

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 03, 2023, 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
Brad Simmons, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning. 5 citizens in the audience.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Invocation given by Beck. Pledge lead by Gunn.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

ITEM 7A: CHALO NITKA SHIRTS BEING SOLD IN CITY HALL.

ITEM4 DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

December 12, 2022, Final Budget Trim Compliance Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Decker to approve the Budget Trim Compliance Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2022, seconded by Gunn. Motion Carried.

December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Gunn to approve the December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded By Eighner. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #128220 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.00 TO ACLARIAN FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:

MOTION: By Gunn to approve paying invoice #128220 in the amount of \$330.00 to Aclarian from the ARPA funds, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states I spoke with Connie today and she is preparing the 2023 senate local funding request for our projects, they will be having meeting next month, so she is working on finalizing that. the Small County Outreach Program for road resurfacing will be taking applications through March 31st.

Eighner states will you be choosing the streets?

Tibbs states I will bring back a list of streets for review, but this is for 2024-2025 it is ways out there. We did get three streets funded for 2023.

CITY ATTORNEY:

NONE.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Simmons states we will be meeting with BCI to look at an updated quote on the filter system that will be January 12th. I reached out to some pressure cleaning companies and one of them does carpentry and painting work. I got with Al Brown to get some clay for the Baseball fields, the County is going to haul that for us. We received the F-250 truck with the utility bed on it for Water Distribution.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,341.66.
IMS SYSTEM \$2,617.06 AND ALCARIAN SYSTEM \$85,724.60:**

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$88,341.66, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

ITEM 7A: CHALO NITKA SHIRTS BEING SOLD AT CITY HALL:

Gunn states I just want to know why are we selling the Chalo Nitka shirts out of City Hall?

Wills states we have just continued doing it since we have done it the past 2 years.

Gunn states but we were only doing it because they did not have an EDC person and they were fixing the building and now they have both of those, it's not our responsibility to sell shirts.

Eighner states I think we should have a workshop I'm not really prepared to answer these questions tonight.

Gunn states well it's not really our responsibility, they need to go back to the EDC where they belong.

Eighner states well you would have to take that up with the EDC. When you say that Chalo Nitka is not ours, do you mean the City of Moore Haven's?

Gunn states yes, that's right it's the Chalo Nitka Committee's Festival.

Eighner states City of Moore Haven and Chalo Nitka Committee host Chalo Nitka together.

Gunn states no we don't the Chalo Nitka Committee takes care of it, we don't make any decisions on Chalo Nitka the only thing we do is provide the people that clean the grounds.

Eighner states we provide the property to host it.

Gunn states yeah, we do but we don't make any decisions on that, the shirts do not belong in City Hall, that needs to go to the EDC. We don't pay our employees to sell Chalo Nitka shirts they have always been sold at EDC and the only reason they weren't sold there was because there was not an EDC person and then the building was being worked on. I was on the committee for 10 years and we have always sold them at the Chamber, always. That's where they should be and that's where they need to go our girls have other things to do, they don't have time to sell Chalo Nitka shirts.

Eighner states what happened to the Chamber?

Gunn states I don't know what happened to the Chamber I was not on the Chamber when that happened.

Decker states from the beginning I don't ever remember this being discussed.

Gunn states it was never approved, they just moved in, and we just were never allowed to say anything.

Harris states the reason it was brought down here, it has nothing to do with the EDC director it has everything to do with the fact the EDC director was doing two jobs she was the EDC and TDC director. When TDC got taken from her, she was let go. The County took TDC, and EDC went to the County until the EDC board could hire someone and when they were able to hire someone her job is "Economic Development" only not "Tourism Development" and Chalo Nitka falls under Tourism Development. Now the reason the shirts in my opinion was brought down here was because Economic Development does not have anything to do with it. There are a lot of people that like to come into City Hall to purchase their shirts when they pay their bills, there are a lot of people who like to come into City Hall to look at the area that they are coming to visit when they buy their shirts, now you as the board can decide to not sale the shirts in here and I understand that and that is your decision to make. The City workers are down there and the City is involved more than anybody and the Chalo Nitka board reimburses the City for the Time and the man power that you'll put into the festival.

Browning states is the EDC and Chalo Nitka Committee one?

Harris states no it never has been. Chalo Nitka is a 501C they fall under an umbrella of the Glades Youth Livestock and the Economic Development in order to be a 501C, but they are three separate entities. The bigger picture is the residents will not be able to get their shirts because some may have an opinion.

Gunn states yeah, I have an opinion because our girls work for the City of Moore Haven, they don't get paid to sell shirts. So, you're telling me that the Chalo Nitka committee reimburses our girls for selling the shirts?

Eighner states yes, they receive a donation for helping sell the shirts. These questions that are coming up, I asked for this to be on the agenda so I could prepare a packet of information to answer all the questions that are coming up tonight. You're inquiring about things. If you would give us the opportunity, we can provide the information to you where the City has been reimbursed since I have been President of Chalo Nitka.

Gunn states this is my thing the girls were too busy, so we had to have a fourth person, but now we are adding Chalo Nitka shirts to them, and then passes. The two weeks before Chalo Nitka is crazy, I know because I use to work the Chamber and sell shirts and passes myself.

Wills states the extra person came from the Warehouse, there was not enough work down there so we moved her from the Warehouse to City Hall because there is enough work down here and to have the extra help.

Eighner states we don't sell anything out of City Hall except the shirts, we have redone the contract with them to eliminate the pre-sales.

Gunn states so when did the Chalo Nitka committee break away from the Chamber?

Harris states when it dissolved. There was no involvement with the EDC it was just housed by the EDC.

Gunn states, so you all basically use the EDC to have your meetings? Where do you keep your books, like where is your office at?

Harris states yes, our office is in a computer.

Gunn states where is the address for your 501C?

Harris states EDC office, because that's where the TDC was, but the TDC is no longer down there.

Ramunni States we could make it an agenda item on the next meeting.

Browning states do we want to make it an agenda item or a workshop?

Ramunni States if you're going to do a workshop then you should do it with the other board to get everyone on the same page.

Harris states if you could give us a couple different dates, we can see what dates everyone can attend.

Gunn states just email us a couple of dates so we can all coordinate.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen McCrory states I called the City today and asked if we could use the park for the 16th of January which is Martin Luther King day for a free BBQ dinner for the community to bring people together.

MOTION: By Beck to waive the \$100.00 park rental fee and allow McCrory to use the park on January 16th for a community BBQ dinner, seconded by Gunn. Motion carried.

Citizen Ash states at the wash house the facility is so filthy on the inside.

Council states that's a private business. The same owners also own the Anglers Bar and the Drive Thru if you want to try and talk to them. We will see if there is anything we can do.

Tibbs states we have not received any additional applications for Code Enforcement, I have talked to the County, they are contracting with a company for a Building Official. I will contact the company and get information on contracting a Code Enforcement officer.

Gunn states will they be part-time of Full-time?

Tibbs states it will be one or the other we will have to find out the cost most likely to get someone it will have to be full-time.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states there is a meeting at the school from 6-8 pm on 1/09/2023 at night and we will need Tibbs and Wills there.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor

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