

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
JUNE 21, 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 (ABSENT)  
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director (ABSENT)  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney (ABSENT)

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

Given by Whidden.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Browning. Pledge lead by Decker.

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

**ITEM 3A: GCYAA:**

**GCYAA** states we have had a lot of problems this year with the fields, we sanctioned with Dixie. We sent two teams to districts this year it was kind of a big deal our boys did very well they played Sebring first go around. I thought it was important to come to you guys because GCYAA lease the fields from you, so I wanted to let you know where we stood, we are committed and growing a program we are in district 8. We got to make some upgrades to the fields to get league regulation and my 5-year vision I would love to host districts here, just the revenue that would bring in just one weekend would be fanatic. We just need to do some work to the fields I know it's a big ask but we need you'll to start thinking ahead for our kids, we keep our fee's as low as we possibly can \$20 for soccer per kid and if they really need help, we probably just let them go for free, and then \$40 for baseball, we are always looking for sponsors and volunteers we are always looking for help. We have certified umpires now we have only had like 3 or 4 all year, we had games 4 nights a week with the same umpires it was a lot, so we are always looking for help.

**Whidden** states what are you asking for the City to do?

**GCYAA** states we need fields our fields are not regulation.

**Whidden** states do you know monetary value of what you need to do?

**GCYAA** states I don't that I feel for that, I did contact Mr. Presley and he gave me some information regarding South FL Grassing they did the football field and with a recent quote they were \$900 per acre, and we are probably looking at 3 ½ acres that needs to be done, and that's just grass there are bases that need to be redone, bathrooms need to be redone.

**Whidden** states I don't know what the County or that school doing or what the City can do but we have to budget for that, but we need a figure to look at. We are always supported that origination even when things were going south it was being abused, we have also stepped up to the plate.

**GCYAA** states I understand it's a budget thing, we wanted to start the dialog tonight and tell you'll where we stand and get an idea and make sure you guys were receptive not that you guys have not been supportive, we do appreciate you with your support and understanding. Even to the point if we need to do some research on grants to being into the City to help with that budget.

**Decker** states weren't them fields short?

**GCYAA** states yes.

**Browning** states field A and B?

**GCYAA** field A is the softball field, and the bases are short on B, I don't know about the fence I think it is a little off for Dixie's regulations.

**Gunn** states can you get quotes? And break it down per field and bring it back to a meeting so we can talk about it.

**ITEM4 DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

**MAY 23, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.**

**JUNE 07, 2022, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

**MOTION:** by Gunn to approve the meeting minutes for May 23, 2022, seconded by Decker Motion Carried.

**MOTION:** by Gunn to approve the minutes for June 07, 2022, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Decker motion carried.

**ITEM 5: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #349 FUTURE LAND USE AND THE ORDINANCE EXHIBIT A:**

**MOTION:** By Decker for ordinance #349 future land use and the ordinance exhibit A, seconded by Browning motion carries.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Wills** states the Tibbs is drafting a FMLA to put into the personal policy so we will have something to go by.

**Whidden** states I spoke to Tibbs on Friday, and he is working with Archie on the Browns Field.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

NONE.

**CITY CLERK:**

NONE.

**CRAIG A. SMITH**

NONE.

**CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

NONE.

**WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR:**

NONE.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,719.58.**

**MOTION:** by Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$32,719.58, seconded by Browning motion carries.

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

NONE.

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

**Eighner** states I want to talk about code enforcement on the violations if you look at it you have mowing Violations, inoperable vehicles and some of them ae property maintenance well in the past property maintenance was the lawn mowing or a washer/dryer sitting out there, but look at the property maintenance on 398 NW 5<sup>th</sup> street its construction, but if you go down to 443 Ave K look at the date of when he was last contacted about his property maintenance.

**Gunn** states the one for December.

**Eighner** states now that one is about the skirting around the house, we pay Ramunni and Larue to put more teeth into these rules so things like this weren't on this list for 6 months, now when I inquired about it again, he as a building permit, the only building permit ever pulled on the property was in 2014 we the put the sewer was put in. we just need to pay more attention to this as a group.

**Gunn** states someone needs to have a chat with our code enforcement.

**Eighner** states at the last meeting we all angered Mr. Tibbs should have a nice vehicle here so if someone wants to come in and take a tour they can go, from my experience in the past when people came into town and wanted to do a tour, they ended up at the EDC office and it was called The Two Cent Tour, well that was a disgrace to what we had stated doing throughout cleaning up the City of Moore Haven, myself and others who have come to town to look at property, especially to look at the Marina area to build a restaurant. They ask two things, "where is the sign going to go to tell you how to get off 27 and get here" and the second thing, they say is "what are you going to do about that code violation over there", and they are looking over at the Rice Motel. it's never on here, my other on is the Moore Haven Commons the grass as not been taken care of in almost 6 months and there is a lot of people that live there, it's getting out of hand. We continue to ask the government/ other people to help us, but I don't feel like we are helping ourselves to our ability. we are getting grants to send people to get more schooling on how to do their jobs and when they come back the fire is not there.

**Gunn** states we can compline about it but its up to Tibbs to talk to Code Enforcement about the things of not doing/ following up.

**Eighner** states I brought it up at the last meeting about the broadband, I said that Marco's was going to get on bord with that. Mr. Brewington called and spoke to me about it, and they are going to sign up with a company called "Connects On" and they are going to have broadband and we can piggyback off of them, but we would have to pay for it through a grant and there is \$42 and half million dollars coming through the Build back Better Program and they want to focus on the rural communities that don't have Broadband.

**Whidden** states they had a meeting last week at Glades Electric with the company that's offering that and they wanting to put it all four counties that Glades Electric services, there is money available like you said, Mr. Tibbs needs to set up a meeting with the people who came to Glades Electric.

**Eighner** states did they fix the red light?

**Decker** states that's set by DOT, isn't it?

**Gunn** states Roberts will have to call DOT.

**Whidden** states I would like to congratulate Browning, Decker, and Beck.

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

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NONE.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** By Gunn to adjourn seconded by Browning motion carries.

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**

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