

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 6:00 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
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 Beck. Pledge lead by Croskey.

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

Browning states we have one item we need to add as Item 4A for a special presentation.

MOTION: By Beck to add Item 4A special presentation to the agenda, seconded by Croskey.
Motion Carried.

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

October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Beck to approve October 1, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Smith.
Motion Carried.

October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Croskey. Motion Carried.

November 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Smith to approve October 28, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

October 31, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve October 31, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

ITEM 4A: SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO MR. LARUE:

Browning states we are going to present Mr. Larue tonight with a plaque for our appreciation for his hard work for over two decades here with the City.

Larue states it has been a pleasure to serve you all, I appreciate being able to serve for you I enjoyed it very much.

ITEM 5: RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS TO THE FRS SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS (SMSC) UNDER FS 121.055:

Tibbs states when Mike Jones came on board as a Public Works Director some time ago, they put him in the SMSC in FRS we can't find any paperwork where it was done. There were also three other positions that should have been added there as well, the City Manager, City Clerk and the City Deputy Clerk. They have never been added. When Simmons came on board, and we assigned him to that position in FRS we were still contributing the percentage as a regular class, up until recently we received some correspondents FRS stating this is wrong. No one here knew that the position had been reclassified in FRS. So, we are asking that the City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy Clerk be added to the SMSC.

MOTION: By Decker to qualify the City Manager, City Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the reclassification of positions to the FRS SMSC under FS 121.055, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COVER/ROOF FOR THE CLARIFIER AT THE WTP IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$21,820.00 AS PROVIDED BY THE QUOTE FROM IEC INC:

Tibbs states last meeting we brought forth some quotes from Basquin Welding to do the framework and repairs on the tower itself and to help install the cover. This quote is for the actual cover.

MOTION: Beck to approve the purchase and installation of the cover for the clarifier at the Water Treatment Plant in the estimated amount of \$21,820.00 as provided by the quote from IEC INC, seconded by Croskey. Motion Carried.

ITEM 7: RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,250.00 FROM PAY APP #12 TO RIDGDILL & SONS FOR THE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Tibbs states this is the final payment on the project.

MOTION: By Decker to approve ratification of the payment in the amount of \$17,250.00 from pay app #12 to Ridgdill & Sons for the Downtown Improvement Project, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 8: RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT TO ULCS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,196.00 IN REFERENCE TO THE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES RELATED TO HURRICANE MILTON:

Tibbs states prior to Hurricane Milton Simmons reached out to ULCS and got a quote to bring in two crews that arrived prior to the storm hitting. This bill is for getting the crew here and housing them for the time being and their time they helped do repairs after the storm. This information will be turned into FEMA.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the amount of \$44,196.00 in reference to the agreement for emergency services related to Hurricane Milton, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states as you are aware we have previously approached connexon about doing a feasibility study to build a broadband network in the City. Monthly at the County they have local meetings on how broadband is coming. The business manager at Conexon has advised that they have completed the feasibility study, and they are running it through internal review. They estimate to hopefully have everything finalized by the first week of December and they will be requesting to come in and do a presentation.

Beck states did you ever contact the electrical engineer to set up a date.

Tibbs states yes, we have a virtual meeting tomorrow at 2pm.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states we have reached an agreement with Utley, so I have drawn up an agreement and sent it to Tibbs. Utley's proposed edit was he asked if he does travel to the City, he would get normal compensation for that, other than that, I believe we are good to go. Our financial manager Singleton has contacted me about an upcoming woman in finance organization that is having a meeting and she was asking if CaPFA would do a sponsorship at the silver level of \$750 and this would be exposing for CaPFA nationwide organizational meeting. So, I'm asking for you to approve a silver level sponsorship at \$750 from the City.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the silver level sponsorship in the amount of \$750 to Singelton for the Women in Finance Organization, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried. (4-1)

Ramunni states we were supposed to have a Code Enforcement hearing yesterday but all the hearings got canceled and moved to December 9th.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Vanassche states to night I bring forth to you the legislative appropriations document to make sure we are good to go or if we need to make any changes, so we can get the copies needed for the delegation haring. I will be in Tallahassee December 2nd. The house meets that week, so I will be able to introduce it to representative Tuck. The following week the Senate will be having their committee week. The DEP grant for the Downtown storm water improvement we are good to go on that, there is a final quarterly report that will be due, I already have a draft prepared.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states we did run into an issue with the new sanitation truck it was down for a day and a half, it was a hydraulic valve. I was satisfied with the technician that came and their response because it was over a holiday weekend. On the garbage issue we still have people not calling in their extra garbage pick-ups, word of mouth helps out a lot.

Wills states I did just repost that today.

Simmons states we got prices on some sprinklers for here in the park. I recommend redoing it and taping into the 6inch main. Patching it is going to take up a lot of time.

ITEM 10: RATIFICATION OF PAYMENT OF BILLS TO INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820.84:

MOTION: By Beck to ratify the payment of the bills to Independent Newspaper in the amount of \$820.84, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 11: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,765.04:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills in the amount of \$175,765.04, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 12: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Eighner states have you ordered the dumpsters we spoke about.

Beck states we did.

Citizen Eighner states did we ever manage to send a letter to the Florida League of Cities about holding pounds.

Tibbs states at a recent County meeting they approved well-filled protection of ordinances, and it identifies our Water Treatment Plant and the limitations they are trying to propose on. They have had one public hearing and reading on that. I don't think anyone has moved on the water storage issues yet.

Ramunni states Tibbs and I have spoken about this, and both agreed it would be appropriate to hold ours until the County does theirs.

Browning states can you get in touch with Pringel.

Ramunni states what I have been doing is emailing his assistant so sometimes I'm successful getting through.

Eighner states in the years passed anyone that had rental properties in the City, but we need to look into the rental inspection. A rental inspection gives us the opportunity to make sure things are up to code.

Tibbs states we went back and found an old check list that we use to do for rental inspections, and we are going to try this going again. I don't see anywhere in the code that we have anything about this rental inspection.

Ramunni states that can be one of the first things that the new planner works on.

ITEM 13: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Decker states I had a phone meeting with the auditors for CaPFA and they wanted to know if Singleton will be here quarterly at the meetings.

Ramunni states quarterly no, we can arrange it. She is coming on December 17th we are going to have a special meeting at 5:30pm. She usually appears once a month in front of us for different projects. Is there something they specifically want addressed or do they just want her to stay in touch.

Decker states stay in touch.

Browning states at the October 1st meeting I asked Tibbs, Wills and Simmons that we get written reports given to us the Friday before the meeting so we can go over some stuff. Because we have some new Council members. That would help us. Where are we with the audit?

Wills states I'm still working with the girl from CLA that is helping us with the bank recks. I have not had any communication with her since the other day, I have been trying to get in contact with her.

Browning states I approved Wills to work a couple days from home each week to have some peace and quiet to get this done because it has to be completed by January 17th. I have something for Miller, I have noticed around town that these renters are installing portable/ stationary dog kennels. The ordinance states you can only have 3 dogs, or it's considered a kennel. Can you please look in them? Also, on the weekends there is a lot of work happening without permitting.

ITEM 14: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor