

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

Council Members Present:

Wayne Browning, Mayor
Marcus “Marc” Decker, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
Rashonda Croskey

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk (Absent)
Melissa Arnold, Deputy Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Reese. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Beck.

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

Tibbs states I would like to pull Item #8 that was for proposals for the design services for the SCOP program. We were supposed to have the bid opening today and we did not receive any proposals, we are going to have to go back out and advertise that again.

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

September 03, 2024, Tentative Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve September 03, 2024, Tentative Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

September 03, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Smith to approve September 03, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PAYING ACLARIAN INV# 2612 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS:

MOTION: By Beck to approve paying Aclarian Inv# 2612 from the ARPA funds, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CHANGES TO DOCK AND MARINA FEES:

Tibbs states on July 16, 2024, at a workshop we discussed changing the rates at the Marina and the docks. The Ordinance is extremely old and outdated. We discussed some things at the workshop, but we have not brought it back to formally make any changes. We discussed raising the transit dockage in front of City Hall to \$3.00 a foot, Keeping the Marina monthly slips at \$75, and along the Seawall at the Marina would be \$500 or \$8 a foot, at a first come basis.

Eighner states we have had a couple workshops over this and got a couple opinions from the City Attorney. There was some discussion on the \$500 to possibly make it \$800. That was the only thing that was up in the air. My recommendation would be to set it at \$500 and revisit it next year if there are issues down there.

Decker states I would like for us to go to \$800 right away. 7 or 8 years ago there was a boat we could not get rid of. So, I would like to see a 3-month maximum.

Council agrees with the rates of \$3 a foot for the transit dockage, \$75 for the slips and \$800 a month with a 3-month maximum.

MOTION: By Eighner to change the Dockage rate to \$3 a foot for transit dockage, \$75 for the monthly slips at the Marina and \$800 a monthly slip on the Sea wall with a 3-month maximum, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JASON UTLEY, AICP FOR PLANNING SERVICES:

Tibbs states as we know Larue has been a long-time planner here and has retired and closed his business. So, we are in need of a planner. I have attached his Bio, he has experience in the Southwest Florida area, he has done projects in Clewiston and Fort Myers. I did speak with him, and he is interested and understands this is project by project because we don't need a full-time planner here.

Ramunni states the amount we agreed to is well below the threshold so there will be no need for RFP. Larue provided two names and Tibbs has done his due diligence. One thing that might make it a little less costly to the City is having Zoom capabilities that will save us down the road.

Eighner states is this part of our City Hall Harding project?

Ramunni states it's a hindrance to not be able to conduct business like that at this point. Wills and I did a test run on Monday and it was not functioning correctly.

Eighner states if you read through some of the projects Jason is working on now and in the past, they are pretty much larger projects than what we deal with. It seems like he is a more of a hands-on person and a larger company and we are a project-to-project person so I would suggest entertaining an agreement with Jason.

MOTION: By Eighner to approve entering into an agreement with Jason Utley, AICP for planning services, Seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 8: AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO SCOP MUNICIPAL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FM 451528-1, AND FM 451530-1:

Send out for rebid due to no bids.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states the EDC is having their annual dinner on 10/21/2024, the guest speaker is going to be Congressman Franklin. In the past the Council has purchased a sponsor table, I don't know if that is the Council's wishes, there are also individual tickets available. A Table is \$500 for 6 seats.

Eighner states it's the City Council's job to support the EDC and buy a table.

MOTION: Decker to purchase an annual DC dinner Table in the amount of \$500, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

Decker states when will the striping be done in front of City Hall?

Tibbs states I have been in contact with Tom, the problem is this is a small project, and they have to come from the west coast so getting them here to do it is tough. But, I have been calling every day.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states we have a couple meetings on Thursday at 5p.m, we will do a CaPFA meeting but we also will need to do a City meeting as well because we have a couple bond issues that happen this week. we will set the agenda and set the Special meeting notice. I was going to suggest we can do the reorganization of the board for that night instead of waiting for the following meeting just in case something comes up.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Vanassche states I just want to bring you all up to date on the grants we have on behalf of the City since the Downtown redevelopment has wrapped up there are two grants involved with that. The storm water drainage as well as the roadway improvements, we are working on the close out documents, the as builds are being reviewed. Also, the progress reports for the quarterly period ending in September, I'm working on those for all the grants. The DEP assessment test is completed. We have already submitted the first payment request to DEP for that single task. The quarterly report will be done for the City's Harding feasibility study, I'm working on that next.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states I had Basquin Welding go out to the water plant and meet with Craig Smith to install a cover over the purifier he is going to submit two different bids because there are two different ways to do it. Tomorrow I will be going to Clewiston to look at a side arm garbage truck they have one they use, and we will see how they like it and what issues they have with it. We also got the PO issued for the school.

Beck states has anyone got with you about getting ant bait for the soccer fields?

Simmons states I sent them down there a week ago, but no one has contacted me about anything.

Browning states what is going on across from the Yacht Club.

Simmons states the County said they have had some issues with their roads out in Muse, so they had to put their focus out there.

Browning states did we get with CHL to see if they can do anything with their piece.

Ramunni states no I was waiting to move forward because there was a question about the jurisdiction.

Browning states okay, as soon as we and the County get our pieces done let's get with Code Enforcement and Ramunni so they can get in touch with CHL.

ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,491.35:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$81,491.35, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Reese states I have already come to City Hall with the address of the dogs so I'm just waiting to see what information you'll have found out. I don't want no dog chasing me while I'm riding my golf cart.

Tibbs states I spoke with the County Manager and let her know. I mentioned the comment that we never see Animal Control on this side of town. She stated she would get with them and have a conversation with them.

Citizen Brwon states on Pinehurst and 10th street are you guys done with that pavilion there.

Simmons states the only thing they have to do is install a grill.

Citizen Brwon okay, have you all been down there. That is a disgrace. There is a pothole there that was not completed and the material that was used is cheap. I know you can do better, It's a mess.

Citizen Barfield states I just wanted to give you an update from the school where our sub-contracting meetings are ongoing. The clearing for the school site and bus Depot is completed and the fence is installed, and the privacy screen will be installed on Thursday. Our building footers will begin the first week of October. The construction office will be delivered this week. There will be a ribbon cutting for our new building on October 16th at 9:30 in the morning for our electric buses. We will have a job fair and that will be publicly announced shortly.

ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Beck states I just want to thank Eighner for everything he has done for this Council, given the circumstances he is still here planting our trees. We greatly appreciate everything you have done here.

Eighner states Tibbs, you might want to reach out to Ridgill to possibly subcontract out the SCOP on the Road resurfacing because I think we picked those streets two years ago.

Tibbs states I had that in mind for when we come to the construction. But what we had here was for the design. We will get it back out there next week.

Eighner states another thing I had was the City Council meetings we discussed before about changing the meeting time to 6pm instead of 7pm. It was set at 7pm when Mr. McGee was here.

Ramunni states we will have to check the charter on that.

Decker states it's always been at 7pm.

Eighner states okay, Wills and I were working on the Mrs. Perry sign for the street. So, I thought of doing the dedication of the street in mid-November. Have we received a cost on Phase 2 for in front of City Hall.

Vanassche states yes it was under \$600,000.00.

Eighner states as I sat here over the past 8 years. We never had a City manager, we had utility directors who filled in and an amazing City Clerk that spent more than 30 years here and she filled in a lot of those shoes. But for the first time in many years with Tibbs we have a real live City Manager. He knows how to run the finances he knows the loopholes and how to deal with the interlocal agreement and as time moves on keep that in mind. Tibbs has done a lot in the time he has been here. I just want to show Tibbs my appreciation. We have the best team that I have ever seen at the front of that office since I have been a utility customer. When we talk about history being made, working for a City for 25 years and to put up with all this Arnold deserves a round of applause.

ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 14: SWEAR IN COUNCILMAN:

Ramunni swears in Smith & Croskey in as Councilman.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor