

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Council members present: Bret Whidden, Mayor
 Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor
 Marc Decker, Councilman
 Clay Browning, Councilman
 Jan Gunn, Councilwoman

Others Present: Ashley Wills, City Clerk
 Steve Ramunni, City Attorney (ABSENT)
 Brandon Roberts, Public Works
 Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk (ABSENT)

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

ITEM 2: DISCUSS CITY MANAGER POSISTON

Whidden stated he would cut Timothy Day out of the running. Gunn mentioned she didn't like his interview either. Whidden stated that he doesn't believe Day would stay for a long period of time. Whidden stated he believes Tibbs would be the best fit based on his experience. Whidden stated his only concern with Tibbs is he doesn't know how long he will stay. Gunn mentioned that she doesn't believe Helfenberger had strong answers to there questions. Eighner stated when he found out that Helfenberger applied, he thought he would be a great Economic Development Grant Director. He stated he would take Helfenberger out of the running due to where he lives, and he is stronger with grants and not so much City Manager duties. Browning stated Helfenberger was his first pick and Tibbs was his second before the interviews. Browning stated he didn't feel that any of the candidates what was what he was looking for. Browning stated he doesn't believe that any of the candidates would be willing to go out and get dirty. Gunn stated she believes Tibbs was nervous. Decker stated when he asked Tibbs about the duties that comes with being a City Manager and he checked all the boxes. Tibbs stated in his interview that he only lives an hour away so the commute should not be a problem. Browning stated he was impressed about Tibbs code enforcement experience. Whidden stated the board needs to announce at the next regular city council meeting that Larry Tibbs is their choice for the City Manager position. After the meeting the board needs to contact Tibbs and set up a date to meet with the board and start a price negotiation. Gunn mentioned the only reason Tibbs was not in her top picks was because of where he lived. Whidden stated they cannot officially decide tonight on who the board choses. Wills can notify Tibbs and let him know that Tuesday night the board will announce Tibbs is their choice and find out if there is a day that Tibbs could meet. Gunn mentioned in Days interview she didn't like how he talked about himself more than the position itself. Whidden stated that he wants to start Tibbs salary at \$76,000. He stated the board negotiated with Miller about having a higher salary if he used his personal vehicle. They must stay within the budget. Roberts stated he doesn't

want to tax the city. He stated he would feel bad if he is making more than the City Manager. Roberts stated he doesn't want to accept the 3% raise.

ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Browning, seconded by Eighner to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor