

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
FEBUARY 20, 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 Ramunni.

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

**Eighner** states Mrs. Brown is here to discuss one of the programs she represents, so I would like to add her to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Eighner to add Mrs. Brown to the agenda as item 4A, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

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

February 06, 2024, SCOP Workshop Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve February 06, 2024, SCOP Workshop Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 4A: GLADES EDUCATION FOUNDATION:**

**Brown** states the Glades Education Foundation is like a support group for the school district here, we raise money and have matching grants throughout the year to help support activities to supply additional funding for things like field trips, different programs and supplies that are needed for

the school/teachers. A couple years ago we got a grant for college and career readiness, and we had \$15,000 for a 2-year period. We spent it on field trips to colleges. Once our grant runs out, we are calling on local sources to continue it. I'm delivering a request along with some documentation about how Glades County stands.

**ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR ALPHA FIREWORK DISPLAYS FOR THE 2024 JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORK DISPLAY:**

**Wills** states the people who have done our fireworks the past 2 years have gone from \$11,000 to \$20,000 this year. So, I did some research and Alpha Fireworks originally started at \$20,000 for a 15-minute show, I asked them if there was any kind of wiggle room that they could help with. And they got it down to 11 minutes for the show and the same quality, just down 4 minutes for \$11,000 that was budgeted.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve the contract for Alpha Firework Displays for the 2024 July 4<sup>th</sup> display, seconded by seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING INV#2006 FROM ACLARIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420.00 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:**

**MOTION:** By Beck to approve paying INV#2006 from Aclarian in the amount of \$420.00 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Smith. Motion carried 4-1.

**ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE REIMBURSING THE CITY FOR THE ORDER OF AN ACEKOOL SEWER INSPECTION CAMERA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999.99 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:**

**Wills** states we have had issues where something was lodged on the City's side of the pipes, and we have had to go to Port Labelle Utilities to borrow their camera or hire a plumber and do it, Pam's Plumbing charged us \$1,000 if I'm not mistaking just to come out one time.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve reimbursing the City for the order of an Acekool sewer inspection camera in the amount of \$999.99 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

**ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 14' PANEL CHRISTMAS TREE FROM CARPENTER DECORATING TO BE PAID FOR FROM CaPFA:**

**Wills** states this was brought up not this past Christmas but the Christmas before, about buying a tree to have out in the park, every time I have checked into one around this size is nearly \$10,000 or more. This one had a close out sale and the price is good until tomorrow.

**Browning** states I think there will be a discussion later tonight about spending CaPFA money, we may want to consider some issues we have ahead of us, a Christmas is beautiful, and the City would look nice with it, however we need to Seriously consider about spending any CaPFA

money. If you could find another source, I could support it, but we cannot spend anymore CaPFA money.

**Decker** states I think we should get an idea of how much we need to spend on this project.

**Ramunni** states you can always put this on the next CaPFA meeting to discuss.

**Wills** states the price changes tomorrow, but we do have the ARPA funds if that is something you guys want to consider. We have to use or have the funds accounted for by a certain date.

**MOTION:** By Beck to approve the purchase of a 14' panel Chrastams tree from Carpenter Decorating to be paid for from ARPA, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried

**ITEM 9: RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 2024-03 CONCERNING THE SCOP PROGRAM FOR AGREEMENT #'s 451528, 451529 AND 451530:**

**Tibbs** states at the 03/06/2024 meeting the Council did approve to execute the grant agreement for these three projects, however when we looked at exhibit D it requires a resolution.

**MOTION:** By Decker to ratify the approval of resolution #2024-03, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

**ITEM 10: APPROVAL TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT OBSOLETE, DELETE FROM ASSET LIST AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL THROUGH AUCTION:**

**Tibbs** states we have presented 11 different items of equipment with pictures attached, most of the equipment is only good for parts only, we would like to get that out of the warehouse and off to an auction.

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve the equipment list, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

**ITEM 11: DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE DITCH ALONGSIDE TOBIAS AVE:**

**Tibbs** states we looked on the Property Appraiser's website and the parcel that is adjacent to the ditch belongs to the County; the City's parcel is further below that it does not sit adjacent to the ditch. I believe filling in that ditch or possibly moving the road would have to be initiated with the County. I will follow up with the County Manager.

**ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF CONTINUING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH CAS & ASSOCIATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RFQ FOR ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND UTILITY LOCATING SERVICES DATES MAY 27, 2022:**

**Tibbs** states back in 2022 we did a survey for RFQ for engineering services and by Florida statutes when you do a RFQ for architectural, engineering or surveying type of services you have to select them based off of qualifications and experience and after you select a company you can

negotiate a price agreement with them. The council did award that RFQ back in June 7, 2022, when the RFQ closed, however we did not do a counting of service agreement with them.

**MOTION:** By Decker to approve the continuing agreement for professional services with CAS & Associates in Conjunction with the RFQ, seconded by Eighner. Motion carried 4-1.

**ITEM 13: RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL FOR AN INVENTORY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION (FRWA) FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE LEAD SERVICE LINE (LSL) INVENTORIES:**

**Tibbs** states the FRWA will fund this portion of the project for service areas with a population less than 3,300, it is on a first come firsts serve basis.

**MOTION:** By Decker to approve ratification for an inventory assistance agreement with FRWA for funding to complete lead service line inventories, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 14: REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

NONE.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Ramunni** states on the property we discussed last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> street, the problem we ran into now is as for legal description the surveyors are way behind.

**Eighner** states where are we on the Church property.

**Ramunni** states the corrected deed has been recorded and my assistant was working on doing the deed swap, she has been in contact with the church.

**CITY CLERK:**

NONE.

**CRAIG A. SMITH**

NONE.

**CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:**

NONE.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

**Simmons** states we have reached out to a few electric contractors for the pole change outs, they would like to get a better look at what the job looks like before they give us any pricing. We should be doing our first delivery with the trash cans tomorrow and then we will take the truck to Deerfield Beach next week to install the tipper and they will have it for about a week. The pavilion here in the northwest corner at the City park the termites have made a home out of it and the wood is rotted, I have closed off the back side of it, but it desperately needs some help.

**Browning** states what kind of help you think it needs.

**Simmons** states it needs railings and I suggest getting metal ones.

**Browning** states can you get us a price.

**MOTION:** By Beck to get pricing on railings to make the stage ADA compliant, seconded by Decker. Motion carried.

**ITEM 15: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,243.84**

**MOTION:** By Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$38,243.84, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

**ITEM 16: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:**

**Citizen Hartmann** states I have a concern with the water, I have been there 5 years and have never seen the water flushed out I just wanted to bring it to the council's attention.

**Eighner** states please increase the flushing over in the area.

**Citizen Brianna** and my parents seen there was some dirt on Ave R, we are converting to the sewer and part of the process is to break down the septic tank and fill it in with dirt. So is that dirt available to the community.

**Browning** states Ramunni what are your thoughts.

**Ramunni** states what would you do with if you did not put it to use.

**Eighner** states we would push it back into the pound. We would have to make the proper arrangements with the contractor to get the dirt. I'm in favor as long as they coordinate it with City Hall. Once you have passed inspection that is when you can get in contact with City Hall.

**Staff Sargent Stacy** states my lieutenant is in a training this week, so he asked me to come. But we wanted to make sure the traffic route for the parade is still the same so we can have the proper roads blocked off.

**Wills** states for the 5K it is going to start at Ave L and go down Riverside and back up.

**ITEM 17: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:**

**Eighner** states Simmons when you flush the lines down there can you take some water samples and see if we may need to add some chemicals, also I seen you have done a lot of work at the Chalo Nitka grounds in such a short time, I really appreciate it. Where are we with the Ave H lift station?

**Simmons** states the pumps are in, there is something wrong with the rails at the bottom and we cannot get them to work. I called Miller and Go Underground told him they would get on it as soon as they could. They are waiting on material.

**Eighner** states a lady from the governor's office is going to be in Mrs. Fisher's office tomorrow, she reached out to me, I spoke to Tibbs about it, and we are going to go up there and sit with her and push our legislative issues that Vanassche has been working on.

**Browning** states I'm pretty upset about the engineering firm/projects, I don't mind a change order, stuff happens, but when its neglect that is something else. If we don't say something now when do we? We hold our supervisors to a higher standard so why not do the engineers the same way.

**Beck** states I think we as a Council should hold a meeting with them to voice our opinions because that is something we have not done yet.

**ITEM 18: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:**

NONE.

**ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**Ashley Wills, City Clerk**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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**Clay Browning, Mayor**