

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 04, 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:

None.

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

February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve February 18 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO SCOP MUNICIPAL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FM 451528-1, FM 451529-1 AND FM 451530-1 TO AIM ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC.

Tibbs states several years ago we were awarded the Small County Outreach Program for resurfacing from SCOP we got three streets and the Council chose them. The first one is Ave K between 8th and 9th street, 8th street between Ave J and Ave M, and Ave M between 45th Street and 8th Street. We did put out a notice for a proposal, it closed on November 21, 2024.

MOTION: By Beck to award the proposal for design services related to SCOP Municipal Road Resurfacing Projects FM 451528-1, FM 451529-1 and FM 451530-1 to Aim Engineering & Surveying Inc, seconded by Croskey. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-05 FOR REQUESTING FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR EXPANSION ON WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Tibbs states Vanassche submitted this with the speculation that there was not going to be much funding coming out by the State Legislature this year. Congressmen Franklin suggested Federal appropriation, so Vanassche started the process for the Water Treatment Plant extension that is due by 3/11/ 2025 and one thing the is required is this Resolution that supports and authorizes to move forward.

Ramunni reads Resolution to request Federal appropriation for the expression on the Water Treatment Plant.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the reading of Resolution 2025-05, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states the GIS mapping is on-going; we have had some meetings with Florida Technical Consultants which is the firm that is doing the project. An update on broadband, the State of Florida has not put out any maps for the Broadband program. Once the State releases the map and shows what is over/under served. If there are other unities that can provide the services you can make a challenge the program by stating they do not have the capability that meets the broadband, which is a 100 meg download and 30 meg uploads. That funding is temporarily on hold. We are required to have a local technology meeting, it is held at the County each month, there was not a broadband person there this past month. Xfinity did appear at the meeting. Back in 2023 Xfinity did receive a grant to install high speed internet throughout the County and Moore Haven. Xfinity did state they were starting to do some surveying and hope to go into the permitting process and expect it to be completed by the fourth quarter of this year. Another thing the Council previously contacted Connexion about constructing fiberoptic internet to become a City utility, once that is constructed the City would lease it back to Connexion to operate. They originally came with a design for utility underground system, and we said no, we wanted an aerial system on our pole. They did come back with a proposal of 90% aerial and 10% underground, we also requested Connexion to present two different options on doing that program. Would the Council like to schedule a workshop or special meeting to discuss the proposal?

Council has agreed to do a workshop after the CCPWA meeting on 3/24/2025.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states on the CaPFA side. It came up during a sewer meeting, the County is looking for a feasibility study on the Washington Park sewer. They mentioned CaPFA loaning them the money. If we need to discuss that, then we should probably have a CaPFA meeting before the next meeting to discuss it.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

NONE.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,292.13:

Decker states the fire hydrant we are supposed to be reimbursed for, how soon will that be.

Wills states I don't know, I sent a bill to them as soon as we got the quote on it.

Ramunni states what was the cost on it.

Wills states \$3,125.00

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$39,292.13, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 9: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Adams states I'm with the Florida Trails Association; we have an unexpected opportunity to host a hike on a section on a trail next Saturday the 15th. this has always been a challenge for us because the section of the Lake Okeechobee trail does not offer parking on both ends, it's difficult to get people to come. All of our hikes are open to the public and are free. What I wanted to purpose is included in the memo I handed out; this is a one-time thing we are asking for. There is a lot owned by the City by the Yacht Club that would be easy for people to park in, and they won't be blocking any access to anyone else. We do have a liability waver we utilize in addition to the FTA's required waiver. We always require a photo ID, phone number and address. We don't do any activates unless the waver is signed.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve Florda Trails Association using lot 17 on March 15, 2025, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

Citizen Eighner states the neighboring lots are owned by DOT and the County. This could be a good opportunity for the City to approach DOT and the County about deeding those properties to the City of Moore Haven, because the City has always mowed and maintained them.

Ramunni states we would probably start by approaching the County first.

Citizen Blake states we have been having a discussion on having a general trash pick up possibly once a month in Washington Park for the next quarter. I wanted to see if you would agree to utilize the grapple truck and the personnel. If you can get me a price, I'm trying to get this all together so we can get a lot of stuff picked up out there.

Browning states on what days are you wanting to do the pickups.

Citizen Blake states we can designate days based on your availability.

Browning states the only thing is if you do it on a Saturday the dump closes at noon.

Wills states I would suggest doing it on a Wednesday because that's one of our slower days.

Beck states are you suggesting having Citizen's pile it out by the road or having them bring it to the park?

Citizen Blake states I was suggesting they have it out by the road.

Beck states it's a good idea and would help get it cleaned up, but we already offer a pickup service out there.

Citizen Blake states I understand, the issue is the fee.

Beck states I understand.

Ramunni states who would be in charge of reimbursing the City.

Citizen Blake states the Washington Park Committee. I have a meeting at 9am tomorrow with the County Manager.

Croskey states what is it he would be paying for?

Beck states the operator, the rate of the truck per hour and the dumping fee. I would be okay with that, if Tibbs can get the numbers together.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Beck states I wanted to bring up the FPL contract that will be up in 9 months.

Tibbs states we have a meeting this Friday at 10am to start the initial discussion with our electrical engineer.

Decker states I had a discussion with two citizens from Fisherman's village, they wanted to know if they could get their money refunded because we have a guy using one of our slips at the Marina and as not paid.

Wills states which slip?

Decker states I don't have the number of the slip but it's a small watercraft.

Wills states as far as I know there wasn't anyone down there, that was not supposed to be.

Beck states they will need to call City Hall so the girls know and then we can put a notice on the boat.

Ramunni states we can notice him on a trespass. If you would, send me his information and we can get it taken care of.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor