

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 15, 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
 Jacob Eighner, Councilman

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

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL.

McGee 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.

July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Eighner to approve July 24, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE MARINA OPERATIONS WITH ROBERT POWER.

Whidden states Robert on one of the things, while it's on my mind. You had asked about the fuel pumps. Power states that is hear say. Whidden states we didn't touch on that too much because of the waterway and DEP. We did discuss possible some portable fuel, but no fuel tanks. The rest of it looks fine and there is some negotiations we need to do. Power states I think there is big potential in all this. I have a lot of experience in fishing, marina work; I am a plumber by trade, so if anything breaks I can fix it. I know that the Q & A thing that I gave you is going to be answered in the proposal, I realized that when I started to read it. Lucas states do you have a proposal you would like to submit. Power states just what I handed to you already, I'm still working on this. Eighner asks is this going to be your everyday job. Power states yes,

plus my guiding and airboats tours. Eighner asks have you had any experience in the retail business before. Power states yes, I worked at Roland Martin's Marina for 7 years. McGee states as a guide? Power states maintenance and keeping things going around that marina. Whidden states Robert, I like your proposal. We will need to iron out the details. Power states when I finish this you will have all the questions answered. I just wanted to get my foot in the door and introduce myself. I do have a question for you, being as it is going to be a marina I am going to have to provide bait. I do not want to put bait inside that facility. I would like to get a little 20 X 10 shed and put it on the north end of the building. I don't want to put anything in there that will start stinking. Schlueter states it would have to be on the back side of the building because the north side is where we are still adding things to the facility. Whidden states I am going to have Maxine put you on the next agenda for September 5th.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2017-02 NON-VIOLENT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

Brantley read out loud title only.

MOTION was made by Decker seconded by McGee to approve resolution 2017-02 non-violent civil rights demonstrations. Motion carried

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CDBG PURCHASING AGREEMENT.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Decker to approve CDBG purchasing agreement. Motion carried

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE HOLIDAYS FOR NEW BUDGET.

MOTION was made by Lucas seconded by McGee to approve Holidays for new budget. Motion carried

ITEM 9: DISCUSS JOINT MEETING DATE AUGUST 29TH AT 6:00 P.M.

Brantley states this is the joint meeting with the School Board, County Commissioners, and the City of Moore Haven.

ITEM 10: REPORT OF OFFICER.

10A: Public Work Director

Schlueter states I don't have anything to report. I did leave a copy of the animal control report; I did not receive it until yesterday. McGee states the light situation, did you find out anything on that. Schlueter states he was here yesterday and went through all the controllers. They could not find anything; he thinks it is something in the controller itself. I have a quote from a company in Punta Gorda to come change the two boxes that we have. McGee states another thing, the truck for the culverts. The culvert cleaners, how is that coming along? Schlueter states we don't have

anything yet, it is in the budget for October to purchase the pumps and things that we need. If we cannot find a company to do it then we will have to put something together ourselves.

Eighner states back to the lights, this company is out of Punta Gorda and they are saying they might be back here by the end of the week. Schlueter states no, that is DOT will come back down. I just got his quote to replace the boxes today. He is waiting on us. McGee states so we have to get another quote. Schlueter states no, I will call him in the morning and give him the ok. Ahern states Bret, I was there yesterday when the guy was there from the State, but until they find exactly what the problem is, and putting in new boxes in is not going to fix the problem. Schlueter states Ken Bass is going to be back here by the end of the week to test the loop if it is that, if it is not that then we are back at square one.

10B: City Attorney.

ABSENT

10C: City Clerk.

Whidden states please put this on the next agenda so that I don't forget. We need to look at our connect customers. We talked about this at the last meeting, Kevin or Jerri Lynn found someone living in a home and the owner didn't know it. For someone to come in and just show you a driver's license and we turn the power and water on, and something was to happen, that is a big liability. We need to see a lease agreement or rental agreement.

Brantley states the only thing I have is the workshop that Steve has requested for next Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. Lucas states what is it about? Brantley states to discuss the City Charter.

10D: Craig A Smith.

ABSENT

10E: CAS Governmental Services

Vanassche states I have a couple of handouts for you on the legislative issues that we handed out at the last meeting. I didn't know if you have any additions or changes to that, so there is another copy for you tonight. Also, we have worked with staff in preparation of the funding request for the water plant expansion.

10F: Water Department Supervision Reports

NONE

ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,793.96.

MOTION was made by McGee seconded by Lucas to approve the bill submitted list in the amount of \$59,793.96. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: CITIZENS COMMENTS / GENERAL CONCERNS.

Fielder states the pond on 10th Street needs spraying for weeds and cattails. Also there is a house on Avenue F directly across from the Church, looks like a jungle.

Ahern states County has had a feasibility study done for a motel, we haven't got it back yet, but the preliminary studies show it would be feasible for a motel here. They have started the landscaping on the Moore Haven Canal.

ITEM 13: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE REPORTS.

Eighner states on the wastewater, Sonja, when she checks on the pumps does she normally spray the rocks or the fence? Schlueter states no, we normally do that. Eighner states I know there is a lot on the route for the mowing crew. I would like to see her taking care of the spraying to make it easier on the lawn crew.

Eighner states Denco has just about moved out over there. We need to check back into fixing that line behind Bobbie Brown's house. Mr. Franklin has moved his boat, where we changed that pole out. I don't know if it is telephone or cable but it isn't but about 8 feet off the ground. I think it is something we can do without having to drive back through her yard. Eighner states speaking of Avenue R, do you know when they are starting the asphalt there? Schlueter states it probably won't be until next summer. That is part of the SCOP Project. Denco is coming back and they are going to put a 1" asphalt sealant on there. Whidden states when is that going to take place? Schlueter states they have had some leaks on the sewer they have had to fix so they are finishing that up, but it won't be released until that is done. Whidden states somebody needs to at least go grade it. It is terrible and I don't know why we have to tell again something needs to be done about it. Schlueter states I have reported it to Denco that they need to come repair it and that is what they said when the finish the leaks, they will come in they will fix the road and put down the asphalt sealant. It is a different project; the SCOP Project with DOT is what we are using to pave that road.

Eighner states on the water park, the kids are back in school, and I would like to see the water park shut down. We had Gene Woods from Okeechobee, he said to fix the cracks we need a 2" cap. The small cracks has turned into valleys now, before someone seriously gets hurt, I think we need to shut the water off, get some prices to get it repaired.

Eighner states the house fire that we were talking about on Avenue F, is there any progress on that? June 15th I think is when the house burned down and now there isn't even any caution tape up there. Bryant states the last conversation we had with the investigator is that it was under investigation. Eighner states was it Bob Jones, or a State Investigator? Schlueter states it was the State Investigator. We have his business card, we will call him.

Lucas states I would like to see a flag at the warehouse and at the water plant. Briefman states I have one that goes on the side of the building. Lucas states do you show it? Briefman states yes, it is on the side of the chlorine building. Lucas states ok, Jerri Lynn you need to put one at the warehouse. Schlueter states ok.

Lucas states I am going to try this once again, I tried and was stopped the last time I tried to talk about it. Jerri Lynn got her licenses for Water Distribution; she is supposed to get her raise. Sam says he should get a raise too, because he had his but he doesn't have it now. I don't understand what the problem is. The water leaks are a lot of work and the warehouse does that. I know you said we are going to have a meeting about this or something about it. Whidden states yes, it was at budget workshop, you were not here and we are going to have another one Tuesday night. Lucas states no, you said we were going to have one because you wanted to talk about some other things. Whidden states yes, and I have been asking for that meeting and we are going to have it Tuesday, some of it is going to be tonight. Sam didn't say he used to have a license, because he let it go, that he still needs a raise. He explained to the Council that he still does part of distribution work. That is what his statement was. Lucas states in here it says that whatever is awarded, to be fair, I should be awarded the same. Whidden states Jerri Lynn does not have her license yet, she passed her test, but she doesn't have the 2080 hours of working in the field to get her license yet. Schlueter states the one prior to me received a \$2.00 an hour raise when they passed the test. Decker states how much were they making when they got their raise? Schlueter states I will have to look that up. Lucas states I don't like this animosity between Sam and Jerri Lynn, either let Sam take over the whole thing or let Jerri Lynn do what she is doing. Briefman states there is no animosity, I just do most of the work, that's all. Lucas states you said you are doing most of the work, are you? Briefman states yes, I think I am. If anybody has anything to dispute then please say it. Lucas states this needs to be taken care of. You cannot do something for somebody and not do it for the other person. Whidden states I agree with you 100% on what you just said. I like that statement. Bryant states I think we are getting away from the whole picture of this thing. We are the City; we are supposed to be a team. We all play together and we play fair. Decker states no we don't play fair. Lucas states nobody plays fair, there is a lot of animosity, and you all know it and I know it. If we can toss it out there at the workshop I want to get to the bottom of it. Whidden states I would like all Council Members to be there. McGee states what time? Whidden state 5:00, if you can't make it we can change it to 6:00.

Decker states I would like to see these two garbage cans that are underneath the bridge that are overflowing emptied. Also last month I asked for Clarence's place to be mowed and that wasn't mowed and we can add that place on Avenue R. Also what about these chickens on Eldorado Avenue, I know they have a rooster over there. Bryant states I seen them, but I'm not going to chase them. Decker states I didn't ask you to chase them, I asked you to enforce the code.

McGee states did we end up fixing this out front where the sidewalk meets the pavement for the wheelchair access? Bryant states it will be done in the morning. McGee states I appreciate the list, but I would like to see something new at every meeting. I would like for Water Plant, Public Works Director and City Hall, everybody to follow through when we have something going, that way maybe we won't have so many questions. Also, Jerri Lynn got some quotes on garbage cans. I will let you all look at it and give you something to think about.

Whidden states Jerri Lynn did you ever find out about the wire we were talking about at the site for the memorial? Schlueter states no we don't know anything yet. Whidden states Kevin the material that you were talking to Dave about in front of City Hall, what material is that? Bryant states it is water activated asphalt. Whidden states where are we at with fixing this railing and

stuff we talked about. Schlueter states Harold was to come check them and tighten them, but I will check with him. Whidden states the square posts are rotting on the bottom of the uprights in between the railings.

Whidden states at the last meeting I talked to the City Council about getting involved with the employees and talking to them about what is really going on around the town that is partly due to this meeting coming up Tuesday night. I think you all need to come up with a plan in which direction we want to go. Every meeting and again tonight, Jerri Lynn has to make a list at every meeting from two or three Council Members. It is not the Council Members job to point this stuff out that is the day to day operations supervisors that run the City, but when you watch stuff like pot holes, garbage cans, drainage issues, or tree limbs laying somewhere. Then you bring it to their attention and get it done, but then you are micromanaging. We are not here to go tell someone when a pot hole needs to be filled up, our City trucks drive on the City Streets everyday all over this town. After Jerri Lynn's accident, we discussed in a meeting about liability on the City and the tax payers. There is to be no more unauthorized, there have been instances since then where there have been unauthorized people in the City vehicles. There is going to be a lot of stuff come up in the meeting Tuesday night and I want everybody to be prepared, think what we want to do, how we want to address the issues.

Whidden states on August 2nd I received a call from a lady very upset about her yard being torn up, down in Bowden's Subdivision. I met with her after I got off work evidently Jenna, that carries the mail, got stuck in this ladies yard. Kevin went down there and couldn't pull her out with the Code Enforcement truck, called another City employee and took the City backhoe down there. When I got down there to talk to the lady it was not as messed up as I thought it was going to be, but it wasn't like it was when she left her house. I met with Kevin, Jerri Lynn and Maxine and I had Kevin go down there and fix it and as far as I know the lady is very happy. Issues like that we have got to deal with, and we need to deal with them fair and consistent.

ITEM 14: DISCUSS FINANCIAL REPORTS IF NEEDED.

NONE

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

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

Maxine Brantley, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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