

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 3, 2017 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 (Absent)
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman

Others Present: Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
 Jerri Lynn Schlueter, Public Works Director
 Sam Briefman, Water Plant Supervisor
 Kevin Bryant, Code Enforcement

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

Whidden gave the roll call.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Invocation McGee; Pledge Briefman

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE GE SETTLEMENT OFFER.

Ramunni stated we have gone about as far as we can get it. Their Attorney contacted us last week with a counter offer. The total settlement offer is twenty thousand cash, twenty membranes, thirty one thousand dollar credit on field service over a three year period, a twenty five thousand dollar credit towards general conditions cost in the event that Florida Design gets the bid going forward with the water plant expansion, A total settlement of \$136,000.

MOTION was made by McGee, seconded by Decker to accept the settlement from GE of \$136,000 in cash, services, credits and membranes. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS BLACKBOARD CONNECT.

Whidden stated I have read this and I like it, it will not stop all the phones calls but it will help a lot, especially the businesses. Schlueter stated I would like to have this put on the next agenda, we got an email from Angie Colegrow and she has a program that is free, I would like to talk to her first. Decker stated a person told him about one that was five cents a call. Briefman stated he did send DEP an email to see if it would acceptable to them, I haven't heard back from them. Whidden stated let's put it on the next agenda.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICER.

6A: Public Work Director

Schlueter stated I don't really have anything else to add to my report other than David Hanson passed away. His service is Wednesday at eleven at the Christian Church in Labelle.

Decker stated on the culverts there needs to be more digging done, they are stopped up. Also there is a storm drain at Avenue J and 5th Street that is stopped up. McGee stated you might get with the fire department. Schlueter stated she has called and they said this is something they don't do any more. Whidden stated we can dig the culverts up and shake them.

Decker stated can we get a copy of the garbage letter that is going out. Schlueter stated yes. Eighner stated is it in the letter about trash has to be in bags. Schlueter states yes. Eighner stated the fifty five year old community, the Yacht Club who are elderly people roll their cans out to the side of the road. McGee stated I will have to roll mine out and get rid of my garbage bin.

Eighner stated did we get reflections for the hydrants, as much as that grass is growing we need them. Whidden stated in town where they put the new hydrants and valves a few years ago: they need to start weed around them or we won't be able to find the valves.

Whidden stated our City employees drive the same streets we do and these pot holes are getting worse and it is all over town. Whidden stated in your report you talked about a vacuum truck; I don't want to buy one right now we need to get on top of our drainage first.

Eighner stated we spent the money on renting a tractor and we didn't get accomplished what we wanted to do. We haven't maintained the swales that we did get done, and the main ones are the ones right at the main ditch. These yards are holding water and they need to be cleaned with a shovel and sprayed on a regular basis.

McGee stated on Code Enforcement you need to go visit Shaky he is still working. Bryant stated I did go see him and he said he is not working. McGee stated I just seen him a couple of days ago working on someone's vehicle.

Fielder stated does the City own the lots next to Ogletree's on 5th Street, that place is horrible and holding water. Schlueter stated no the City does not own them. Fielder stated he seen some kids fall at the gate of the water park.

Decker asked if the fire hydrant had to be changed in the day light. Whidden stated it is better to and anytime you change a fire hydrant always have a plan B.

6B: City Attorney.

Ramunni stated on the Lundy Building there is currently seven years of taxes and interest owed in the amount of \$24,315.71. I recommend you don't pay him the thousand dollars. Whidden stated just stay our course.

Ramunni stated the reason I want to have the hearing next week is I wasn't sure if we would have a quorum. I know that when the issue occurred the employee went to Whidden and Decker and had discussion and I am concerned about you receiving information out side of the meeting and if it would affect your ability to serve. I cannot tell you that you can or cannot serve but I wanted to talk to you first instead of blindsiding you in a meeting. Whidden stated he did not come to me, Schlueter called me and then he called me. Any employee in the past who thought they were in trouble or got fired or written up has always been able to come to me or any Council member. This City Council looks over the grievance and it is no different than Briefman, Schlueter or Bryant calling me with a problem with an employee. Ramunni stated technically you are a witness. Decker stated it is my understanding the Mayor sets that meeting. Ramunni stated but we are on the clock we have ten day from the meeting with Brantley and Briefman. Decker stated we have been on the clock. Ramunni stated if you don't like the way I did it that is fine; I am trying to balance the legal. Decker stated I did not say if I like or didn't like but we are in agreeance that the Mayor is suppose to set the meeting. Ramunni stated I am not sure but if you want to have it sometime this week is fine. Decker stated it is not up to me it is up to the Mayor. Whidden stated it is 6:00 Monday. McGee stated if they were to reclude themselves wouldn't you have to get two more people? Ramunni stated no three would be a quorum.

6C: City Clerk.

Eighner stated he would like for the Veterans Memorial be on the next agenda.

6D: Craig A Smith.

None

6E: CAS Governmental Services

None

6F: Water Department Supervisor Reports

Briefman stated I need six compression couplings now and I can order six more in the next budget. Whidden stated get eight now so you can have a spare and get the rest in the next budget. Briefman stated if I get six now I will have a spare. Whidden stated that will be fine.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,659.99.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$42,659.99. Motion carried.

Briefman stated the thousand dollar charge to Water Plant on page 3 should be water distribution.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS.

None

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner stated the trees at the Family Dollar are falling close to the sidewalk if Bryant can stop in there and let them know. Eighner stated I would like some attention on the landscape around the restrooms in the park. Schlueter stated it is in the budget. Eighner stated I would like to see the timber taken out now.

Decker stated what about the back side of 4th Street ditch aren't we paying someone to spray it behind Clay Browning's house. Bryant stated I don't think they go that far down. Decker stated then we need to weed it. Decker stated there is a washout at the Marina. Decker asked how many CDL licensed employees we have. Schlueter stated five. Decker stated how about Jay. Schlueter stated no. Whidden stated he does not need to be driving that truck.

McGee asked if we got a quote on the shutters for the Marina yet. Schlueter stated no. McGee stated have you got a date for the milling on Railroad Avenue. Schlueter stated no. Decker stated the guy that has that larger boat is he by his self or does he have guys to come in and work on it. Whidden stated he has a partner. Decker stated he parked right behind the no parking sign, if you can ask him not to park there. Ramunni stated I want to make sure we are consistent.

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
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor