

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023, AT 7:06 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

ITEM 1: 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.

ITEM 4: CHRISTMAS LIGHT DECORATION CONTEST AWARDS:

NOONE PRESENT.

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

Eighner states I would like to go down to item 7A in the meeting minutes the official record needs to have more added to the minutes, we can put them on the next agenda for them to be approved.

January 03, 2023, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: by Decker to approve the meeting minutes for January 03, 2023, with addition of changes, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #128188 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330.00 TO ACLARIAN FROM THE ARPA FUNDS.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve paying invoice #128188 in the amount of \$330.00 to Aclarian from the ARPA funds, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING THE MUTUAL AID INVOICE FROM HURRICANE IAN FROM CAPFA TO BE REIMBURSE FROM FEMA FUNDS ONCE RECEIVED:

Tibbs states back when hurricane Ian came, we requested mutual Aid through FEMA, they requested a crew from Oklahoma that was going to Mount Dora and when the crew was in route, Mount Dora cancelled, they then came here on 9/29/2022 we picked up that crew, so these expenses are from the time they worked here and their travel back to their home site. This invoice is already loaded into the FEMA system for our reimbursing, once we get everything finalized.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve paying the Mutual Aid invoice from hurricane Ian from CaPFA to be reimburse from FEMA once received, seconded from Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

8A: CITY MANAGER:

NONE.

8B: CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I was going to ask if maybe Simmons can go out and give me a report this week on the progress or lack thereof on the Code Enforcement cases. In case I need to start setting up an additional court date, I can do so.

Simmons states I will get with you.

8C: CITY CLERK:

NONE.

8D: CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

8E: CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

8F: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Simmons states we have an issue with our batwing mower we have priced some and they are very pricey, it's in bad shape.

Gunn states what happened to it?

Simmons states its bent, someone backed into something, and no one knows who did it.

Gunn states is this recent.

Simmons states no it was already messed up, and we have tried to patch it and its going to be dangerous going down the highway. I'm going to get with Basquin to a quote on fixing it, and then I will show you'll the price on a new one. The gear box it is burning up and the whole frame is messed up.

Eighner states maybe we should look at every option before we spend the money on that batwing mower.

Simmons states another thing the on-call guys wanted me to bring up is an increase on their on-call rate it's been the same for a long time.

Eighner states can you get us some prices to compare to, maybe from surrounding Cities and let us know how long it's been that way.

Tibbs states I looked at our employee handbook, I doubt it's been changed in years.

Eighner states I have another question about the mowing, the little John Deer tractor Kelly use to use, what is going on with it?

Simmons states there is something going on with it internally.

Eighner states is it the PTO?

Simmons states yes, I believe they said that had been rebuilt. We disconnected it and hooked it up to the ford tractor to try and get some stuff done. We have been backed up but as soon as we can get it looked at, we are going to look at it.

Eighner states the reason I'm asking is, and help remember Decker, but that PTO went out in that tractor, and it was down for a long time and didn't we send that to Everglades Farm Equipment? And I'm going to say maybe 3 years tops, I don't know if there was a warranty of any kind, but we should have paperwork on that tractor. It may be in the vehicle reports. But that tractor is very beneficial to the City.

**ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,174.73.
IMS SYSTEM \$3,428.82 AND ACLARIAN SYSTEM \$150,745.91:**

MOTION: By Decker to approve the bills in the amount of \$154,174.73, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

Harris states we had a Library board meeting the other day, I finally got a quote from Mr. Tomas for a 4x4 sign that we were going to put along the river for Art in the park and it's a photo op and on it will say "you visited the City of Moore Haven" if we purchase it, it will also say home of Art in the Park. But we would like to give the City the opportunity to pay half of it, to help us. It is \$398.00.

MOTION: by Gunn to approve paying \$196.00 for half of the Sign, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

Decker states speaking of signs, how is the the City of Moore Haven signs when you enter the City?

Eighner states they both need to be replaced.

Wills states this one by the river needs to be replaced as well.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states I have not heard the Code Enforcement Job opening on the radio, but we were already behind on code enforcement and now we are falling even further behind. I don't know if we need to add some money to the starting pay if its in the budget, since we are not spending any of that money right now on Code Enforcement. We need to find something soon because we are falling behind on Code Enforcement.

Will states I sent it to Charles Murphy to put it on the radio, you have not heard it at all?

Eighner states no ma'am.

Ramunni states can we also get with Glades County and see what they are doing with their contracted company.

Tibbs states we did, looking at the contract for Code Enforcement, it's \$75.00 an hour and they provide their own vehicle.

Eighner states one other thing I had was the Ball Fields, on the T-ball field they asked if we would build a bracket on one of the existing poles that is already out there and purchase a few of the lights like the ones we just purchased to face down onto the T-ball field, so they can go a little longer

into the evening and it's a safety issue, going from that field into the parking lot because that is where the t-ballers play. I spoke to Simmons about it and the electricity is there.

Simmons states I spoke to King and as soon as we can get to it, we will work on it.

Decker states I did tell Tibbs in person, but I think he did a great job at the school the other night. I asked to order some "Closed at Dusk" signs for the park, so our Police Department has something to go by.

Tibbs states we did have that conversation, but we have ordered them yet.

Decker states okay I would like to get them ordered ASAP.

Gunn states the reason I asked about the sidewalks is because I was watching some kids walk down 2nd street and they were tripping, can we take those sidewalks out? They are all unleveled and grass is all grown up over them, I would hate to see someone get hurt. I hate not to have them, but right now they are a hazard. Can you see what can be done.

Ramunni states yes it needs to be done sooner than later.

Gunn states there is a car sitting at the corner of Sugar Country on the School's property.

Eighner states there is someone in that office every day and in the past, we would inform her, and she would let the tenant know.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor