

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON  
SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, AT 7:00PM, 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  
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Roberts. Pledge lead by Gunn.

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

There are none.

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

September 7,2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
September 9,2021 Tentative Budget Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION** by Decker to approve the September 7,2021 Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Browning to approve the September 9,2021 Tentative budget meeting minutes. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

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

Larue stated redevelopment can be done on the Ave J lots. He stated the tennis courts zoning would have to change from public to commercial. Ramunni stated that if the city moved the tennis courts it would be at their own expense, and they would have to be granted permission to do so. Ramunni stated they would have to construct an RFP in contingency to what the board wishes to do with that property regarding the time frame and what they want to be built.

Whidden stated as of right know there is no income coming from the properties now, but if something goes there the city will get some tax base off it. The city would also get water, sewer, and electric. Gunn mentioned how many apartments could be placed there. Larue stated that there can be 30 units an acre. Clyde stated he has no interest in changing the zoning on Ave J and would like to go with what the city wanted (store front downstairs and apartments upstairs). Clyde stated that the city needs to get people in the city. Whidden asked Gene to get an estimate on how much water, sewer, and electric would be used in those apartments so the city roughly knows how much money the city is going to profit from it.

**MOTION** by Browning to hold a workshop on October 5,2021 at 6 p.m. Seconded by Gunn. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**6A: CITY MANAGER**

See 6F

**6B: CITY ATTORNEY.**

Nothing to report.

**6C: CITY CLERK**

Nothing to report.

**6D: CRAIG A. SMITH**

Nothing to report.

**6E: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Nothing to report.

**6F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR**

Roberts stated I have quoted a Mule, John Deere Gator and a Polaris, the price of the Gator is \$12,000 the Mule is \$9,000 and some change and the Polaris is \$12,000. I think we should go with the Gator because it has more power and is able to pull out mowers and all when they are stuck. Roberts stated the 2500-gallon fuel tank at the water plant has a hole in it. He stated he contacted Berner oil, and the gentleman said the best thing to do is replace it. Roberts also stated the Membrane tank sprung a leak, so he had painting and coating come out and fix it for \$2,500. To fix the grounding at the main plant it is going to be \$600 and \$2,900 at the 720 sites.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,243.60.**

**MOTION** by Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$60,243.60. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

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

Ahern stated just one thing, I want to introduce our new County Manager. Montes De Oca stated they are working on some other items, all for the good in the County.

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

Gunn stated with the Westergaard House, I have a big problem., Steve and I had discussed getting the historical items out of the house, while Jake stood right here, and never once said the items were out of there. Gunn states I then hear from Justin Guerry that Clay and I were not allowed to go into the home and steal the items. Then come to find out Justin Guerry had the keys before we even closed on the sale of the house. How did that happen? Jake, you had the keys, how did Justin Guerry get the keys? Eighner states because people were wanting to come look at the house to purchase it. Gunn states it was not his for two weeks. Eighner states you are going to have to take it up with him. I don't have any more to discuss on this. It's over. If we are going to sit here and chastise me in this meeting, I will make a motion to adjourn. Gunn asked Ramunni how did Justin get the keys? Ramunni states I don't know; I didn't have them. Gunn states aren't you supposed to have them and give them to him at closing. Ramunni states not necessarily, it could be done through City Hall, but he already had the keys, but I don't know when he got them. Gunn states that is not how that works, right? When you close on a house, the closing doesn't go through until the documents are signed, and they were not signed until Tuesday night. Ramunni states if you will recall my concern was whether the check would clear. Gunn states so how does one of the Council members give the keys away to a property we still own? Ramunni states I am not sure how that happened or why that happened I wasn't in the loop as far as the actual key being turned over. It was to Ashley and I's understanding that we still had possession of the house.

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

No discussion needed.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURMENT**

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

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

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**Bret Whidden, Mayor**