

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL SEPCIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL  
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

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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  
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:**

Given by Browning.

**ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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:**

January 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** By Decker to approve January 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck.  
Motion carried.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #87587 FROM SYNERION  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95.00 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS.**

**MOTION:** By Beck to approve paying invoice #87587 from Synerion in the amount of \$95.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OF APPROVE PAYING INVOICE #1977 FROM ACLARIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:**

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve paying invoice #1977 from Aclarian in the amount of \$600.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC) GRANT AGREEMENT #HL207 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATED TO CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS:**

**Tibbs** states during the last legislative session this grant was awarded by the state for improvements at the City Hall. Once we execute this agreement tonight it will go back to the state for final execution, after that it will be available for use.

**Eighner** states when you mention a study are they going to send a building inspector or someone to look over the building.

**Tibbs** states there will probably be contract for CAS to come in and look it over and come up with a plan.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve the DOC grant agreement #HL207 in the amount of \$200,000 for a feasibility study related to City Hall Improvements, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS- CHAPTER 2.1(D) LICENSE REQUIREMENT:**

**Tibbs** states last year we brought this forward to look at, we have been having a hard time keeping positions filled in the parks department, recently we have had some people that seem to be good candidates but did not have a valid driver license. I was suggesting we amend that for those positions that don't require a state driver's license to operate gators, golf carts and mowers but they cannot operate equipment that does require a license.

**Simmons** states that will help alleviate the issues we are having with hiring people.

**Decker** states I don't think they can operate a golf cart/gator/mower without their license.

**Glades Co Deputy Willis** states the gator has a different definition than a UTV/ATV. But with the new law change I will have to look into it.

**Browning** states didn't we look at this about 2 years ago.

**Ramunni** states I don't think it was approved then.

**Eighner** states they can drive the tractors, mowers, and ride on the garbage truck.

**Browning** states to ride on the back of the garbage truck you have to have a driver's license.

**Wills** states currently yes, according to our personnel policy.

**Eighner** states the advantages outweigh the dis-advantages.

**Decker** states I just worried about the type of person we can get without a driver's license and how many are going to come in here and leave after a few months because of responsibilities.

**Beck** states we already have the issues now, it just gives you a little more people to choose from.

**Ramunni** states if this was to pass, you guys would have police it internally to were someone would not have to be forced to drive without a license.

**Tibbs** states yes.

**Browning** states the City ordinance states that to be able to operate a side by side you have to be 18 and over and have to have a driver's license.

**Beck** states does the ordinance state 18 or a valid driver's license.

**Browning** states I believe so.

**Beck** states that that would mean as long as you're 18 you don't have to have a driver's license.

**Ramunni** states the ordinance would not be applicable to the scenarios you all are discussing.

**Decker** states what's the liability if there were an accident with someone who does not have a valid driver's license.

**Tibbs** states the liability would be the same.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to accept the purposed changes to the personnel policy in chapter 2.1, seconded by Beck. Vote: 3-2

**Browning** states I would like to take time to research this a little more.

**Ramunni** states you can always bring this back and add it as an agenda item once you are ready.

**ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND/ OR APPROVE FOR DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT:**

**Tibbs** states I would like to move this to the next meeting, we did not have the time to get the information gathered. Simmons does have one item in this category he would like to discuss.

**Simmons** states the County has approached me about buying the older bucket truck we have; they don't want to put it back into electrical service but would like it for the Court House.

**Tibbs** states I think we will need to go online and verify the value. To come up with a fair market value.

**Browning** states do they have anything we could trade it for?

**Simmons** states I will go look, but they did not bring anything to my attention.

**ITEM 10: AWARD SOUTHERN SEWER EQUIPMENT SALES FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO PERKINS D6500 CART TIPPERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,839.82.**

**Tibbs** states in the 2023-2024 budget we approved to buy garbage cans and they have been ordered, also included in the budget was 2 cart tippers to install on the garbage truck. We have tried to reach out for quotes on installation for these cart tippers. I have tried to contact the manufacturer directly myself and they will only sell through a dealer. We did obtain a quote from Southern Sewer Equipment in the amount of \$ 16,839.82. They are a dealer, also from Mikes Hydraulics in the amount of \$ 12,858.51 they are not a dealer so the tippers would have to be purchased from a dealer and then installed. Last week we were trying to get a third quote in, and we received it today for \$11,915.48 from EPG. At the time when we went to press with the agenda Southern Sewer was the cheapest quote, but receiving this last quote today EPG is the cheapest.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to award EPG in the amount of \$11,915.48 for the purchase and installation of two cart tippers, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Tibbs** states we were finishing the sewer projects 5A & 5C, there were about 36 units that were missed and did not get sewer, we did get awarded \$1,250,000.00 from the Rural Infrastructure Fund. We will proceed with that once we get a Grant Agreement.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Ramunni** states when we looked at how the church held their title to their lots, the attorney who prepared the deed from the person who donated lots to the church, did not include their full entity name of the church. We did get in contact with the church to see if it would be fixable through them, but unfortunately the person who deeded it to them lives in Ohio, so we sent them a corrected deed to that person. As for Code enforcement we have the continuation of the Baez hearing next Tuesday.

**CITY CLERK:**

None.

**CRAIG A. SMITH:**

None.

**CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

**Simmons** states in the past we used to use ULCS to do pole inspections in the City, I think we need to entertain the idea and get them back in here to help King.

**Decker** states King has a list, but I have no objection of hiring someone to help.

**Council** agrees.

**Browning** states did we ever get ahold of Glades Electric to see if they would help us.

**Simmons** states yes, they said they would help us “if need be”, and Pike said no they would not.

**ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,248.42.**

**Decker** states I see a windshield for the tractor, what happened to it.

**Simmons** states it had a crack in it already, and a limb hit it.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 69,248.42, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 13: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:**

None.

**ITEM 14: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:**

**Decker** states I would like to know why the gate was open all weekend where all the dirt is. I think we have a little bit of a liability to keep those gates closed and locked.

**Simmons** states they must have forgotten to lock it on Friday.

**ITEM 15: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:**

None.

**ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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**Clay Browning, Mayor**

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