**MOORE HAVEN CITY COIMCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 04, 2022, AT 7:00PM AT CITY HALL**

**299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA,33471.**

Council Members Present:

Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer

Marcus “Marc” Decker

Clay Browning

Jan Gunn

Alisha Beck

Others Present: Ashley Wills, City Clerk

Larry Tibbs, City Manager

Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director

Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

Given by Eighner.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:**

Invocation given by Roberts. Pledge lead by Kelly.

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

None

**ITEM 5: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:**

MAYOR: Browning.

**MOTION:** By Gunn to nominate Browning for Mayor, seconded By Decker. Motion carried.

VICE MAYOR: Eighner.

**MOTION:** By Beck to nominate Eighner for Vice Mayor, seconded by Browning. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

September 19, 2022, Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** By Decker to approve the September 19, 2022, Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

September 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** by Gunn to approve the meeting minutes for September 20, 2022, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

**ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**6A: CITY MANAGER:**

**Tibbs** states now that we are hopefully getting back to normal, we are going to try and get started on the restrooms.

**Eighner** states have you heard anything from FEMA about the reimbursements?

**Tibbs** states we are garnering all the cost that we accumulated from the hurricane, we will be opening a case with the Florida Depart Emergency Management.

**6B: CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Ramunni** states what I was going to do after the CCPWA meeting on 10/24/2022 we can do a workshop on Sunshine law and City manager form of government.

**6C: CITY CLERK:**

**Beck** states there was boaters that came in during the hurricane and someone told me they were asked to move; do we have a policy that states they can only stay five nights?

**Wills** states we do have a five-night stay maximum, but we have not asked them to move, we have just made them aware of the five-night stay. There all paid up and one has a problem with his engine so he will be here until the end of the week.

**6D: CRAIG A. SMITH**

None.

**6E: CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

**CSA** states I have a very rough draft of the 2023-2024 just ideas, since we got a new Senator, I will be giving her like a brief update of the funding that we have gotten just to give her an update on the project and where we are and to let her know a little bit about Moore Haven. I talked to Tibbs awhile go about your automatic meter reading program system, so I had put that in there as an idea request. Once the election takes place and they meet back in Tallahassee I feel things are going to move quick, they will start the legislative delegation hearing scheduling. As for the grant updates we completed the first DEO quarterly reports for that funding it’s been submitted, we were early we meet the deadline. The DEP paperwork is still in process.

**Eighner** states the appropriations funding request can we ask for the Sea Wall to be built?

**CAS** states yeah, I believe there is a grant program for that but if you have applied for the grant and did not get it or if it’s in between, but you can put in as a legislative budget request.

**6F: PUBLIC WORKS DIRCTOR:**

**Roberts** states we did lose power at the Water Plant during the hurricane, 720 and downtown never lost communications or power we had a generator on site it ran for 78 hours straight, I believe we got our shipment of fuel today to keep it topped off. Glades got us power I believe Saturday afternoon. The Sewer Plant did fine through the storm. But as for the City of Moore Haven our system did well through this storm and that’s because of the men and women that we have working for the City. I will say many people did not lose power, in 24 hours after the storm we had a group of our guys already coming in doing an assessment, by that day we only had three houses without power and that’s because 10th street and Cactus Ave there was a pole was broke and the transformer was messed up. The next day we had a group of guys come down from Oklahoma and helped us put in a new pole, we had one pole that caught on fire, and they changed that. I just wanted to let the board know how good we did. Also, we did help FEMA they were at the Ortona store, and we provided them a dumpster, a lady from New York City called me she flew down here with a bunch of people they made a FEMA work camp with all worker’s and nurses. Lee County’s water system was compromised, so they asked if we could supply them water and they were going to tanker it back and forth, the City was very happy to do that. Luckily, the City of Labelle is a little closer and they were able to use their water. Beck went above and beyond with providing food for these guys that was much appreciated.

**Beck** states I just wanted to thank you all, Joe, King and Tibbs and everyone for your hard work and hours away from your family.

**Browning** states Roberts traveling through Labelle I noticed we are way ahead with storm clean up, but I think it speaks volume for you and your staff, so tell your guy’s good job.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,287.65.**

**MOTION:** By Gunn to approve the bills in the amount of $13,287.65, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

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

**Barfield** states the day of the hurricane our generator went out that controlled our water station and the wind was blowing very hard out at West Glades and Roberts came out he was very professional and calm he tried everything and unfortunately, we could not get it working so we went without power, water, air, lights. We had about 250 people at our shelter. So, I’m here tonight speaking, not as the school’s Superintendent, but as a Glades County resident and I know this is a City council meeting and I am going to be going to the commission as well on this matter. It’s sad to me and makes me feel super nervous that we only have one shelter in Glades County and that’s at West Glades. Our residents in Moore Haven do not have a shelter the Moore Haven High School is not a shelter, and the Doyle Conner building does not have the capability because they don’t have a generator and it’s not built for a hurricane. They shut the bridges down due to the winds being over 40mph and because the winds being over 40mph they would not allow anyone to leave to go over the bridges, so the people we had we could not evacuate them because we could not bring them to Moore Haven because there was nowhere to put them. I think we need to work together the City Council, County Commissioners, the School Board and Emergency Management to come up with a plan, we need a place for our residents.

**Eighner** states what happened to the generator?

**Roberts** states the coil in the generator went out they have a contractor coming out in two weeks to fix it.

**Citizen** asked was the generator checked before the hurricane.

**Barfield** states yes, we have a maintenance program.

**Citizen** states why is the High school not considered a shelter? That is a new building.

**Barfield** states I don’t know I’m under the impression that it’s in a flood zone, we have people looking into that.

**Citizen Mr. Kelly** states I just want to piggyback with Mrs. Barfield with the shelter because my wife and I when we saw the message about the shelter, and it was only in that location. I was like where are these people going to go? It was scary if it had been worse, I really don’t know how we could have managed that. I want to also say you guys did an awesome job I had power the whole time.

**Barfield** states we knew that we would have to bus residents of Moore Haven to the West Glades shelter and then we found out from DOT with those types of winds we could not have run the buses. So, there would be no way to transport them, nowhere to house them. I want us to work together to try and get some funding or brainstorm on something we can do for the betterment of our community.

**Beck** states do you have to be a resident of Glades County to be at the shelter or is all welcome?

**Barfield** states it can be anyone, but I will tell you that 99% that was there at the shelter was Glades County residents.

**Roberts** states there is about to be a jail open, its hurricane strength, it has City water and sewer.

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

**Decker** states we had three boats stay over at the Marina, they were there Wednesday, Thursday, Friday I caught the third one, but as far as I know we were not paid for the two boats that did leave. Is that correct Wills?

**Wills** states the dockage bag has not been turned in to verify.

**Decker** states doesn’t the bag get turned in every night?

**Wills** states it’s supposed to, but it doesn’t.

**Decker** states well we need to discuss getting that bag turned back in every night. It doesn’t seem like much, but one or two of those yachts could pay the on-call guys wages for that week.

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

None.

**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** By Eighner to adjourn, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk Wayne Browning, Mayor**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.**

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