

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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) Taylor
Alisha Beck

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brad Simmons, Public Works Director (absent)
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Browning. Pledge lead by Beck.

ITEM 3: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Ramunni states the floor is open for nomination for Mayor for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Decker states I nominate Browning.

MOTION: By Decker to nominate Browning for Mayor for the fiscal year 2023-2024, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

Browning opens the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Decker nominates Eighner for Vice Mayor for fiscal year 2023-2024.

MOTION: By Decker to nominate Eighner for Vice Mayor for fiscal year 2023-2024, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND /OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Tibbs states I have one for an agenda item it's for the purchase of the 96-gallon garbage cans.

Decker states does the company issue them out or do we?

Tibbs states the company will deliver them to the Warehouse they will have serial numbers on them, and we will issue them out.

MOTION: By Taylor to add Toter as agenda item 8A, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

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

September 05, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve September 05, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

September 07, 2023, Tentative Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Decker to approve the meeting minutes for September 7, 2023, Tentative Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes, seconded by Taylor. Motion Carried.

September 18, 2023, Final Budget Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve September 18, 2023, Final Budget Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Taylor to approve September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION ON GCDC AND GSO BILLING RATE ADJUSTMENT:

Tibbs states earlier in the year the City Council agreed on dropping the ERCs from 270 to 30, that adjustment was good from March 1st to September 30th, 2023. Since that term has expired does the council want to go back to the predetermined ERC of 270?

Eighner states haven't they reached out to you with any type of proposal?

Tibbs states they have not.

Wills states we have not heard from them since those meetings.

Taylor states there is nothing we can do but go back to the original agreement.

Ramunni states I will get in touch with Mrs. Fisher down at the County to make sure she is aware of this because all this happened before her time.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

7A: CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states Simmons is not here this evening, but Taylor Electric is supposed to be here tomorrow to restore the electricity on the dock and tomorrow the people should be here to fix the water park. We are supposed to get the grapple truck back Thursday at noon. It's been in Ft. Myers getting worked on. We have some quotes on the restrooms that we are trying to negotiate with.

Browning states are we keeping the restroom locked?

Tibbs states yes.

Decker states can we get the storm drain cleaned over there by the Court House?

7B: CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states Thursday is the sale for the Collier property at 11am. Is someone going to attend that?

Eighner states I will.

Ramunni states okay I will send over some documents to Wills that has to go to the Clerk's office.

The final code enforcement hearing we were supposed to have regarding the Adams property was postponed I will try and get a court date for possibly next month.

7C: CITY CLERK:

None.

7D: CRAIG A. SMITH

None.

7E: CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

None.

7F: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

None.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,055.27:

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$23,055.27, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 8A: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE 96 GALLON TRASH CANS FROM TOTER:

Tibbs in the 2023-2024 Budget, the Council did approve the purchase for 1050 96-gallon garbage carts. The money was approved to come from CaPFA. So, this request is to approve the purchase order to Toter in the amount of \$63,682.66.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the purchase order to Toter LLC for 96-gallon garbage carts, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

Decker states if a customer loses their can or if their trash cart gets stolen, how is it replaced?

Tibbs states when we get the initial carts in, we will give everyone a cart with serial numbers on them, if they want a second cart, they will have to purchase it.

Taylor states will they have to sign for it.

Tibbs states yes.

Browning states Tibbs you will need to work on getting together a policy, so customers are aware.

Eighner states before we hand out the carts we need to listen to the rules and regulations. I think restaurants, food pantries and stores should be responsible for these rules as well when it comes to breaking down their boxes and putting them in the dumpsters correctly. I believe all the garbage rules need to be clarified in these rules and regulations.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Lindsey states 6 or 7 months ago we had a meeting and a raise for the on-call amount was brought up, because it's been \$100 for years. Browning suggested it be brought up in the new budget.

Tibbs states it did not get brought up at budget time, this year there were huge increases in insurance and fuel, so it does not get put into this year's budget.

Citizen Lindsey states why isn't any of these hearings/meetings posted.

Wills states they are posted on our website, newspaper, also in City Hall its posted on the board and we have a newsletter you can subscribe to, and it gives you updates.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states at the CCPWA meeting the other night the gentleman from the tire shop is trying to get sewer to his place and at the end of the meeting Vanassche and I spoke about the job growth grant to help fund the sewer. And we just started the project to go under the river and from there we heard the discussion to continue it down U.S 27 in the future. But this guy has a business he is trying to open up right there by Wolff's Lawn Machines and the Motorcycle place. But I have asked Greg and Miller to get a proposal together to give to Vanassche.

Taylor states I think if we are going to do that we should go out to Western Drive.

Council agrees.

Ramunni states we may need to bring up at the CCPWA for a part 2 of a master plan for phases.

Taylor states I got a call today about Toys for Tots do we know when we will be able to give them their donation.

Wills states I will need some type of letter/paperwork for sponsorship.

Taylor states okay I will let them know.

Ramunni states I did see your letter of resignation effective October 31st, 2023. Because your term is under 28 months, we are going to put out some types of application process.

Taylor states I read the municipal code, and it states we vote and if we can't come up with an agreement then the Governor will appoint someone.

Eighner states we need to read the code.

Taylor states I know who I want to nominate. So, the next meeting is my last meeting. Do I get to help the council help nominate?

Ramunni states everyone can nominate someone we may have to do a special meeting before the end of October.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

None.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor

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