

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
APRIL 19, 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
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Whidden.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Roberts. Pledge lead by Mr. Tibbs.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

April 5, 2022, Special meeting minutes.

MOTION: by Decker to approve the special meeting minutes for April 5, 2022, seconded by Gunn. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE RFQ FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND UTILITY LOCATING SERVICES:

Ramunni states I brought this up at the last meeting and you'll did the extension for Craig A. Smith temporarily so we have the RFQ prepared we just need to approve it and we can get it published.

MOTION: by Decker, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE ELECTRIC RATE STUDY PROVIDED BY FMPA TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES:

Mr. Tibbs states I was asked to go back to FMPA and have them generate different scenarios for 6.5%, 7% and 7.5% this would show an impact on the utility bills the 6% is about \$4.88 a month increase, 6.5% is about \$5.41 increase, 7% is \$5.83 and 7.5% is \$6.25.

Whidden states that the information Tibbs gave us is very informative, but with the cost of material, insurance, salary, retirement, and equipment. We can't go astronomical on the increase, and the 6% will cover everything and leave some but I don't want to put this council or this board in the position in a year or 2 years to come back and ask for another increase because things are escalating still. So, I would like for this council to make a discussion in aspect of not having to come back in a year or two saying I wish we would of went up 0.5 % or 1%.

Eighner states we do spend a lot of money on electric as far as our streetlights our parks, EDC building, the library, and the breaks we give to different organizations we allow to have events here. Where are we with the 7.5%? It's been almost 20 years since we have gone up on electric.

MOTION: by Eighner to do the 7.5% increase on the utilities, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Tibbs states one of the issues with the net metering is although we are required to provide the program the council has the authority to set the rates for what they will get reimburse for the excess electricity that they sell back into our system.

MOTION: by Eighner to establish the Net Metering Program for customer owned renewable generation system to be at 50% seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE MODIFYING THE CHALO NITKA GROUNDS RENTAL/USE RULS AND REGULATIONS:

Ramunni states we had some questions regarding the current rules, one is the amount of insurance that needs to be deposited with the City and the School Board and currently its at 1 million and I suggest that it goes to at least 1-3 million, there was a question about alcohol which obviously there is going to be a Special Event permit liability insurance, you want to continue with that.

Gunn asked do small events and nonprofit events have to have liability insurance to and where do they get the insurance from?

Ramunni states yes, and they can purchase from any insurance company.

MOTION: by Eighner to do the 1–3 million dollar insurance for special events at the Chalo Nitka Grounds, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #128112 TO ACLARIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,306.25 FROM ARPA FUNDS:

MOTION: by Gunn to approve paying the invoice #128112 to Aclarian in the amount of \$2,306.25 from ARPA funds, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE LOWEST QUOTE FOR THE AC AT THE WATER PLANT FOR THE OFFICE/MCC:

Roberts states it's for the PLC room, we had a PLC go out the other day and its to hot in there and it's supposed to be an air-conditioned room.

Whidden states the quote for Taylor Electric is \$6985.00 and the other quote is JSM Electric for \$7600.00

MOTION: by Eighner to approve the Taylor Electric for the AC at the Water Plant for the office/MMC seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CAREER SOURCE FOR THE WORK EXPERIENCE WORKSITE PROGRAMS:

Mr. Tibbs states that Career Source came over last week to offer that they have individuals that are enrolled into their program that's available for them to work in the City they pay all the expenses for the individuals that's both their salary and any additional insurances.

Eighner asks how many individuals would we get?

Mr. Tibbs states we could probably request several.

MOTION: by Eighner to approve the agreement with the Career Source, seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

NONE.

CITY ATTORNEY:

On the Marina Lease I have spoken to Mr. Cook a couple times via Email, I believe tomorrow he is going to have the insurance where we are named the additional insured, I told him I would review it and as soon as we approve it, I would give him the keys.

CITY CLERK:

Last meeting, we talked about dedicating the Sunday after Chalo Nitka to Harley Pryor I didn't know what the decision was on the.

Whidden states I'm fine with it she as done well and excellent the only thing I caution on is we do have other kids in the same age group that do different rodeo events that has done exceptionally well out west in Vegas and Texas as well I just don't want to run out of days naming them after them.

Gunn states I thought we could recognize her or have her come to a meeting and give her a plaque maybe put her in the paper.

City Council is proud of Harley Pryor.

