

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2024, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning
Jan Taylor
Jacob Eighner
Alisha Beck
Donna Storter
Tony Whidden
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Director
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
June Fisher, County Manager (absent)
Al Brown, Operator (absent)

ROLL CALL: Given By Whidden.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Taylor and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Stanley.

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Wills states the month on the top of the agenda was updated to January.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

NOVEMBER 27, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: By Beck to approve the November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Stanley motion carries.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CRAIG A SMITH INVOICE #21-2168-1LS-2LS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2483.91 FOR PHASE 5C SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT FDEP N. LPQ0014:

MOTION: By Decker to approve C.A.S invoice #21-2168-1ld-2l in the amount of \$2483.91, seconded by Smith motion carries.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE NEED REHAB NEEDED OF AVE H LIFT STATION:

MOTION: By Beck to award Go underground on an emergency base to do the rehab at the Ave H lift station, seconded by Decker motion carries.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS SECTION 2.01 OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM:

Tibbs states in the interlocal agreement that rates and fees and charges shall provide revenue sufficient at all times to pay and cover expense of operating/ maintaining the sewer systems. In the last year or 2 we have replaced the membranes in train 2 for about \$300,000.00 and aeration panels at about \$200,000.00. we have basically funded this through current revenue; we are reaching a point where we cannot continue without a rate increase. We need to review the sewer rates because I don't think one has ever been done. So, we may need to look at getting a rate study done.

Beck states do you have to have a rate study done to be able to do an increase.

Ramunni with this gap we should.

MOTION: By Smith to implement a rate study with Craig A Smith, seconded by Beck motion carries.

ITEM 7: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 8: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Miller states an update for US 27, from the Ave H lift station to the river, we have not gone under the river yet. and we started on the other side of the river also across the railroad tracks. We are waiting on some casing spacers. The submittals for the wet well have been submitted, I'm just estimating by the first part of April someone should be on site to start installing the lift station, pumps and panels are still about 4 months out we are trying our best to finish this by June or so.

ITEM 9: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 10: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 11: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 12: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 13: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

NONE.

ITEM 14: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,905.33:

MOTION: By Stanley to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$137,905.33, seconded by Beck motion carries.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Beck to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Tony Whidden, Vice Chairman