

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
ON OCTOBER 7, 2021, AT 4:00 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 AND/ OR APPROVE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CITY MANAGER
POSITION.**

Whidden stated Tibbs was the council’s number one choice. Whidden stated he had requested a public record request for Tibbs salary through Belle Glade. Whidden asked Tibbs what salary he is looking for. Tibbs stated he is looking at 90K. Whidden stated they would have to negotiate it. He stated they would have to start lower and have some room for a salary increase in the future. Decker stated he would love for Tibbs to work for the City, but the City can’t afford that high of a salary. Gunn mentioned that she doesn’t believe they have 90K in the budget. Eighner mentioned Miller started at a lower rate and in 6 months he had a salary increase. Whidden stated the city offers great insurance benefits with weekends off and great retirement. Eighner asked Tibbs what his thoughts would be if they opened the Marina. Tibbs mentioned it would have to be cleaned up and have room for improvement to bring in attractions. Whidden asked Tibbs if he is going to relocate. Tibbs stated he has lived in their home for 23 years, so he doesn’t want to move his wife. But he would be willing to rent somewhere close throughout the week. Whidden stated the reason the electric at the school hasn’t been working is because the meter was wired back incorrect. Whidden mentioned to Wills to average the usage. Whidden stated he is willing to start Tibbs at 80k. Gunn mentioned if the City would provide a vehicle. Whidden mentioned that he would drive his personal. Whidden stated that the board will accept Tibbs offer at 80k and in 6 months will be raised if things are moving forward.

MOTION by Decker to approve Tibbs budget at 80k then raised in 6 months if things are moving forward. Seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

Tibbs stated he could start in 30 days.

ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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