MOTON: by Gunn to recognize Harley Pryor with a Plaque, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

The upgrade for the sand filters I got a phone call from the company that you'll approved for the \$87,000 they backed out on the ordeal they said they won't be able to get to it for about 13 months even at that trying to get supplies it would be hard, they had just discussed they would not be making any money on it. The 3rd sand filter I just got rehabbed the anthracite and sand is all in it and we have been backwashing it and cleaning the filter out we will probably put it in service on Wednesday of next week. The flagpole, flag is ripped King has been up there many times to try and get that flag down the wire is knotted up extremely bad.

Browning asks if you cut the flag down how much is it to replaced it?

Roberts states the wire is about \$80. Randy Lucas mentioned that David ordered a smaller flag than the original. And thanks, the City and Council for having the opportunity to work with them.

The Council wishes Roberts well and thanks him for his service he has given to the City. And agreed to order a larger flag for the flagpole.

Mr. Tibbs asked the Council if they want to go ahead and post the Public Works position? Council agrees on yes.

ITEM 13: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,352.32:

MOTION: by Decker to appreciate the bills in the amount of \$61,352.32, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 14: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Barfield states we have narrowed our site choice for the new Elementary School one is on the ball field and the other location is on the Chalo Nitka grounds. Brian states on the day of Chalo Nitka I went out there and took pictures of what area was actually being used by the carnival, the carnival was all to the east side and the front of the school would face the west which would be West Ave and the Bus Barn will be a playground area, right in the Chalo Nitka grounds we would fence that off and during the school year P.E could use that field and If the City still wants to use the field for Chalo Nitka the fair would still be able to use that field. By June 1st we have to have our first initial drawings.

ITEM 15: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

EIGNER: states I just want to follow up in the foreclosure property, the Brownfield grant are we working on that? Whidden states we need to get started on that and get it completed. Eighner states also, a Boating improvement grant from FWC we have received them before throughout the County if we could check on that. One other thing is the Veterans Memorial we have cut the concrete down and put the statues up the County was in Charge of ordering the art work and we were in Charge of ordering everything else but just in the mix of things we missed the operation Desert Storm plaque so you will notice there is one missing there I asked Wills to go ahead and order it to get it put on there I don't know if they County is going to pay for it or not but it's about a \$600 plaque. Gunn states we are missing Space Force and Merchant Marine flags. Eighner we can put them up when we do the expansion, I have not forgot about it, also on Code Enforcement there is starting to be a lot of junk cars hid and are starting to pile up. A few years ago, we had a problem with the Post office just the upkeep of it, we got ahold of Study, and he fixed that problem to have a mailbox at City Hall its all the way over in the corner. So, I would like to get with the County to come up with a letter to send to Study's office to put the mail here they bring packages here. Wills states there was never a mailbox in place for City Hall and we were ordering things and they were sent to our post office box and if they were too big, they were not delivered, and we were trying to have them sent here and if they were being delivered through the postal service, we were not getting them they would just return them to the sender.

Ramunni states he is working on the file with the foreclosure.

Mr. Tibbs states we had talked to Fred Fox about going to phase two he is working on it.

DECKER: states I think someone should paint the docks that are on the river again they are about due.

Whidden states yes, they definitely need some attention.

GUNN: states we are talking about doing a charity softball tournament at the fields on June 25th so I needed to ask if we could use the concession stand? We are going to buy all of our own drinks and snacks to sell, We are not going to be doing any cooking I would like to invite all the food trucks. It will be like an all-day tournament, and I know there is a fee, and I was hoping that since its non-profit we could possibly get that waived? And the stuff about the insurance do I need to get insurance or am I covered under the insurance for that ball field? And is there a certain place I need to get the insurance from? And what about the cleaning up?

Ramunni states yes you would have to get insurance.

Whidden states your talking about the minimum insurance just in case someone playing in the tournament gets hurts or someone watching gets hurts. But as for the fee I think we need to wave the fee for the cause. And you can call any insurance company to get insurance. And bring your insurance before the tournament starts.

Eighner states ball season will be over, and it will be cleaned, and we changed the doors, and one key fits all the doors so you will have to get the key. And I was in there last week and the ice machine does not work, there is a big freezer in the back.

WHIDDEN: states for the Brownfield I'm pretty sure when we were on it before we were doing that in house mainly with the County, they have the equipment and the dump trucks, and we have the people who can assist with that for labor and carry it right there to the dirt/burn plant, so it won't have to be hauled very far.

ITEM 16: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE

ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor