

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
APRIL 5, 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 (ABSENT)
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
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Eighner.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given Vanassche. Pledge lead by Gunn.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

ITEM 3A: COURTNEY BROWN:

Brown states I just wanted to let you'll know the things that kind of go unnoticed with The Chalo Nitka Committee and to also say thank you to the City for all the help the City gives us with the festival, I wanted to mention the different ways we give back to the community. The Jr Class got a donation for their efforts for putting on kids' day, the TDC and EDC are also very instrumental with helping us promote the festival, so they also received a contribution from us, as well as the Moore Haven High School softball team and GCYAA for a raffle that was done, the Chalo Nitka Queen always receives a scholarship every year From the Chalo Nitka Committee, and with the 5K we put on every year we give a donation to Golisano Children's Hospital. That is the stuff that happens at the end that kind of goes unnoticed.

ITEM 3B: SHON KROSKEY:

Kroskey's request to the council is that Sunday after Chalo Nitka name it Harley Rea day in honor of Harley Pryor who placed in the American Rodeo and won a truck at the age of 11 she as set the bar high for the Glades County youth. Or my second request is to give Harley a key to the City for her impact she as done for our youth, and I ask if either one of my requests are approved, I would love to be present because working with our youth is what I live for.

Ramunni states to add Harley Pryor to the agenda for the next meeting.

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

March 15,2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE EXTENDING THE CRAIG A. SMITH CONTRACT UNTIL THE CCNA SELECTION PROCESS IS FINALIZED:

Ramunni states, I believe there is a 30-day gap for when the contract expires, so it's just a short extension until because their contract is up, we are in the process of publishing to see if we get any other proposals.

MOTION: by Gunn to extend the Craig A. Smith contract, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR REMOVING AND INSTALLING THE NEW FUEL TANK AT THE WATER PLANT FOR THE ONSITE GENERATOR:

Roberts states Guardian will be installing the tank due to four other companies were too busy to even come out and give us quote, it's going to take them about a week to do it they are going to have to pull a permit from the County and we also have to get ahold of DEP to come inspect it before and after the process.

MOTION: by Decker to approve Guardian to install for \$18,737.87. seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: ESTABLISHMENT OF NET METERING PROGRAM FOR CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE GENERATION SYSTEMS (SOLAR):

Mr. Tibbs states we were approached by a customer that wants to install this solar operation. We have not had any before, we went back to FMPA and they said we should have been required to offer net metering since 2009 so they sent all the agreements that we need to get the program going.

MOTION: by Browning to continue the net metering program to the next meeting, seconded by Gunn to continue. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Tibbs states I just want to clarify at the Marina we have docks down there, are we going to continue to rent the docks on the Sea Wall or not? We do have electric and water down there. Council agrees to rent docks on the Sea Wall.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Just a couple updates, we are still working on a replacement for Ted we have identified a couple different companies who may be interested so I been working on request for qualifications so I can get those out.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Vanassche states the budget has still not been presented to the governor, so the legislator appropriation is still pending. So, between the legislator appropriation and the DEO grant the City as over 2 million dollars to put towards your downtown redevelopment. Once the budget gets approved you will be getting information from DEP on the 934,000 parts so you're with have different agreements. The Net Metering bill is a house bill 741it has not been presented to the governor yet so its pending. But if he does sign it and approve it that will be effective July 1,2022 and it is scheduling of reductions of Net Metering. One bill that did make it is bill 620 that is if a business can prove that they have lost 15% of their business based on an ordinance then they can bring local entities to court. The business has to be in operation for 3 years, there are some stipulations.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Roberts states the sand filter the last one is going to get rehab should be starting next week possible on site it will possibly take another 3 weeks after that to finish that sand filter. Also, one of the problems we are having on Railroad with the new construction we have had 3 water leaks on the same AC line it's a asbestos line, we have AC lines going down that road, there is a 6 inch one and its giving us a fit it broke yesterday luckily it's on a street nobody gets effected that I am aware of, but they can't put the sewer in so David is going to come to the sewer meeting and talk about that. But that AC line is going to continue to give us a fit, that will probably have to be replaced its extremely old, it doesn't take much for that line to break.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,186.40.

MOTION: by Gunn to approve the bills in the amount of \$133,186.40, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Mr. Cook states we have looked over the leases agreement and everything looks like we are ready to go. I would like to request the Marina open in 30 days instead of the 10 days as on the lease to get things arranged to open.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states all those years digging that dirt I have lost what the abbreviation was for digging the dirt and doing all the studies in the ground.

Ramunni stated phase one and phase two Environmental assessments, Brownfield study.

Eighner states in the Brownfield study it showed that over at the City Marina where the Restaurant and the Glades Electric property was at there was contaminated soil there and the City said they were going to take it upon themselves to remove that soil because it was not much and at the time we had made arrangements involved the County with digging it out and moving it to the Burn Plant but that study has been over a year now, they told us we need to remove the soil. The report has the square footage on how much needs to be removed.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: by Gunn to adjourn, seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor