

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

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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  
  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.**

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

**ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

NONE

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

July 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve July 3, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried

July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #333 SKIRTING.**

Ramunni reads ordinance #333 by title.

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Lucas approve final reading of ordinance #333 skirting. Motion carried

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS VETERANS MEMORIAL.**

Eighner states Schlueter, Bryant and I met down there, there are a couple of things we have been working to improving the project. Eighner states on the cable line we are going to see if we can get them underground. Eighner states we should be getting some prices and we are going to start getting some of the work done that the city employees can do and move forward. McGee states are we going to ask for donations? Schlueter states we did talk about this and we put money in the budget for it but is this something we are wanting to do now out of the current budget? If that is the case we can start to clear out the site and whatever is donated we can do before October 1<sup>st</sup> but anything we purchase has to be done after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Whidden states we need to get everything in order before we do any major work done like if we pour concrete and then find out we could have got the cable lines buried.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE BALL FIELD AGREEMENT.**

**MOTION** was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve Ball Field Agreement. Motion carried

**ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**8A: Public Work Director**

Whidden states on the Streets Department position he resigned? Schlueter states yes he got another job.

Eighner states did Adron Fence say when they are going to put in the fence? Schlueter states August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Decker states did you find anything about the missing weed trimmer? Schlueter states no. Whidden states when was that I was not at the last meeting. Schlueter states it was around June 20<sup>th</sup> Decker states did you buy another one? Schlueter states yes. Whidden states are they on the mules or on the mowers? Schlueter states after they are used they are put back in the shop and when they went to go get one it was gone but they have now been moved into the shed in the back under lock. Lucas states I have been down to the shop when Bryant and Schlueter have been gone there doors are locked but the shop is open and I have said that before that it was left open. Whidden states do you know how long it was before you notice it was missing? Schlueter states no. Lucas states I think we need to do something. Schlueter states we can close the middle bay and keep it lock but it won't do us any good to lock the last bay because that is where Harris works out of and he is in and out all day. Whidden states do all the employees have keys to the shop doors? Schlueter states no. Whidden states the shop needs to be lock up if there is no one there it don't take that long to lock and unlock the doors. Schlueter states we can lock the shop but I have to give a key to all the employees but I don't think it's a good idea because I don't think it was someone off the streets that stole the weed trimmer that's my personal opinion. Whidden states I think they should have a key and if you have an issue with an employee that is stilling you don't need that employee working there. Schlueter states do I need to call Bryant and

tell him I'm not at the shop so he needs to be there? Whidden states yes or have someone else to be there.

**8B: City Attorney.**

Ramunni states we received a letter from Robert Power LLC he is interested in leasing the Bait and Tackle Building so we need to put them on the next meeting agenda.

**8C: City Clerk.**

Brantley states the first budget hearing meeting is going to be September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**8D: Craig A Smith.**

Gene states I want to give you an update on the Water Plant first I got an answer from GE after we settled, the total price for their module are \$6,072. Gene states we did a detail take off on all the improvement that needs to be done at the Water Plant the estimate we have is \$1.263 million, \$690 is the construction cost. If we go thru USDA with bonding we will also have to do the planetary engineering report and an environmental report with a 10% contingency you are looking at a total of \$1.829191 million. Ada is coming tomorrow to do an inspection and she did say the City qualified for a 40/60 grant loan so if you want to do that we need to get the paper work started. Whidden states we need to get it started.

**8E: CAS Governmental Services**

Connie states I have an update on the FDEP grant for the Avenue R storm-water the report was submitted timely the design and permitting is complete we will submit a reimbursement of funds.

**8F: Water Department Supervision Reports**

NONE

**ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,240.98.**

**MOTION** was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$143,240.98. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.**

Silvia Hernandez states my issue is with the garbage letters that the City sent out, what was the purpose of building the bins and getting new trash cans and now we can't use them and have to put the trash cans out where the dogs can get to them. Whidden states we have an issue with animal control and I'm working with the County Manager on it and I know that is part of the problem, and it's not that you can't have the bins they just can't be on the City easement. Hernandez states the bins are on our property. Whidden states that is fine but on trash day pickup you need to take out the trash cans and put them on the side of the road.

**ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.**

Eighner states I got a call from Falinda Langdale from the Elementary School they want to raise chickens, pig and a goat this year at the school. Whidden states I told her now you can do chickens and they cannot have roosters.

Eighner states I'm not sure if you have a list set up already for the skirting ordinances but I would like you to start sending out letters.

Lucas states Schlueter pass her water distribution operator test when that happens doesn't the employee get a raise. Whidden states we discussed that at the last meeting and we are going to discuss that at the budget workshop meeting. Schlueter states pass people have been given raise outside of the budget. Lucas states I don't understand the way it's been done because pass employees pass thier test they got a raise and I don't understand why one of our senior people can't. Whidden states Lucas there is a lot in the City that I don't understand I have asked for a meeting with staff and wanted it in private I was told I couldn't do that unless we were in litigation but we are going to have a workshop meeting after the CCPWA.

Decker states around Elmwood and Eldorado there is chickens running around.

McGee states Schlueter have you gotten a chance to check on the culverts? Schlueter states I'm still working on it.

McGee states on the side arm what are the chances of looking into a smaller one? Bryant states the one we have now is too big for our tractor I'm going to look into some prices on a smaller one.

Whidden states when Morales got his CDL did he get a raise? Schlueter states yes. Whidden states how much? Schlueter states fifty cent. Whidden states and then he left to the County. Schlueter states yes. Whidden states then you filled his position with Thomas, so when Morales was at \$11.32 plus his fifty cent raise? Schlueter states yes. Whidden states you hired his replacement at \$13 hour? Schlueter states yes. Whidden states that's about a \$2 different? Schlueter states yes but we also paid for Morales test so I took that in consideration as to Thomas already has his CDL. Whidden states Morales say why he left? Schlueter states no. Lucas states we need to start to pay them more so they can stay.

Whidden states we have been working on Code Enforcement and have made some progress and now we are trying to get animal control but let's remember all departments are important with the City. The City Council runs the City, Schlueter runs her department, Brantley also runs her department but we need to talk to the employees, if you see an employee take a few minutes and talk to them it is very important to the employee and we also can learn a lot from the employee when you talk to them they might have a good idea and you will find out what is going on around the City. Schlueter states the only thing I ask is if you are going to talk to any of the employees to please do it at the shop don't stop them from doing their job. McGee states there was an issue when the grass was mowed in front of City Hall and it was getting tracked in to City

Hall I didn't stop them from doing their job I talked to Schlueter and let her know and she took care of it.

**ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.**

NONE

**ITEM 14: DISCUSS 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

NONE

**ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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Bret Whidden, Mayor