

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
MAY 3, 2022, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 299  
RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

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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  
NA, Public Works Director  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

Given by Whidden.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Miller. Pledge lead by Tibbs.

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

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

April 5, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve April 5, 2022, Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Gunn.  
Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AWARDING TO CRAIG A. SMITH &  
ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR THE DOWNTOWN  
REVITALIZATION STORMWATER AND ROADWAY INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:**

Mr. Tibbs states the senator has received the award letter for this project, dated February 23, 2022, and it's a 2-year period for the grant agreement so it would expire February 23, 2024, we don't not have a grant agreement yet however the clock is ticking, we can incur cost prior to getting a grant agreement but we can't disburse any funds for that. So, to avoid any more lost time we do have funds from Craig A. Smith for designs and permitting for this project

Whidden states yes, we were already talking about doing it whether we got the grant or not and I think we need to go ahead and do this tonight.

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve awarding to Craig A. Smith and associates for design and permitting, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

We have been approached about an issue with running water in Washington Park we had a couple locations where the water lines are on the other side of the road, and it's been asphalted so it's going to require a bore or two to get water to the property the question is who is going to bear the cost of the bore?

Whidden ask who needs the water?

Mr. Tibbs states we have had two recent cases, but this particular case is Phillip Kelly right now there is a shed and garden on that property. We also had an additional customer pay for their bore.

Whidden states normally in the past we do the bore, and the customer pays for the tap in.

Mr. Tibbs states that the one we just did was \$1500.00 for Nakita Perkins.

Whidden states was that a company that came in and did the bore?

Wills states yes.

Whidden states we are responsible to get them water if they pay for a tap in, but I don't know why we are hiring a company to come in and do a bore we have done in house 3- quarter water meter for years all of Saddle Lane and Wagon Trail all of them we done them our self.

Eighner states the way we did it is the company came and bored it and we added \$100 to their water bill until it was paid, isn't it the City's responsibility to supply water to their customers?

Ramunni states but if we charged people to do them and we have done it in the past we need to reimburse that person.

Gunn states how much is a tap in?

Wills states \$300.00

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

Eighner asked about the foreclosure property.

Ramunni states it's on my list I'm in the middle of a trial.

**CITY CLERK:**

NONE.

**CRAIG A. SMITH**

Eighner~~Eighner~~ asked on Railroad are we waiting to see what money is left over to repair that water line? Miller states yes, we want to save that for last-. Gunn states is that the asbestos one? Miller states yes. Eighner states there are still 4 houses back there if there is any money left, we need to try and get them houses hooked up to the sewer. Whidden states we probably need to get them hooked up even if we must borrow money from CAPFA and pay it back, we don't need to do the whole City and leave them off. Miller states I was going to wait and bring this up at the CCPWA meeting but, 5<sup>th</sup> street and Ave C there is another 6-inch asbestos line, and there was a C900 line put in for that, both lines got broke but that asbestos line we are going to have to investigate it and I instructed Denco to get me a cost on cutting that section of asbestos out, at Ave C and it comes around into Ave D where about we can plug that valve, the water line will stay in place. We ran into another problem here recently it's the same scenario between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> there is a 6-inch C900 line and a 6-inch asbestos line and a 2-inch and supposedly its live, what the problem is I got a few areas where the 6-inch sewer ladder was coming to the house and we were able to get over the water lines but that 2-inch is in the way so we are going to investigate and see if we need that 2-inch.

**CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

NONE.

**WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR:**

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,665.48:**

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$27,665.48, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

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

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

**Gunn:** states I had my granddaughter's birthday party at the park and there is only one water spicket for the whole park so you can't wash off that patio or anything to clean it up. And another thing is we have to put some money into those bathrooms they are disgusting the sinks are all warped, the grout is black and the toilets are disgusting.

Whidden states what we can do in house we can hook into our water supply and run some more spickets throughout the park and if we are going to rent the park, we have to offer bathrooms and the bathrooms at the Marina need to always have paper towels and toilet paper all the time.

Wills states we talked to Brandon about the water spickets the other day, and he said there is another one in that enclosure. And we have been already talking to King about getting one ran on the outside of that enclosure at least.

Gunn states the plaque for Pryor did we decide to do that? We need to get started on that.

Eighner states we did.

Whidden states we need to design it with something with the sport that she is in, and I was going to have her come to the meeting so we could present it. I would have to know when she is in Florida so she can be here.

**DECKER:**

Do we have enough poles?

King states I ordered some about 2-3 weeks ago and I have all my transformers.

**EIGHNER:**

I would like to see and little more attention on some code Enforcement issues, I haven't seen any cars moved that have been parked but I haven't seen any stickers on them either I don't know if she is making a plan.

Mr. Tibbs states we did find another company that will come in and pick them up be due to other companies refusing to pick them up because they were getting stuck with them, so hopefully we can get some of them moving again.

Eighner states also another thing is Mr. Tibbs is coming up on his 6 months of employment here with the City of Moore Haven so as the Council we have to give him his 6-month evaluation, so I don't know if that as to be done at a special meeting or the next council meeting.

Ramunni states it does not have to be at a special meeting. It could be after a CCPWA meeting.

Whidden states lets do it after the next CCPWA meeting and Gunn can call in.

**WHIDDEN:**

On a good note I'm sure everyone is aware of the Moore Haven Cannel project 7mile cannal several years ago when Russell Echols me and him started the Moore Haven Cannel project to get it widened and deepened we got some of it done and ran out of funds, but I don't know where its going to go from here but Stubby is not going to be in out distract anymore because they moved the lines, the County Manager Marcos did get with him and he did put \$9 million dollars in the budget for the project.

I also need to speak on the Code Enforcement and probably get Animal Control involved may even have to get Ramunni involved. In our ordinance for animals' dogs/cats are supposed to be behind a fence, on chain or in the house, over on Ave F we have been having some issues with dogs from neighbors constantly barking, adding more pins, and raising puppies, it turned into a kennel, so she needs to address that.

Wills states the Animal control was already in here the other day about that.

Browning states according to Felica she got with the Property owner and the renter, she walked the property herself and they are down to 3 dogs there is some puppies but according to our ordinance you can have puppies up till 4 months, so she is giving them two months to get rid of their puppies. I spoke to Archie, and he is aware of it.

Whidden states I unaware of this but at 825 8<sup>th</sup> street there us a water meter from the road and between a chain link fence and on the other side of the fence is a big oak tree and it has got to where they can no longer read the meter. And a year ago we did a tap in and set the meter and told the owner they had to hook to it, they have not yet hooked to it yet, which I don't think they should have to hook to it, we should have to hook to them because we let this go and now, they are just averaging the bill. I talked to Ian this morning and told him I would bring this up tonight.

Wills states we did not know it was being averaged until the last guy in the water department left Antonio because he was just writing a number.

Whidden states we need to see if we can find an electrician see if they have a trencher and how much they will charge to go over there and trench it, or we need to rent one and trench it ourselves, but we need to make that happen.

Eighner asks would a skid steer fit into there, or would you have to use a walk behind trencher?

Whidden states a walk behind trencher would be best.

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

NONE.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** by Eighner to adjourn, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**

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