

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 06, 2024, AT 7:00 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 (ABSENT)
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith (ABSENT)

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent (ABSENT)
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Vanassche. Pledge lead by Beck.

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

Tibbs states we have a pay application #10 for the Downtown Improvement Project. Add as Item 4A to pay Ridgill & Sons in the amount of \$76,081.86 from the ARPA funds.

ITEM 4A: PAY APPLICATION #10 TO RIDGDILL & SON'S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,081.86 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:

MOTION: By Eighner to pay application #10 to Ridgill & Son's in the amount of \$76,081.86, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

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

June 24, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Beck to approve June 24, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Eighner. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #359 RELATING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Ramunni states this ordinance allows us to pursue this mechanism for the magistrate system. I attended the Florida Municipal Attorney's Association conference last week or the week before. There was a spot on their agenda about Code Enforcement, one thing I have shared with Tibbs and Fisher is, the department Administrative hearings out of Tallahassee has a mechanism where they will supply the contract of their carrying officers to serve in the capacity of a special magistrate I believe the rate was \$200 an hour which is well below of what you're going to get for a market rate. So, my suggestion would be is to get with the County and contact DOAH and try and put this into place.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the second reading of Ordinance #359 relating to Code Enforcement, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

NONE.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I did finally speak with Mr. Pringle, if you recall I have that Wellfield of protection letter that I drafted for Glades County to adopt so we will have a zone of protection for our wellfields. I am hoping they get this on their agenda by next week's meeting.

Eighner states we keep waiting in Pringle. But, we need to put a letter together to send to the Florida League of Cities.

Ramunni states just give me the format and I will take care of it.

Tibbs states the Florida League of Cities was asking for the Court to release that injunction for stopping the permits. Ours is the opposite.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

NONE.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,285.35:

MOTION: By Eighner to approve the bills in the amount of \$24,285.35, seconded by Beck.
Motion Carried.

ITEM 8: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

NONE.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Eighner states Tibbs were we able to find a DOT representative. We have spoke about the graffiti on the bridge, the light poles being down and the landscaping.

Tibbs states someone contacted us because we were not doing enough edging/mowing. Simmons did send a crew out to take care of that, so I will contact them back so they can look at everything.

Eighner states okay, we did receive some complaints about the graffiti, when we spoke about the culverts in the budget there was only \$3,000 in there and I had asked to see if that could be increased to get them cleaned out. Our culverts have not been cleaned out in years, I think we need to put more money into that situation whether it's cleaning them or replacing them. With that being said, the new drainage boxes that are around the park, we are going to need a vacuum truck service that can come once a year or quarterly to vacuum them out. We need to make sure we get that into the budget.

Browning states if we do get a vacuum truck service to come out, there might be some drainage pipes he can look at here around town also. If we can get a quote on those as well.

Tibbs states we will create a line item in the budget for culvert maintenance, and under Capital improvements we will have a larger category for drainage improvements and that will be for pumps and drainage improvements to keep up with the maintenance.

Eighner states at the Sampson Pond, it was one of the first picnic structures the City installed and the ones down the River. They are full of termites, they have slowly deteriorated. Simmons and I thought it would be an easy fix by putting an 8x8 post to reassure it, but it needs to be taken down tomorrow. We talked about building a new structure and then Simmons came up with an idea while we were looking at prices to build a structure similar to the one we have over the pumps here in the park, and putting it over the slab that is already there and we have a picnic table at the Chalo Nitka grounds we are going to take over there. There is a quote for a new structure at the Sampson

Pond \$1,561.60 minus the taxes, it will be about \$2,000 in labor. But I did not want to add this to the agenda because it's still under Tibbs threshold.

Browning states Wills, Tibbs and I had a meeting with the auditors and there is a little problem on our side from what I gathered. We are changing over to the new system, and it is costing Wills a bit more time and they understand the issue. So, anything we can do to cut down on bothering Wills for a moment is appreciated, because she is busy. The 4-H property is over by the railroad tracks, I have been getting calls from residents about hogs eating up their yards, but we need to do something about it. Last we spoke Simmons was supposed to get with Branch with the County and take care of the City/County part.

Miller states I contacted the people that's when they went in and found there were squatters on the property.

Ramunni states we are going to have to stay on top of them.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor