

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 07, 2025, 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:

Tibbs states I would like to add item 5A, the City hired Pickett and Associates LLC to come and do an electrical review of the new Elementary School and Bus Barn.

MOTION: By Beck to approve item 5A to the agenda Pickett and Associates LLC to come and review the new Elementary School, second by Croskey. Motion Carried.

Browning states I would like to add 5B to the agenda for the school.

MOTION: By Decker to approve item 5B to the agenda for the School, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

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

December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Croskey. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: AWARD HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS:

Croskey states first place was Mrs. Hernandez at 214 Pinecrest Ave, second place is Mrs. Byant, and third place is Mrs. Garcia at 201 Oakmont Ave.

ITEM 5A: PICKETT & ASSOCIATES LLC

Tibbs states the City reached out to Pickett & Associates under our professional services agreement and had their electrical engineer come in and review the plans and loads at the new Elementary School and Bus Barn location. The report is attached he did review the existing configuration, proposed new loads. And came up with two recommendations. One is to change the fuses at 10th street NW and Cactus Ave 65 Amp to 80 Amp KS.

Simmons states me and Bell spoke about it this morning it's a simple process it will take about 20 minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the report from Pickett & Associates LLC report, seconded by Croskey. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5B: SCHOOL UPDATE:

School Representative states that one year from today we should have students at the new Elementary School, our plans are to be moving our stuff into the new school during the month of December and starting classes as of the new year. On update on the School and Bus Barn. We are about 14 feet high with blocks with one section and there is almost a second section. On the third section where the cafeteria will be that is going to be poured Thursday. Where the current bus barn is that is going to be a retention pound and north of it is going to be the parent entrance/exit. We are looking at pouring footers for the Bus Barn next week and pouring the floor the week after. By the end of January, the new steel building will be coming in. we are hoping to have it in place by March. I spoke with Dobbs about the concerns the Council had about the lift station, we will be making a lot of improvements to the lift station we are just waiting on getting with the City's engineer to get some final information to get started.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states the Legislative delegation presentation is tomorrow at 3:30 P.M at the County Chambers. We will be presenting our projects for the upcoming legislative session, which is the water treatment plant expansion/ improvements, advance metering system and the expansion of the Marina Seawall. Also, at 5 P.M tomorrow there is supposed to be a public workshop on the water storage issue.

Browning states have we heard anything on the SCOP resurfacing of the roads.

Tibbs states no we have not.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I'm still working on changing the Code Enforcement system over to the administrative format we spoke about. I still have to follow up with Pringel to try and contact the Division of Administrative Hearings, to ask whatever questions he had. Also, another thing that is CaPFA related, we went ahead and trademarked the CaPFA logo. So, I sent the registration to the U.S trademark office for review.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states the contractor's will have 10th street closed on Thursday mostly all day and possibly for a little bit on Friday, they are installing their storm drain, catch basin and piping. The rebuilt flood pump is back, for the north side of the town. And we will be working on the sprinkler system, Taylor did let us borrow his walk behind trencher. The CCPWA compressor should be in sometime this week.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,530.00:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$75,530.00, seconded by Smith.
Motion Carried.

Croskey states I have a question on the Amazon capital services there is a phone case, what is that for.

Wills states for the new phone that was purchased for the Water Plant guys, so it doesn't get damaged.

Croskey states okay.

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

Citizen Leah Harvey states I have an outstanding water bill at my dad's old trailer, we were not aware of it due to being in Orlando. I do have Johnson coming out tomorrow to fix the leak. I wanted to know if I can arrange a payment plan on it. But My concern is they came out and cut the water off once they seen the bill had reached \$1,400 and now its \$1641 but if the water was disconnected at the place, I don't understand why I have another bill.

Wills states it's the late fee and the reconnection fee.

Citizen Leah Harvey states okay, we are in the process of getting that old trailer out of there.

Council has agreed to allow Wills to set up a payment arrangement with Harvey.

ITEM 9: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Croskey states is there any information on the extra storage/expansion for the City Hall.

Tibbs states both options that were presented have been turned down. It was mentioned that it would be possible to remodel City Hall or build a new one, but that would be a long-term project. But as far as the grant we will probably do some hardening such as a generator and ADA upgrades. Then we would have to look at those longer-term options for City Hall.

Decker states what is going on with the extra room at the warehouse.

Simmons states there is not much space there.

Bell states I did some rearranging in there and took everything off the floor because there was water coming in. But there isn't much room in there, it's about to capacity.

Beck states is their documents are in there that can be shredded.

Wills states from my understanding, down there are the permanent documents. And cannot be shredded. And nothing has been taken down there since I started here, everything that is here has to stay.

Beck states what do you suggest need to stay here at City Hall.

Wills states the current year audit that we are in, the current year for sure and any kind of contract.

Beck states I would like us to really voice our opinions/ corners about Sewer Plant and the next meeting.

Ramunni states if CaPFA loans the money to CCPWA would the impact the grant if we were to be awarded a grant.

Tibbs states the grant won't fund anything that we have already repaired. The way the interlocal agreement reads is that revenue is supposed to support making those improvements. We have not had a rate increase in a long time.

Ramunni states that possibly in the future there can be a maintenance list that everyone can look at as to just hearing about it.

Beck states even Brown himself said he has just been putting a band aid over everything because of the grant. But there is no preventative maintenance.

Tibbs states we may have trouble surviving that loan, because we have currently funded the membranes and panels.

Wills There are currently three loans from CaPFA to CCPWA.

Council agrees to possibly revisit the CCPWA interlocal agreement.

Browning states I was contacted the other day about the donation for Wreaths Across America for \$500 that we budgeted for. So, is it okay if we do a donation to them.

Beck states I don't think we had Wreaths Across America as lined item. Is there still money in the Miscellanies for a donation.

Wills states I believe so.

MOTION: By Croskey to donate \$500 to Wreaths Across America, seconded by Decker.
Motion Carried.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor

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