

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MOORE HAVEN MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 16, 2021, AT 7:00PM, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY
HALL, 299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA.**

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: 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:

November 2, 2021, Regular meeting minutes

MOTION: by Gunn to approve the November 2nd, 2021, Regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Decker.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE QUOTE FOR MEMBRANE'S AT THE WATER PLANT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE WATER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Roberts stated he spoke with Wills and the auditors, and they stated that it could be taken out of the water maintenance and repair account.

MOTION by Decker to approve quote for membranes at the water plant to be paid out of the water maintenance and repair account. seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT PROPOSED CHANGES.

Ramunni stated that this is for discussion only due to what the board approves must go to public hearing. Ramunni stated the board can discuss it now or wait till the next meeting. He stated the board would either do the public hearings on the December 7th meeting or the December 21st meeting. He stated he would check with Larue to see if he is available because he must be present for those meetings. Browning asked Ramunni if he remembers why the Marina area commercial went from 5 to 8 stories and where would that building be going. Eighner stated it would be placed on the nine acres by the railroad tracks and the reason he asked to be upgraded to the 8 stories is because it would become a destination hotel. Ramunni stated that the tennis courts are not going to be moved. So, the only property they are discussing is the marina area.

MOTION by Eighner to accept LaRue's report and go to public hearing. Seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

Ramunni stated he will try to get Larue to attend the meeting on December 7th. The public hearing will be held before the regular meeting at 6:45.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER

Tibbs stated the external auditors was here last week to discuss the upcoming audit. They will probably be back the first or second week in December. Tibbs stated that there must be a budget amendment to add in the American rescue plan money which would require a public hearing. Ramunni stated it could be held on December 7th at the next regular meeting.

7B: CITY ATTORNEY.

Ramunni stated he had a conference call with Ted and the pulmonary group. They are still interested in moving forward with the workforce housing.

7C: CITY CLERK

Gunn asked Wills why the City's address is on the Chalo Nitka stuff. Wills stated she is the Secretary for the Chalo Nitka board. Wills stated it is not being done on City time she is only having it sent her to collect it. Gunn stated it needs to be sent to where all the Chalo Nitka stuff is. Whidden stated if the board wants to change anything it must come before the board and make a motion.

7D: CRAIG A. SMITH

Nothing to report

7E; CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Nothing to report.

7F: WATER PLANT SUPERVISOR

Roberts stated there was a problem Saturday. They lost communication at 720 due to a breaker. Roberts stated they had an electrician come out and they said it was due to the battery backup.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,387.80.

MOTION by Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$62,387.80. Seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/ GENERAL CONCERNS:

Moorhouse introduced himself to the board. He stated that people have been messing with boats at the Marina. He stated he did make a police report. He asked what the possibility is of getting security cameras. They can't get cameras there because there is no available internet. The board can get cameras that don't require internet. The board can place signs that say cameras in use. Moorhouse also mentioned there are lights out at the Marina. He stated that the corner lot on Thatcher Blvd. the grass is extremely high. He stated there is an alligator near there house. Whidden stated that they should call FWC.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS

Jake Eighner: Eighner stated he spoke with Felicia about Albert Lee's property. There is a roof on the restaurant. The fines accumulated to \$2,000. He started to send the violations back. Felicia found his new address and sent the violations to him. Eighner asked Felicia to speak to Ramunni about taking the issue to court. Eighner stated when he spoke with the auditors about putting automatic water meters in. Eighner asked Tibbs to do some research on how much it is going to cost to get the city off paper and switching over to electric meters. Whidden stated they could investigate it, but he doesn't think the city can afford it.

Clay Browning: Browning asked about the Veterans Memorial. Eighner stated everything is moving along. Eighner stated they are going to do granite that has Veterans' names on it to be placed at the memorial also.

Jan Gunn: Nothing to report

Mark Decker: Nothing to report

Brett Whidden: Whidden stated that the City needs to do a rate increase in electric. He stated the City hasn't had an increase in over 20 years. The price of everything is going up. There are multiple poles around the City needs to be replaced. Whidden stated the City needs a Qualified Journeyman

Lineman that could do the jobs that needs to be done. To prevent calling in help. Whidden asked Tibbs about looking into a way to hire a Qualified Lineman in the budget. Whidden stated he has someone interested in renting out the Marina. He stated its going to be a Marina/Bait store. He stated the gentleman will be at the next meeting to discuss it further.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Bret Whidden, Mayor

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