

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 05, 2023, AT 7:02 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) Taylor
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 Taylor.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/ OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

ITEM4 DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

August 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the August 15, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE REIMBURSING THE CITY FOR THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS TOTALING \$2,549.97 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:**

- a. \$127.71 FOR THE CHROMEBOOK FOR LIVE STREAMING ITEMS TOTALING \$2,549.97 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS.
- b. \$809.97 FOR THE DESKTOP SCANNERS FOR THE CLOUD-BASED PROGRAM FOR RECORDS RETENTION.
- c. \$900.00 FOR THE CLOUD-BASED STORAGE SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

d. \$712.29 FOR PARTS FOR THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM AT THE WATER PLANT.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve reimbursing the City in the amount of \$2,549.97 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: SECOND READING ORDINANCE 354- REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND 499 AVE C:

MOTION: By Eighner to accept the second reading ordinance 354, seconded by Beck. Motion carried 4-1.

ITEM 7: SECOND READING ORDINANCE 355- REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND 599 AVE C:

MOTION: By Beck to accept the second reading ordinance 355, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried 4-1.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

8a. CITY MANAGER:

Decker states I would like more information on the letter the employees received about their insurance.

Tibbs states weeks earlier we spoke about salaries and the City provides health insurance to the employees and during that period of time we have had employees indicate they did not particularly want the insurance, so we took the cost of the monthly health insurance and turned it into an hourly rate, we offered it to the individuals, it was their option to take the extra money instead of insurance.

Beck states has anyone signed up for it.

Wills states we did have 2 new employees sign up.

Decker states is there anywhere in the rules that we are supposed to provide their health insurance.

Tibbs states it's not mandatory that they accept it we have had some that have declined it.

Beck states my only concern is what happens to our bottom line if we have a certain percentage of employees drop it.

Tibbs states that is why we did not give them 100 % of that cost we only offered a portion of the cost in case the price went up in the future.

Browning states I think the issue here is council members got phone calls about it due to employees not totally understanding what was being offered. I feel like I would have liked to have

known about it before I received a phone call from an employee. So, in the future can the council be made aware beforehand.

8b. CITY ATTORNEY:

Eighner states how did the court date go?

Ramunni states the sale is in October its already being published the judge granted the full amount. I also will not be here next meeting.

8c. CITY CLERK:

Decker states Wills is still not receiving trash tickets from the garbage truck, the ones for the claw truck are being turned in with a name of the property owner on them, but I don't know why we can't get through to the driver of the garbage truck, that is a lot of revenue we are losing. Simmons was absent last time I brought this up.

Simmons states I stopped him today and he turned some in.

8d. CRAIG A. SMITH

None.

8e. CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

None.

8f. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Simmons states we are a little behind on the mowing due to meter reading and the holiday, so we have to catch up on that. For the Waste Water plant I got with Costal Pump, they are supposed to come down next week to get with me on the actuators and other stuff we spoke about at the CCPWA meeting.

Decker states what is going on with the Water Park.

Simmons states we turn it on and off in the afternoons. We have the new computer, but we can't get it programed I am waiting on an email to see when we can. We will continue to get with DOT about the lights on the bridge.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,710.43

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the bills on the amount of \$91,710.43, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Salgado states we would like to know what it would take for us to do like a farmers' market we were thinking about here in front of City Hall. We could get local venders and have something for the citizen's like once a month. We have about 20 local venders who are interested.

Council agrees it's a great idea and to come back to the council with dates and information.

Eighner states we are about to start the Downtown project so you may have to shift different ways around here depending on the construction.

Citizen Salgado states is there any insurance we would need.

Wills states you may want to check with the State.

Citizen Korinke states I just want to thank the City employees that came out and helped with the transformer we lost over at the jail after a storm. They changed out a transformer early in the evening and finished around 10pm.

Council thanks Mr. Korinke.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states we spoke about entry signs coming in and out of town and replacing the one out by the river.

Wills states Vicki has been in and out and I have tried searching the system and can't find any information on who did them last but I'm working on trying to find that information.

Eighner states in case you can't find that information can you look for other companies.

Wills states yes.

Eighner states you will hear now that the County is going to build a standalone jail for the Sheriff's Department and that's not something that going to happen right away, but when they spoke about their budget they did not mention anything about giving the City any money for the breaks, we gave them on their utilities. Because do we need to plan to look at that again.

Tibbs states no, that agreement was from March 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, we gave them a break on the water for GCDC and CCPWA gave them a break on sewer, but that ends on September 30, 2023.

Browning states from my understanding we went to the end of September so we could get some numbers to go back on. So, I'm assuming October we will have some factual numbers.

Tibbs states we also gave them a reduction on ECU's that does not affect their consumption. Right now, it's based on population and at the moment they don't have many in there. I know they are applying for funding for a new jail, but I am not sure exactly how long it's going to take them to get the funding and the jail going, but as far as the agreement with GCDC it ends on September 30th.

Ramunni states I can try and call GCDC's attorney I spoke with him a couple of months ago about it to see if they have had any other movement, but I haven't heard anything.

Eighner states we didn't have numbers when they came and presented their case, but now when they come back Wills has their numbers. So, if possible can Wills get something prepared for us and give it to Ramunni, so when he does call their attorney, he has some factual numbers to go off of.

Wills states yes you want their usage now verses what it was.

Eighner states yes.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

None.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor