

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING ON APRIL 2, 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

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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: SHERIFF DAVID HARDIN TO ADDRESS COUNCIL.

Sheriff David Hardin states I came here tonight to look at your ordinance of operating motor vehicles that would be golf carts, four-wheelers and side by sides. What was the date when you all came up with the ordinance? Decker states in September 6, 2011. Hardin states in 2011 the admin of side by sides have not yet taken hold and I would like to request we form a committee and have a meeting to make revisions to your ordinance to bring it up to date and make it community friendly. Hardin states there is no room for dirt bikes and four-wheelers on the streets wide open and reckless driving of any kind maybe we can find a middle ground. Whidden states the way I look at it is we can have golf carts abused like riding at night with no lights; we can have polaris but they can also be abused we have trucks and cars that can be abused that needs to be enforced. The four-wheelers and motor bikes we don't have any place for them to ride and it's not necessary the polaris, golf carts, four-wheelers or motorcycles it's the people driving them they are no different than a truck or car driving down City streets at 50 to 60 miles per hour we need to hold people responsible and set an example. I think the council will agree that polaris are a safe vehicle they have lights just like the golf carts, but the four-wheelers and motor bikes they ride through peoples properties. I think what the council looking for is something to be enforced where we still can enjoy the golf carts that are on the road legal according to the City ordinances

and to incorporate polaris. Hardin states I agree but right now with State law none off it is legal in order for us to adopt an ordinance like the City's with some language changed which I would like for the County to mirror once the changes are made. Whidden states we will have a workshop on April 22nd at 5:15pm.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE USING LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX FOR PAVING ROADS ON SEWER PROJECT.

Whidden states we discuss this at the last CCPWA meeting, we fell a little short on the sewer project on the south side of town we are about quarter million short we do have enough money in the local option gas tax to be able to complete it without cutting corners. We did get it awarded at the CCPWA meeting but we need to get it approved of the City meeting because the funds are on the City side. As the City Mayor I am going to approach the County Commissioners to see if they will pay half of it back to the City out of the sales tax.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve to use the local option gas tax for paving roads on sewer project.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SEAWALL GRANT.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve Resolution for seawall grant.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS MARINA OPTIONS.

Miller states I received six applications I interviewed five one was a no show and I would like to have a decision by Friday. Also we need to talk about getting the store stocked and ready to go is there an amount limit we need to stick by or do you all any guide lines I need to stick to? Eighner states in the workshop meeting we talked about \$1,000 in the budget to do upgrades and up keep on the Marina and \$500 for the fishing items just to start off and as customers come in asking for other items we will purchase them. Whidden states also look into the some tanks.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER.

8A: City Manager

Miller states we are still moving forward with the picnic tables at the Marina I am hoping to have it done by the end of next week to close out the grant.

Miller states on the water park the drainage is fixed we do have some small electrical issues we are working on; I am getting with Rayburn to put a fence around the valves.

Miller states I was approached by the Sugar County Apartments about the lighting on the vacant lots across from them will be building single family homes in the further and are asking us if we will considered putting the light poles in place for lighting. Whidden states how do they know what is going to be build there? Miller states he gave me a drawing you all can look at and in the email he sent said Mrs. Ramey has lots that will be sold as single family houses on it. Whidden

states we don't know what Mrs. Ramey is going to do but if they want lights we can look at it and they will have to pay to put them in but it has to be on their property not Mrs. Ramey.

Miller states we were in Tallahassee last week and it was very informational. I can tell you that it did get presented but it did not make the list as far as what they want to possible budget I just want to say Connie does a great job she showed Eighner and I around and explained everything.

Miller states I had a conversation with Sam Briefman and I need to bring you all up to date, Briefman came to me when I got back Friday from Tallahassee he is expressing his gratitude and he was honored that you all asked him to be Assistant City Manager but he wants to declined that title and that I think Briefman is looking into retirement we already discussed that Charles Hale will be taking over the Water Plant as lead operator and as of today Briefman will be helping me with some of the special projects.

McGee states how are we doing on our waste containers you mention the program in the third quarter? Miller states it's going to be more like the last quarter.

Decker states Ramunni how are we doing on the abandon vehicles? Ramunni states I have a draft but it's not typed but I will have it for the next meeting.

Decker states Miller I want to see Kedon and Ian on the back of the backhoe and trained by Steve.

McGee states how many guys are on the back of the garbage truck? Miller states there is only two guys on the garbage truck, on Mondays I do aloud three because it's our heaviest day. McGee states is it working out? Miller states yes it is. Decker states is Greene aloud to drive yet? Miller states no he is working on it and he should be back to driving in May.

8B: City Attorney.

NONE

8C: City Clerk.

NONE

8D: Craig A Smith.

NONE

8E: CAS Governmental Services

NONE

8F: Water Department Supervisor

NONE

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,710.73.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$42,710.73.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Jason Adam states there is a couple of lights under the bridge that went out when they were doing the drainage. Miller states we have been working on them but some are going to need rewiring.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Decker states I will be going to the safety meeting at the County with Miller on Thursday morning.

Eighner states in our trip to Tallahassee we talked about water quality issues and the lake level and how it affected the sewer projects, if you have never been to Tallahassee I encourage you all to go especially the newer Council also Ben Albritton is 100% behind the City.

Whidden states on March 19th I have a boat trip with a congressman and had to reschedule due to the rain and it will be on April 23rd at noon we will be looking at the Moore Haven canal project.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor