

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 07, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

Council Members Present:

Wayne 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: DISCUSS GARBAGE RULES AND RATES:

Eighner states I would like to add the Marina Docks to the agenda for discussion.

Ramunni states also I would like to bring up the Medical Marijuana.

Browning states we can discuss the garbage as item 2, the docks will be item 3 and the Medical Marijuana will be item 4.

Council agrees.

Tibbs states Wills has gathered different rates/rules from around the area. I believe we are ready to put together our new ordinance for the new garbage program. One thing we spoke about was trying to have the rule posted on the can, also one of the things I thought we could do before we distribute out the new cans, is go house to house and hand deliver or hang the information about the new cans/rates on the door. We are to the point now we need to discuss what the rates are going to be.

Wills states we have not really discussed the rates on commercial garbage, which are the dumpsters and the places that have regular garbage cans. I have the City of Labelle rates and found Clewiston's code on Municode, I did not include that in the packet but if you would like to see that I can send it over.

Eighner states in the previous meeting we discussed distributing a 96 gal can and picking up 2 times a week which is 8 times a month. What is the rate currently?

Wills states the rate currently is \$26.25 a month and they are allowed two 30 gal cans per pick up day, we will be giving residents 1 whole extra can worth per pickup day.

Eighner states how long ago was this \$26.25 decided on.

Beck states 2011.

Eighner states on the other side of the river I see where you included their price.

Wills states they get picked up once a week and they can put out the can the trash company provided and 3 more 30 gal cans, but they no longer provide the cans, So the new customers have to provide all their own cans.

Eighner states they pay \$135.93 with one pick up a week, But, they pay quarterly. So that is \$45.31 per month.

Tibbs states it has been a while since we have increased the rates, we are making the investment to get these cans, we are providing the first can to the resident to start with. We are offering more services by picking up 192 gallons per week to where it was about 120 gallons per week.

Eighner states I don't want to penalize the residents because the City Council never went back and raised the garbage rates in years.

Decker states I don't think the Council ever raised the rates because we have always came out even on the budget. My opinion is to raise it by a little bit and do an increase each year.

Browning states this is my concern, we bought these cans and installed these grabbers and some of us have sold the idea to people that it is going to make our efficiency better and now all of a sudden, we are going to do it for cheaper, but we are going to charge you more to do it. I think some people are going to look at us like we have lost our minds. I understand that fuel and other places are going to go up and running the truck is not cheap. Yes, we will have an increase but at this time I just don't see it being \$10. I would like to know what it actually cost us to pick up garbage.

Decker states whatever it is we budgeted for it last year.

Tibbs states we are about breaking even, but we are not putting anything away for purchasing new trucks/equipment. It's the same thing we did on property taxes for years, we have always gone back to the rollback rate, but we have never captured any of our growth so the last couple of years we have at least tried to increase 5% which ends up being like \$5 a year. It will be a good thing to look at each year and see if we need an increase or not. We do have to start establishing a reserve replacing some equipment we have.

Browning states if we do an even \$30 that is only a \$3.75 increase, I don't think customers will say much about that number, they will be getting a new can and more garbage picked up. There are going to be residents that are going to want a second can or a smaller can, what are the thoughts on that?

Wills states what we have discussed is if we have a customer that wants a smaller can because it's easier on them, that would be their option to get, but the prices stay the same and if they wanted to add an additional can, they will have to pay for an additional service.

Council agrees, it will make the billing simpler.

Browning states if we increase the garbage rate up to an even \$30, we will need to re-evaluate it on a yearly basis, because the water rate is going to go up.

Ramunni states I would also like to put illegal dumping in the ordinance, so if anyone is caught from outside of the City dumping, make it a second-degree misdemeanor.

Citizen Dannenhauer states what is going to happen with the small commercial trash.

Wills states that the rate will be different from what it is now. The council will have to discuss the rates on that as well.

Browning states do you use a dumpster, or the can serves over at the trailer park.

Citizen Dannenhauer states I don't use the dumpster because there was always a problem with it, we use the can service for commercial, I just pay a higher rate for the same two cans.

Wills states if you have a can service at this time, we did factor in for everyone that does have service to get a can, but you will have to pay the commercial rate.

Eighner states is there a different price for the can services and a dumpster for commercial.

Wills states dumpsters are all commercial, the dumpsters are the same rate of \$193.05 per month for 2 pickups per week, \$341.55 per month for 4 pickups a week, \$415.80 per month for 5 pickups a week. And if we have to go 2 times in one day to pick up the same dumpster again it's another \$25 every time we go. The school is on a special rate for School complexes at \$1,410.75 Per month with a 5 day a week pickup.

Beck states whatever we increase the regular rate to, I think we should increase the commercial by that also. And the dumpsters need to be reassessed altogether.

Eighner states we have never been able to purchase a dumpster out of the garbage fund.

Wills states if you look at the City of LaBelle's garbage rates, we are way under what they charge.

Eighner states we went up \$3.25 on residents, I we can make it an even \$40 for commercial cans, and for the dumpsters we can go up a little more to kind of take some of that hit off of the residential cans and smaller commercial. That is \$3.00 on commercial cans.

Beck states I think we should go up more on the commercial dumpsters they are in business, and they make the money, unfortunately that's part of it.

Browning states if we go up 14% on our residents, it's only fair that we go up 14% on our commercial.

Wills states if we go up 14% on everything that will be \$27 on the dumpsters, that will make it \$220.08.

Ramunni states we can always get new dumpsters through CaPFA. But I would rather be uniform across the board for the rates since it has not been done in so long.

Tibbs states another rate we need to look at is the \$25 for the extra dumpster pick up.

Decker states we can at 14% to that rate as well.

Ramunni states Tibbs if you can get that started and email it to me in word, I can work on the legal part of it.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS DOCKS:

Ramunni states I would like to have a uniform policy for dockage and for the sea wall dockage, I know the slips are no overnights. So, when a request is made for dockage, we can apply the rules and regulations uniformly.

Eighner states I think we need to look at all three of the docks, the dock in front of City Hall is more of a transient dock, down at the City Marina we have coved boat storage in the water and then we have the Marina Sea wall, that is not known as a transient dock over there. We are only getting 0.75 cent per foot for our docks out front, Roland Martin charges \$2.00 a foot and Labelle Yacht Club charges \$4.00 a foot. There aren't any rules or regulations in the ordinance about the sea wall, it has never been discussed. But I think they need to be broken down into 3 different platforms.

Browning states can we come back to this.

Council agrees.

ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor