

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 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
Brad Simmons, 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.

ITEM 4 DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

December 06, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Eighner to approve the meeting minutes for December 06, 2022, seconded by Gunn.
Motion carried.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states the individual who was leasing the Marina has vacated the property, the City now has it back and the locks have been changed.

Gunn states are the bathrooms locked also what are we doing about the boats that are in the slips?

Tibbs states yes, we unlock them at 7 A.M and lock them at 7 P.M. Simmons has been working on renovating the restrooms at the park and we will probably have to do some upgrades to the Marina restrooms and the others as well.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states last week I appeared in front of the Glades County Board of Commissioners regarding the prospective Florida housing that we are proposing to rent and create a partnership with Glades County or another Governmental entity. It was about an hour of back and forth and the County voted 3-2 to move forward in partnership with the city. We are currently trying to schedule a meeting with myself, the County attorney, County manager and a representative from the group that has been working with Singleton and myself.

Eighner states you are trying to schedule a meeting with them to see which direction they want to go?

Ramunni states we are trying to schedule a meeting with our representatives and the County attorney and manager to go over any questions or concerns they may have. They can take it back to their board and recommend moving forward or not. I called Schriener, who we are going to use as our consultant with regards to any rate studies that need to be done because there are a lot of different scenarios that could play out. There is a bond issue through GCDC I don't believe it's tied with Glades County I think it's a private bond through GCDC corporation, I will work on getting ahold of those documents, to research since it will affect which direction we may or may not go, at some point they are going to move back into the old jail facility.

Gunn states they tossed around a few things in a Special meeting today, redoing the building that they were in before and how far they could be from the actual jail. They were talking about a year to do all that so it could be a while.

Ramunni states we went to court today and there were seven properties on the agenda for today one person owns I believe six of those properties. They have 30 days to fully comply and \$25.00 a day fine starting 1/23/23 if not in compliance. I will prepare orders for each prospected property and those orders will get recorded into the public records.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

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NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Connie states I just got back from Tallahassee, they just had their committee week term Special session, and they addressed property and insurance issues.

Connie states the grant report DEP finally processed the LP340 grant that agreement is here, and we have a kickoff meeting with DEP tomorrow at 10:30 I will be on that call with Tibbs and DEP. While I was up there, I was asking the senator about the status the grant we submitted in the portal back in June, my inquiry with DEP was that they were waiting on leadership. We were told by the end of the month they should start making announcements. I have been working with Tibbs on the finalization of the legislature priority document, the Advanced Metering system information, we got that today for your electric and water, I am going to add that to your legislative delegation document and the Marina Seawall.

Eighner states at the last meeting Beck mentioned we need to separate our City Clerk from the rest of the office staff, in doing that we will have to add on to City Hall or do something different here. Is it too late to add on an upgrade to our City Hall? We don't really have a dollar amount because it just came up at our last City meeting.

Connie states we can do a City Hall hardening project. We have time to fill out a form, are you looking for design or funding and construction?

Council agrees for all of the above.

Gunn states why can't we get ahold of the owner of the building where Seacoast Bank was and try to move City Hall to that building and use this office as a Community Center. We wouldn't have to do as many upgrades to the old Seacoast building and we could use the middle of it as a Chamber. Then we could use this office as a Community Center for kids to have somewhere to go after school. It's an essential location.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Simmons states wastewater had two pumps break down, one last week and another this week same size and style pumps, the seal went out of one of them, but we have replaced them and changed out the belts on the two blowers. The Electric Department has changed out two transformer poles in the last week. King gave me the total on pole change outs this year is 29 and inventory looks good. We laid out ant bait on all three ball fields yesterday. Wills sent the PO for the John Deere gator today, but it will be a month before we will receive it.

Tibbs states on the Water Plant we were going to get quotes on the automatic filter system at one point in time the Council authorized to use the American Rescue Plan money for that, but at the time we had a quote from a company, and it was old, and they would not honor it, we are having them come back out on January 9th to get that going again.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,397.29.

MOTION: By Gunn to approve the bills in the amount of \$20,397.29, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS:

NONE.

ITEM 8: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states I see the progress Simmons made on the restrooms/park. I have talked about getting estimates on getting pressure cleaning the roof at City Hall. I would like to add pressure cleaning City Hall and from there we can fix any railing. I would like you to put this on the next CAPFA meeting. On the Veterans Memorial, now that the County has almost completed their part, we can start with our own. Also, Tibbs where are we at with a Lineman?

Tibbs states we have had a couple applications, but we have not finalized it yet. We will continue to do interviews and intend to close it at the end of this month.

Council agrees for Tibbs and Simmons to have a discussion regarding the Lineman position.

Decker states are we going to have a Sewer meeting Monday?

Wills states the meeting will need to be cancelled, the next one will be January 23rd.

Ramunni states it's an official holiday.

ITEM 9: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor