

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY  
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

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Council Members Present:

Bret Whidden, Mayor  
Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer  
Marcus “Marc” Decker  
Clay Browning  
Jan Gunn

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk  
Larry Tibbs, City Manager  
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director (absent)  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

Given by Whidden.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Mr. Miller. Pledge lead by Gunn.

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

None.

**ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** by Eighner to approve the December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Gunn. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE PROPOSED MARINA LEASE.**

Eighner stated he read over the lease, and in the lease, it states as the council we want the Marina to be open 60 hours 6 days a week. But I don't want to hold anyone to 60 hours until they know their hours. Whidden, I agree, I believe the person running it will know if they need to be open 7 hours a day or 12 hours, 7 days a week or 5 days a week. Ramunni states, there should be at least a minimum of hours expected a week for legal reasons. Whidden states the boat slips we would like the City to keep 50 percent and Mr. Cook keeps the other half, and the utilities are paid for by the City for the first year and after the year we will review it. Eighner, I did go in the Marina the other day and there is quite a bit of inventory in the Marina that the City paid for and I asked Roberts to do a count on the inventory to see what is all in there to see what we will do with it if

the Marina goes up for lease. Mr. Cook stated he has not been in the Marina until the last meeting the City had and seen the inventory in there and asked the gentleman who let him in to see it, how much the council wanted for the inventory and stated he would pay for it. Also, I would like to put patio stones/or stepping stones nothing permanent in the grassy area to the side so I can seat people there. Whidden, that's fine we are not going to put anything permanent there, Ramunni asked about a security deposit? Whidden states no, 30-hour minimum per week. Whidden told Mr. Cook to call City Hall Thursday to pick up the draft of the lease. Eighner states that we need to go down to the Marina to get inventory on equipment and make sure it works to make sure if anything happens that we get everything back in the same clean condition it is in.

## **ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

### **6A: CITY MANAGER**

Concerning the electric rate study, we did have a meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> and we have that project kicked off they anticipate the project to be done no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. The new system/website that is on going they are both coming along so in the next couple of weeks we should have something prototyped to look at, I think Ashley is going to cover this, but the auditors will be in next week for the next three weeks for two to three days a week to finish up. And the Marina Seawall they are still trying to push that with the Army Corp of Engineers back on January 5<sup>th</sup> Mittaur got hold of an Army Corp person to try and get the status of it and they still didn't have it so they are trying to go further up the line with them to see who we can get ahold of to get that permit moving. Eighner appreciates Mr. Tibbs for following up on the permit and asks if he could keep inquiring about it. Connie is not here tonight but our storm water project was passed so now we are in the process.

### **6B: CITY ATTORNEY.**

I have that code enforcement hearing on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and I need Felicia for that and possibly the county inspector, this is on the Moore Haven Restaurant. Eighner stated they did level the building in the back they put dirt down they have made a lot of progress in the last few days Felicia or Brandon may have an update on it. All the concrete is cleaned up and the big tree got cut down.

### **6C: CITY CLERK**

None.

### **6D: CRAIG A. SMITH**

Mr. Miller, Jean asked me to come tonight to make a visit and answer any questions. 5A is just about done and we are already started on 5C.

### **6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

None

**6F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR**

None

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,675.43:**

**MOTION:** by Eighner to approve the bills of \$107,675.43 seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:**

Citizen, states when the City gets a firm date on the dedication for the veterans he has already talked to the Vietnam veterans in Okeechobee and they would like to be present at the dedication another thing is the citizens really appreciated the golf cart parade for Christmas and if it would be something we can look forward to next year. Whidden, sure!

**ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:**

**Jake Eighner**

We have food trucks this Thursday. The bike race went very well.

**Clay Browning:**

None.

**Jan Gunn:**

None

**Mark Decker:**

I did a ride around town and looked at our bad streets, the numbered streets such as 5th street 3rd street we are going to have to put some money in them I don't think anything as been done to the street behind the elementary school I don't know if you'll like to patch it?

**Bret Whidden:**

None

**ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.**

None.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION:** by Eighner and seconded by Browning to adjourn. Motion carried.

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
**Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.**

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**