

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2021, AT 7:04PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY  
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

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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  
David Miller, City Manager  
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Connie. Pledge lead by Browning.

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

There are none.

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

August 3,2021 Budget Workshop meeting minutes:

August 17,2021 Regular Meeting minutes:

August 23,2021 Budget Workshop meeting minutes:

**MOTION** by Decker to approve the August 3,2021 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Eighner to approve the August 17,2021 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Decker to approve the August 23,2021 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE LOTS CLYDE JOHNSON IS OFFERING TO  
BUY.**

Gunn mentioned that she is not okay with selling the property on 1<sup>st</sup> street but is okay with the lots on Avenue J. Decker stated that he wants to wait to see what Clyde Johnson does with the property that he just purchased. Eighner stated the City of Moore Haven needs housing before they need shops. Eighner stated that he would like to move the tennis courts so they can build two story apartments. Jerry Lynn mentioned to the board about changing the zoning for lots 16-20 to make it where Clyde would be able to build apartments without having to move any property around. Ramunni stated once you change the zoning and make it just residential then you can't have any shops in place it would be strictly residential.

**MOTION** by Browning to continuing this matter to the next meeting. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS ISSUES WITH MOORE HAVEN RESTAURANT.**

Eighner stated that Mr. Lee has not pulled any permits for the roof and Brandon stated Felicia has given him the citations. She is about to give him a second one. She will be sending one every seven days.

**ITEM 7: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #347 REGARDING AMENDING OF PROPERTY MAINTANCE STANDARDS.**

Ramunni read the ordinance of #347.

**MOTION** by Eighner to accept the reading of the ordinance #347 regarding amending of property maintenance standards. Seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS CITY MANAGER POSITION**

Eighner mentioned to Ramunni to sort through the 41 applicants and choosing the top 10-15 applicants. Rammunni stated he narrowed 14 applicants down based on governmental experience. Gunn mentioned from those 14 applicants dwindling it down to about 5-6 applicants so they can start doing interviews. Rammunni mentioned to the board the easiest way to choose would be doing a tally sheet based on who the council member feels would be the best fit. Whoever has the most marks would be the acceptable new city manager. Gunn mentioned to Wills about contacting the 14 applicants and see who is still interested in the job and from those 14 choose 5-6 applicants and start the interviewing process.

**MOTION** by Browning to have a special meeting next Tuesday at 5 pm. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

**ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**9A: CITY MANAGER**

Nothing to report

**9B: CITY ATTORNEY.**

Ramunni stated the city received a notice from the reemployment assistance program about an appeal from a previous employee Jenna Paladino from 2017. Ramunni stated they received the notice too late. He stated he will have to follow up on it. He stated he deposited the money from the historical house Justin Guerry paid in full.

**9C: CITY CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**9D: CRAIG A. SMITH**

Nothing to report.

**9E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Senate will be open for the first committee week. She stated she handed out the legislative packets.

**9F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR**

Roberts stated they had a water leak on the 23<sup>rd</sup> on Tobias Ave from semis driving over it and they busted a water line. He stated they issued another boil water notice. He stated he is going to charge Treviicos every time they bust a line. Roberts stated he would like for someone close by look oversee the SCATA equipment. He stated they are supposed to send a quote.

**ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,665.96.**

**MOTION** by Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$56,665.96. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS/ GENERAL CONCERNS:**

There are none.

**ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS**

Decker mentioned about the wreaths about America. Whidden stated the council is going to donate out of pocket.

**ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.**

**ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT**

September 7th, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**

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