

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COIMCIL BUDGET WOEKSHOP
AUGUST 22, 2022, IMMEDIATLEY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING AFTER
THE CITY COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY MEETING AT 5:00PM
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: DISCUSS 2022-2023 BUDGET:

Tibbs states we called this workshop because we will have two public hearings on September 6th and the second on September 26th so prior to getting to those public hearings we have a budget workshop to have the council review the proposed budget to provide corrections/ comments on changes you'll would like.

Eighner states the last time we did any water increases or sanitation/garbage increases are we going back that far?

Whidden states we did a physical environment increase which is the garbage a few years ago we did the water increase also but I don't remember when. Electric is the one we had not done for years.

Eighner states the way we used FMPA they did a rate study for us and with all the improvement we are doing and continue to do at the Water Plant. With chemicals going up it might be worth asking the Rural Water to do a rate study for us.

Whidden states yes, I suggest doing a rate study before doing one.

Eighner ask the rest of the Council would they be interested in the rate study to see where we are with it.

Council agrees.

Eighner states it may be Worth looking at our Garbage rate as well.

Wills states when I was working at the garbage company, they billed on a 3-month basis, across the river over here was \$120.00 every quarter, and they have gone up to like \$150.00 now.

Gunn states what are we now?

Wills states \$26.25 a month.

Eighner states that would help us retain a CDL driver or if the County goes up on their fees and fuel.

Tibbs states I can compare our rates to surrounding areas and see where we are at. Another thing too is the claw truck we may need to raise its rate.

Roberts states it's basically \$5.00 a scoop.

Eighner states down at the bottom for improvements is there a line item anywhere for this building itself? We are probably going to have to do some maintenance at City Hall in this budget. The roof is black and is going to need to be cleaned, the Girls up front, their desk were built for a big square computer that sat in front of them and now they have these different computers, if you look, they have bookshelves beside them to sit their files on.

Whidden states what about the new electric position?

Tibbs states I had not included it in the budget.

Whidden states ok we will have to go over this budget again, but the new position needs to be included. Whatever we are going to pay a journeyman lineman. I probably won't be on the council when you'll make that decision to hire a person to fill that position, but it does need to be quick because that was the main reason of having the electric increase, and when that person comes on, they need to fully run the Electric department.

Eighner states let Tibbs get the numbers together and get an ad in the paper.

Whidden states when does the budget have to be approved?

Tibbs states we have the two public hearings on September 6th and September 26th.

Wills states the final approval would be September 26th.

ITEM 2: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: made by Decker to adjourn, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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