for you. The road has already been there. Ramunni states it has nothing to do with my billable hours because that is not something I charge for, that is something done through the engineers, I have nothing to do with it. Ivack states that road has been there for 20 years, it is going to affect everyone on that road. Ramunni states it has to be set up with the engineers. Lucas states what I'm saying is why can't we do it now? Ramunni states do you want to pay for the cost of the whole survey? Lucas states the City sold her the property. Ramunni states the City sold her a property that is a lot and

a block number, nothing more nothing less. The problem is that the road when put in is off. Lucas states that is not her problem. Ramunni states not it's across the street, and it needs to be rectified, but we need to do a survey for the whole street not just one section. Eighner states Mr. Miller and I went after the last meeting and looked at the property. As we were standing against the chain link fence we looked down and saw the power pole that is one the easement. Once they come in with the sewer, the road is going to come your property more, just by looking at it; it doesn't look like it is going to affect the residence on Jay's side of the road. It looks like it is going to be shifted more towards your property and you can clearly see it. It is going to happen; you are just going to have to give us a couple of months to get the property surveyed for the sewer system. Decker states is it causing a hardship right now. Ivack states people are driving into my property. Mr. Miller states I did put up no trespassing signs today.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states Ms. Felicia, at 428 Avenue D, there is a house across the street from it, there is like a big double wide that has like exploded. Little states I sent them a notice on that one already. Eighner states the extra tables at the Chalo Nitka grounds; we should get them moved out of the weather.

Decker states Ms. Felicia do you have anything on 290 Florida Avenue? Little states I will go by there tomorrow. That is that old mobile home with the black car in the yard.

McGee states there is a truck backed up to a guy's house on Railroad Avenue Ally, it's not too far from the City Barn. It has a flat tire and the weeds are starting to grow around it. Little states ok, I did put door tags, I think I know where you are talking about.

Whidden states in a week or two, I will know a more definite date, we need to let the citizens of Moore Haven know there will be an outage. They need to do some repairs at the substations. It could be 3 to 4 hour outage.

Terrell Fielder states has there been any more consideration on the Veterans Memorial. Whidden states Jake is handling that. Eighner states we spoke about it at the March 26 meeting for the priority list.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED:

NONE

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk

Bret Whidden, Mayor

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

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