

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
JUNE 07, 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  
Brandon Roberts, 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 Gunn.

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

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

MAY 17, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve the June 17, 2022, seconded by Gunn Motion Carried.

**ITEM 5: OPEN RFQ'S FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND UTILITY LOCATING SERVICES.**

Ramunni states there was only one submittal Craig A. Smith and Associates.

**MOTION:** by Eighner to approve Craig A. Smith and Associates, seconded by Decker motion carries.

**ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #348 AMENDING PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT:**

Larue states you may remember seeing this before, we did not have a full review of the ordinance by DEO went ahead and adopted it, so we wanted to make sure we were in sync and nothing's changed. Remember state legislation required us to put that element in the plan and it attached to that. We have no comments from DEO at this time.

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve ordinance #348, seconded by Gunn motion carries.

**ITEM 6: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #349 FUTURE LAND USE AND THE ORDINANCE ECHIBIT A.:**

Gunn states is I.12 new?

Larue states that's not meant to be anything new.

**MOTION:** by Gunn to approve ordinance #349, seconded by Decker motion carries.

**ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF ORDINACE #350 UPDATING RATES OF THE CITY ELECTRIC UTILITY RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCAIL SERVICES:**

**MOTION:** Decker to approve ordinance #350, seconded by Browning motion carries.

**ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RENEWAL OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR FPL PLEDGE WITH FIRST BANK:**

**MOTION:** by Browning to approve the renewal of the letter of credit for FPL pledge with First Bank, seconded by Decker motion carries.

**ITEM 10: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT):**

Tibbs states we received some calls from the FDOT the last two agreements we have on file they do not have any resolution on file to indicate who is authorized to sign, this is just a cleanup of permission, who as authority.

**MOTION:** by Decker to confirm signature of authority with the FDOT, seconded by Gunn motion carries.

**ITEM 11: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

Tibbs states Connie is not here tonight but she said she would be at the CCPWA meeting later this month, but one thing she wanted to pass on is in this pass legislature session we had that bill in the for \$934,960.00 for drainage it did survive the governor's veto. we did hear on June 2<sup>nd</sup> the governor vetoed about 3.1 billion dollars for projects. Also we have a employee that out on FMLA

and the employee is not the one that's ill it's a spouse in our personal hand book it states if a spouse of an employee is out on FMLA they get 3 days of administrative leave then they are allowed to use sick time for 6 days but then that's it there are no other provisions for donations so I wanted to know if the council wanted to make any exceptions to that.

Whidden states how long is he going to be out?

Tibbs states probably for a while.

Whidden states we went through this before and that's what I have asked people and begged employees to not abuse their time, cause what you run into when someone gets sick, and people want to donate their time it them but then you have an employee that makes \$15 an hour and another employee that makes \$25 an hour there is a big money difference, then we have some that will and some that won't. it's a bad situation but you set a precedence and you also you get into an issue where you have to change your ordinance and policy it as caused a lot of problems.

Gunn states we just stick to the policy we can't go wrong.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**CITY CLERK:**

Wills states I will be off next week on vacation 6/13-6/17.

**CRAIG A. SMITH**

Miller states we are still working on the AC line on Ave C and 5<sup>th</sup> street, I'm reviewing it with Roberts, we have run into an issue on Ave A and 7<sup>th</sup> street we are going with the gravity sewer there and the transmission line is in conflict a little bit with that, we can rectify it's going to have a water line do a drop so we can have the proper clearance we will get the change order and all that handled. We are trying to stay on schedule with paving the east side of 6<sup>th</sup> street.

Decker asked did you figure anything out of FL Ave?

Miller states I'm still working on that, I have a plan put together and I'm Xing all lots we do not have anything to right now. I have Rail road, all area on Fl Ave with the button factory included in it also on 4<sup>th</sup> St and Ave D there are a few houses there that are going to get missed, but I'm going to show this to Roberts to verify it.

**CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

NONE.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Roberts states the last meeting you'll had there was a meter that you'll approved, it's not a meter it's a dual coleus scale so pretty much it weights our chlorine so it's not a meter.

**ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,209.48.**

**MOTION:** by Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$85,209.48, seconded by Eighner motion carries.

**ITEM 13: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:**

**Citizen #1** states we had an issues when we had that first rain storm a week ago and we lost power on Ave J and Ave K they finally got it straightened out about 6.5 hours later, they had left thinking they had it done but they didn't, so we called them back I'm not sure who my wife talked to, but they came back and finally got it going, but they came back on Monday and knocked on the door and stated they had to do some more work, so hopefully that got token care of , and the mowing I have talked to Tibbs about that I know you'll have some new guys.

**Citizen #2** states over on 10<sup>th</sup> street the culverts are so far in the ground and the water is not traveling down and they have been bent at the begging of the pipes is there any way someone can come in and repair it?

Whidden states I will get Roberts out there and look and see what we need to do to it.

**Citizen #3** states we don't think the traffic signals work when you hit the button on 6<sup>th</sup> street.

Roberts states they have times delays.

Gunn states they may have them turned off because of the crossing guard there.

Whidden states the one on 10<sup>th</sup> street works and then it goes to caution, but Roberts can you check on that and make sure they are on.

**Citizen #4** states next memorial day is there any chance of us holding a service at the park you'll just built?

Whidden asked can who hold the event?

**Citizen #4** states the City.

Gunn states we have a survive at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

**ITEM 14: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:**

Eighner states on the financial report there are some things that stuck out and that's on the head gasket repair/ truck rental where are we with that? are we going to get the money back from that? From the insurance or threw Denco?

Wills states me and Tibbs were talking about that, we need to contact the insurance company and verify because they have already sent us a check for the repairs on that truck, so I don't know if that was supposed to be covered or what the case is. They did pay for it to be towed to Tampa after the fact so it's a possibility.

Eighner states we are putting out a lot of money right there and none of that had anything to do with us. The other thing I had was did you guys give any thought to what Tibbs brought up last time about the City clerk and her salary? Since I have been involved here Tibbs as been the biggest governmental person in that position, and I lean on him for his recommendations when it comes to governmental stuff like that and if you feel like the money is in the budget to increase the City clerk's salary.

**MOTION:** by Eighner to increase the City clerk's salary by 15%, seconded by Decker motion carries.

Browning states Tibbs do you have a certain truck assigned to you?

Tibbs states no, that truck that was assigned to me is out at the Water plant.

Roberts states truck 110 is out at the sewer plant, truck 21 is what I'm driving which was originally is for City manager.

Browning states what truck were you driving prior?

Roberts states truck 110 which is a sewer truck.

Gunn states so, do we not have enough vehicles?

Roberts states we are having trouble vehicles, with keeping them in operation, its costly like today we put an alternator on Ian's truck. We have replaced the transmission in it I believe twice.

Tibbs states truck 110 is paid for by CCPWA so we are trying to keep it out there at the sewer plant and the other one that's out there is really old.

Gunn states Tibbs need a vehicle in case he as to take people on a tour, you should always have a nice clean vehicle in case a state population comes or if you go to conference.

Whidden states replacing the alternator or tires for around town work you get a lot if miles out of one of them trucks just around Moore Haven, that's a lot cheaper than buying a new truck.

Browning states I want to make sure the right people are driving the right vehicles I have had reports of 21 being in Clewiston or LaBelle especially when someone is on call, they need a truck but “lets just go get the nicest one on the lot” that we can’t do and that’s where I’m going with this, you never know who is going to come for a tour, so we need one truck that is good and clean. Also, this mowing crew I had a couple complaints, I came home for lunch today and there were 4 mowers on that little strip between my fence and 3 of them are playing chase and 1 of them is working. We can have them picking the weeds out the park that’s like our front yard we don’t want it looking like that.

Roberts states the young men that are doing the school training program they were supposed to go to the ball field, because they had no training on zero turns. That will be addressed tomorrow.

Whidden states where are we with 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks?

Wills states we got them set up we had to use a different company from Georgia in total its only going to go up \$500.00 for us which we had \$5,500 in the budget and that’s what it’s going to cost us.

**ITEM 15: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:**

**ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** by Eighner to adjourn, seconded by Gunn motion carries.

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**