

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COIMCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 01, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA,33471.**

Council Members Present:

Clay Browning, Mayor
Jacob Eighner, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Marcus “Marc” Decker
Jan Gunn
Alisha Beck

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brandon Roberts, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Beck. Pledge lead by Gunn.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

ITEM4 DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

September 26, 2022, Emergency Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Eighner to approve the meeting minutes for September 26, 2022, seconded by Beck.
Motion Carried.

October 18, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the meeting minutes for October 18, 2022, seconded by Gunn.
motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSSION OF VEHICLE USE POLICY FOR “ON CALL” PERSONNEL
OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 5.2 OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Eighner states to Tibbs I know we used to keep a vehicle log on the vehicles, can you please check into that and make sure it’s getting done?

Tibbs states yes, I will make sure we go back to maintenance logs.

MOTION: By Eighner to leave the “on call” policy the same, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPDATE TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Gunn states if the Public Works Director comes in 15 minutes early are they still gaining Comp time?

Tibbs states no.

MOTION: By Gunn to implement changes to Chapter 7 of the Personnel rules and regulations, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSSION CONCERNING WATER RATES FOR THE PLANNED FUTURE USE(S) OF GCDC:

Ahern states for a good while they have not had enough customers at GCDC and for awhile ICE paid for 300 people even though they did not have that many people there, so we kind of just limped along. They have chosen to move back to the old jail where we will have the County inmates and the U.S Marshalls witch we have right now between the two is 60-70 inmates. The old jail holds about 90-92 inmates. Basically, it throws a kink in to when the jail was built and when the City enlarged the compacity at the Plant. It was calculated for that facility to have an \$8,600 a month service charge to provide it. The loss that they have had is about 200k a month we are going to do the best we can and hopefully negotiate a lease agreement with them for the administration part until we can do something different.

Ramunni states when this came up, I talked to Ahern a little bit about it and when we initially came up with the formula we had a rate study done and that’s how we arrived at the ERC formula after I talked to Ahern I called Gene Shriner he is no longer with Craig A Smith, but he is still a consultant for them and he is doing his own work as a consultant. I did speak to him a little bit about it because we may need to look at an updated rate study, if its going to impact the citizens. What he was suggesting was he could quarterback it for minimal time, but to have Florida Rural Water to do a rate study because they will do it with very little cost to the City.

ITEM 8: ACCEPT DONATION OF PORTABLE 67Kw GENERATOR:

Tibbs states the Loxahatchee River and Environmental Control District had two 67Kw generators that they were going to donate, they contacted the Florida Rural Water association for who they thought would be best to receive them, they recommended the City of Moore Haven and a city on the west coast that got hit by the hurricane. They delivered the generator last week I didn’t know

about it until they were on their way here that it was even coming. It's not a brand-new generator, we need to do some cosmetic work done to it but it only as 1,200 hours on it.

MOTION: By Gunn to accept the donation of the portable 67 kw generator, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states this week we were able to hire a new person for parks and we have another one who can start next week as long as he can pass all criteria. I know we need to start on the restrooms here and several other projects. We also have several other vacancy's the Public Works Director and headline Man. Hopefully this week we can resolve that.

Decker states when you are interviewing do you talk about being on call for Parks and Docks? Because I understand we only have two employees doing that.

Tibbs states your talking about the two maintenance employees. Yes, I did discuss it with them.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I did get a letter from the Yacht Club's attorney, he is basically stating that the association is interested in converting the roads to private roads. But he was questioning some of the history, so I had Wills go back to dig out our file and email me the documents. I will do the research and bring it back to you all.

Eighner states if they decide to convert it, we will still pick up their regular garbage but if there is a hurricane and it blows debris down, since it's a private, are we still required to clean that up?

Ramunni states only to an extent on the utility side. But as far as in the community that would be their job. But I will look at the files and then we will go from there.

Browning states I think that when you start all this we need to let them know that the roads were in good shape when we gave it to them, so in a certain amount of time if they want to return them we would want them back in the same condition.

Ramunni states with regards to code enforcement, I went to court on the 24th on the Moore Haven Restaurant property, the judge ordered them to comply, but they have failed. So, with the daily fine the judge awarded us with a lien for \$4,125.00 plus I included 4 hours of attorney time, \$500.00 for administrative time plus court cost, so ultimately the lien comes out to \$6000.00 and some change. I already submitted the order to the judge, so once he signs it, I will record a certified copy in the public records, I will put them on notice if they don't pay it, we can foreclose the lien

on the property. Another thing is Littles sent me 2-3 other properties that see had sent me the files on, I talked to the judge's office, because I will probably need an hour and a half of court time, so they gave me December 20th at 3pm for 955 Elmwood and 395 5th street.

Eighner states since the previous meeting has Littles sent you any other properties?

Ramunni states she sent me a few files, but I want to say there are at least two other properties besides these.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Connie states we are still waiting on the agreement from DEP, I emailed them today to see where the back log is, I didn't hear back from them before I left the house as far as the legislative schedule there has been no delegation hearing set. And I have been working with Tibbs on fine tuning the legislative priorities and projects.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

NONE.

**ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,859.25.
\$3,568.28 FROM IMS SYSTEM AND \$126,290.97 FROM ACLARIAN SYSEM:**

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$129,859.25, seconded by Gunn Motion carried.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Citizen Odom states do you all have a certified meter to check electric meters? August was 1500 kilowatts, October was 1250 kilowatts, and this month I read the meter myself and its going to be 1800 kilowatts and nothing has changed.

Browning states I suggest we send someone over to check Mr., Odom's meter.

Citizen Odom states my next question is what about the canals? I have never seen them as bad as they look now.

Browning states we will put that on the schedule.

GCYAA states we feel like the City does not care about the fields, the bathrooms are disgusting we have kids who won't go in there and use them because they are nasty. We have limbs/ trash. We just got a garbage can. I guess ant bait was supposed to be put out. We have a light that's broken that's dangling. We are out there Monday through Sunday trying to make sure the kids have safe playing fields.

Browning states have you called City Hall to complain.

GCYAA states honestly, I didn't know who to call I just signed for that list I been on the board for 4 years and I have had zero input from the City.

Browning states the ant bait was put out Thursday. If I'm not mistaken, when we came before and told you'll that we were not going to spend no more money on that field until the school decided on what they were going to do.

Gunn states I thought the last time you'll were here you said you were going to get a list together with what you needed to make the fields be in Dixie League regulations.

GCYAA states we can't get quotes because the property is not in our name.

Gunn states all we need it for is the upgrades, because you were saying you were trying to get into the tournaments and stuff.

GCYAA states we are trying to do Dixie League and our fields are not regulation fields.

Gunn states Tibbs is that on a routine rotation for them to weed eat and mow.

Tibbs states yes, I will make sure to look into the issues.

ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states if Littles does get in touch with you can please look back on them other properties.

Ramunni states Wills just gave me the list, I didn't bring those files with me, but I knew there were more properties. That's why I went ahead and got blocked time with the judge so I could take care of those.

Eighner states Tibbs are you doing interviews Friday for the Public Works Director and Lineman?

Tibbs states yes, this week.

Beck states I wanted to send flowers to King and David I don't care if we must use Clewiston florist, I'm not sure what we usually do for employees, but I feel like that's what we need to do.

Wills states we have 3 employees that has had a loss in their family. I will take care of it.

Browning states keep in mind about your goals, I would like to get that done by the end of the year.

ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Clay Browning Mayor

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