

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 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 (absent)
Melissa Arnold, Deputy 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 Decker.

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

None.

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

December 3, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve December 3, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states yesterday evening we had the presentation with Conexon, we requested a feasibility study on putting in the fiberoptic network withing the City. Afterwords we discovered they put together a proposal based on an underground installation of fiberoptic, I followed up with them today to clarify what happened. Come to find out what they did not know the City owed the poles,

they assumed they were FPL poles, at the moment FPL is fighting other entities for going on their poles. Conexon is going to rework the numbers based on the aerial installation like they did with Glades Electric and come back with some new numbers. Another thing as far as the City Hall is concerned, we mentioned about getting in touch with the architect to look at other options. One of the suggestions was to expand City Hall. The architect stated that the structure of the building is not strong enough to build on to. It's questionable if the building was ever built up to code back in the day but it's certainly not up to code today. But that would not be an option. We were talking about doing some storage at the warehouse but there will still be a need for storage down here because we will need the current year, prior year and permanent records.

Decker states what was the outcome of that room down there.

Tibbs states we haven't been down there to clean it up yet. We are trying to get the A/C fixed.

Simmons states the roof is fine.

Croskey states is it cleaned up in there.

Simmons states it's fairly clean, there were boxes sitting on the ground at one point and we may have gotten some heavy rainwater that may have seeped through the floor and wet the boxes the floor is low in that corner. There is not a lot of room down there.

Ramunni states would you consider operating out of a temporary unit, such as a trailer/ mobile unit down at the warehouse. And then consider doing something at City Hall and make the building up to code with the adequate needs for the future and you still stay at the park because I know that's important.

Browning states I would like to see the cost on it, if that's something we are considering.

Tibbs states we can get some drawings and estimates. I submitted a City Managers report, I just wanted to remind everyone the Legislative delegation is January 8th at 3:30 PM. In conjunction with the delegation there is going to be a meeting about the water storage issues at the Doyle Conner Building. EPA as required all entities with water service lines to do surveys on what lines you have / expected to have, we are starting that process. A lot of our utilities do not have adequate as-builts or other records. I received a quote from Ridgill & Sons for striping on Riverside and some parking and some striping on Marina Drive. They quoted us about \$1,800.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the quote for Ridgill & Sons for striping in the amount of \$1800, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states following up with what Tibbs was saying, he and I spoke about possibly developing an RFP for services to do our mapping. When we were having the meeting last night, they spoke about using our water lines and asked did we had a map of our system, which we do

not. I think we need to look at this for all the utilities. It's a massive job to do, so possibly we can look into finding a company that can perform these services.

Tibbs states the County hired a company for their E-911 system and they put together a GIS database for 911 purposes.

Browning states is something we need, if we are going to do it, we might as well do it for the utilities.

Ramunni states I know the CCPWA meeting was canceled for December, but we can put it on the January agenda to have further discussion. We did retain our new planner Mr. Utley, one thing I ask is if we send him an email can I be copied into the email so I can see what is going back and forth. Wills has started the dock ordinance, so those should be ready by the next meeting. Another thing we have been working on this workforce housing under CaPFA for 3-4 years now, that has revived itself on the 13th. We had a large conference call with me, Singleton, Ken, and the plenary group and they have actually hired a law firm that can actually go out and identify other jurisdictions that are in need of the workforce housing and then hold it under CaPFA. So, it's actually moving forward.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states we have been catching up on tree trimming and painting the fire hydrants. As for the sprinkler system, I'm going to wait until all the materials are in and start after the holidays, but for the time being we will just move the sprinklers around. Now that soccer season is over, I would like to get 3 or 4 loads of clay delivered to have the fields a little more presentable. As for the Code Enforcement issues on Ave F, Miller has addresses that.

Miller states I have had a lot of garbage citations, but I have been letting citizens know call City Hall to put in a work order to get it picked up.

Browning states when you say garbage are you talking about debris as well.

Miller states its anything that is not in the trash can.

Ramunni states I spoke with Pringle and the Department of Administrative Hearing. Pringle did have some questions about the contract, and I gave him the contact information if he had any questions. But he seemed to be in favor of the idea.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF INVOICE #000388 FROM ELLIE'S FLOWERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve invoice #000388 from Ellie's Flowers in the amount of \$150.00, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

Beck states I abstain from the vote.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,663.92:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$76,663.92, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

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

None.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Beck states did we ever get a date from the electrical engineer.

Simmons states he has all the information he needs and then he will give us his recommendations.

Tibbs states I'm not sure if he has physically come. But all the records he requested have been sent to him and he has plans from the school.

Beck states and the rate situation for the Jail.

Ramunni states there might be a change in the works come January with the use of the facility, so we provided a shortage for water and sewer. But did you want to know when that was going to be revisited.

Tibbs states that we went back to their original rate, because there were two extended periods of 6 months each.

Beck states okay, so we have gone back to their original billing until they come back to amend the billing.

Ramunni states we can always re-do our developer agreement to cover shortages. We might need to have our engineers revisit some of the calculations. We have been trying to monitor what's happening.

Smith states have we heard anything about the potential skate park.

Ramunni states would you like to revisit our property issues here and try and find someone who might be interested in developing, like we spoke about before we did the Downtown improvements. Because then that could make a difference with what property the City would like to use as recreational. But if you're looking at doing some modifications on sports, you might want to think about if we have the best use of the property and if there are better places to put things.

Browning states I would like to thank everyone who came out to the tree lighting. I would like to keep Christmas deal getting better and bigger.

Beck states I would possibly like to do our own date and have our own vendors.

Browning states yes, I see where you're coming from with that but get the community more involved. As the Council we need plan ahead. Also, Simmons can you get a price on installing lights on stage.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor