

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
MARCH 15, 2022, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL,
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

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 (CALLED IN)
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Whidden.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Browning. Pledge lead by Gunn.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Add Rivera's Transmission bill in the amount of \$2,010 to the bills submitted list.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

February 15, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: by Decker to approve the meeting minutes for February 15, 2022, seconded by Gunn
Motion Carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF LAKE O BICYCLE
CENTER ROADWAY CYCLING SERVICES.**

Mr. Tibbs states previously the City council approved the January 8th-March 26th Bicycle series to have the Chalo Nitka park fees waived. They have come forward with events from April 10th- June 26th. They are requesting the fees to continue to be waived. Whidden states he does not mind waiving the fees due to them bringing business to Moore Haven all they do is park and ride their bicycles.

Eighner states they don't use a lot of stuff, but the event has progressed, the Hendry county EDC and TDC has put money to help this, even though it is happening in Glades County, there are people coming from Miami and Ft. Lauderdale early in the mornings the very first thing they do once they get out of their cars after registering is they go straight to the restrooms. The county is supposed to be responsible for cleaning the facility and they have not showed up, last event we had tracked about \$300 of paper goods we put into the facility. The people who are in charge of the bicycle series, Mr. Chapman and his wife clean the grounds themselves, there was no tissues this last event and they went and purchased it on their own, they are taking good care of the grounds. I would like to ask the council to charge a flat fee just for use of the building weather it is nonprofit or not upon discretion.

MOTION: By Eighner to apply a handling and clean up fee of \$125.00 at the Chalo Nitka grounds for nonprofit and profitable events. Second by Gunn motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR LOSS:

Mr. Tibbs states the Treasury department issued the final rule on the guidance for the ARPA money. Basically, they gave comments on how complicated it was to determine with revenue short falls, they came up with a standard authorization amount up to \$10 million dollars that you could use for revenue loss, we are requesting the council to authorize the use of the standard allowance it's up to \$10 million or the amount of your award.

MOTION: By Eighner to authorize the use of the standard allowance of up to \$10 million dollars or the amount of the award. Seconded by Decker motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #128101 TO ACLARIAN FROM THE ARPA FUNDS FOR THE NEW WEBSITE AND SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,690.00:

MOTION: By Eighner to pay invoice #128101 to Aclarian, Seconded by Browning motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

The Florida Legislature approved a budget yesterday for the upcoming fiscal year, our project for drainage for \$934,960 was included in there so it was funded and got approved. The total of the grant from DEO is \$1,084,102. The Electric rate study we have got a good draft we would like to present at the next meeting April 5th at 6:30 pm. We did get the permit from the Army Corp for the seawall, we can proceed to phase 2.

CITY ATTORNEY:

I do have the Marina lease finalized, I sent a copy to Wills I am going to leave a copy for Mr. Cook, it should be in its final draft.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR:

Whidden states to change Robert's title on the agenda to (Public Works Director) Due to the fact he covers more than just the Water Plant.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,257.69.

Whidden states we added the \$2,010 to the \$78,247.69 for the transmission. Total outcome is \$80,257.69.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$80,257.69. Seconded by Eighner motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

ITEM 11 MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states Chalo Nitka turned out really good all the numbers were up, tomorrow we have a Chalo Nitka meeting, I wanted to give a report at the next meeting and let you know who won what, and who got what money and just figures.

Gunn asked what is the Power Cost Adjustment on the bills?

Whidden states it doesn't matter where you get your electricity, every utility company has a (PCA), it is the actual dollar figure it cost to produce that many kilowatts, no power plants make any money off of a PCA no matter if its gas, diesel, or a natural gas it's not combined into kilowatts because there is profit off of kilowatt hours.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

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NONE.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Eighner to adjourn. Seconded by Gunn motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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