

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 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
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith

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:

Invocation given by Beck. Pledge lead by Browning.

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

NONE:

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

November 02, 2023, Workshop Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the November 02, 2023, Workshop Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

November 07, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Eighner to approve the November 7, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

November 07, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the November 07, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVATIONS FOR FY 2023-24:

Browning states this was on the last agenda, but we need some clarification, so I asked Ashley to put this back on the agenda.

Tibbs states on Thanksgiving there are 2 holidays Thursday and Friday and currently for Christmas we only have Christmas day itself, there was a suggestion to make it a 2-day holiday as well depending on which day Christmas day falls on. The second item is there are currently 3 Federal holidays that are not observed by the City. Presidents' Day, Juneteenth Day and Columbus Day.

Decker states shouldn't this have been done around budget time.

Tibbs states it has no effect on the budget.

Beck states does the School Board and County observe the Juneteenth holiday.

Wills states I'm pretty sure the County has.

MOTION: By Beck to add June 19th as an observed holiday, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried. 4-1

MOTION: By Eighner to add half a day to the last workday prior to Christmas Day, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE SWAPPING LOTS WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

CITY OWNED-370 AVE J, BLOCK 19 LOTS 6+E ½ OF 7 AND CHURCH OWNED -357 AVE J, BLOCK 158 LOTS 12-13.

Browning states if it's okay I would like to continue this to the next meeting.

Council agrees.

MOTION: By Eighner to continue agenda item #6 to the next meeting, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE PAYING THE FOLLOWING INVOICES FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:

INVOICE #1726 FROM ACLARIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,470.00.

MOTION: By Beck to approve paying invoice #1726 from Aclarian in the amount of \$1,470.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

INVOICE #690.00 FROM ACLARIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$690.00.

MOTION: By Beck to approve paying invoice #1788 from Aclarian in the amount of \$690.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried.

INVOICE #86039 FROM SYNERION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,345.00.

MOTION: By Smith to pay invoice #86039 from Synerion in the amount of \$5,345.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded Decker. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states going into the Downtown improvement project we thought it would not require any de-mucking along Ave J, but, it's now determined that corner by the intersection has not been de-mucked. C.A.S is working with them to fully evaluate and determine the cost. Hopefully next week we will have some numbers.

Browning states I ran into a citizen Saturday, and she complimented the Baseball fields, so tell the guys thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I had a follow up discussion with the County attorney regarding expanding the potable water territory from the City limits 5 miles, we do have the areal depiction we have prepared, I believe Miller is going to take it to the property appraisers office and get about 15 copies. I will let the County attorney look at it first to make sure he is good with it. I spoke to Singleton, we had the Lakeland project that closed last week that grossed about 60 to 70 thousand dollars plus the fees. Singleton asked to be permitted to go to a conference in San Diego, she is looking for reimbursements on hotels and airfare. Singleton will attend the 2nd meeting in January.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the Hotel and Airfare for Singleton to attend a conference in San Diago, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

NONE.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,256.44:

Browning states we are adding Aterial Solutions bill in the amount of \$1,400.00.

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$47,256.44, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

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

NONE.

ITEM 11: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner state how is the older grapple truck running?

Lindsay states when we go out to the dump, we lose the speedometer and the hydraulics.

Eighner states I would like to see the older grapple truck to stay in town to pick up debris. We need to come up with a better policy for garbage.

Wills states we are not supposed to pick up construction debris, the dump is not supposed to take it they can reject the load if they see it.

Eighner states I would like to see the Code Enforcement officer every now and then ask for occupational license.

Beck states did make a decision on Christmas lights here. I did not know what we should do here since the construction is going on and the Christmas on the Caloosahatchee got moved down to the Chalo Nitka grounds.

Will states I bought some Christmas lights last year when they went on sale. I know you wanted the tree, but we did not move forward with it due to the construction going on.

Browning states I will be out of town when we do the Christmas light judging. I see some of the Christmas lights are out. Bradley Smith will be judging the contest this year.

Decker states are we going to paint the docks. We need to put some kind of sealant on there.

ITEM 12: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Clay Browning, Mayor

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