

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 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 (Absent)
RaShonda Croskey (Absent)

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 Browning. Pledge lead by Wills.

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

None.

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

April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: APPROVAL OF TEFRA RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07 FOR THE CAPFA EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS (NORTH RIVER CHARTER ACADEMY PROJECT), SERIES 2025:

Ramunni reads TEFRA Resolution No. 2025-07 by title.

MOTION: By Decker to approve the TEFRA Resolution No. 2025-07 for the CaPFA Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (North River Charter Academy Project) series 2025, seconded by Beck. Motion Carried.

ITEM 6: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states the GIS mapping project is still going its about 75% completed. The Marina development project with the Grainger Group is still in the planning stage, they have presented a few conceptual designs, but I think now they are looking for investors. At the April 15th local technology planning group meeting Xfinity did state that their project is still in the planning and permitting phase and hope to start construction by the 4th quarter of this year. I also heard that the B.E.A.D funding for the State of Florida has started filling in the maps. So, hopefully we can use that data to try and apply for funding. Wills and I sent out a copy of the RFP for the electric proposal for the power supply. They would like comments back on that if there is any, by Thursday.

Browning states have we got with C.A.S to see what was needed for the Ball Field. Did he give any indication of what is needed or why are we upgrading if it's not needed.

Tibbs states I know he is supposed to be here at the June meeting. We are also looking through the meeting minutes to find out when the school district was here and what was said.

Browning states I do have to give the School credit for one thing they said. And that's why I wanted to see Greg. Because why are we getting charged this big number when Okeechobee County just did something similar for half the price.

Tibbs states I believe they put together 3 quotes and now they are looking for the 4th one, but they are around that high number also. I don't know if he completed those a while back but the 3 quotes they have received are close to that number. I guess we are going to need Greg to explain it.

Browning states did we get the smaller backhoe back.

Simmons states no.

Browning states for now when we do a job for Mosquito Control let's get a map of what they want completed. In case this happens again we are all on the same page of what is expected.

Simmons states Mosquito Control just said we are going to lease this equipment for a month and put your guys on it. But I had meter reading, a training session and some out sick. And you can't just put anyone on this machine.

Browning states in the future let's do a better job, scoping out what the job is to protect us from conflict. And if we can't do it then we can tell them we can't do it.

CITY ATTORNEY:

None.

CITY CLERK:

Wills states the fireworks company we used last year, I have not been able to get in contact with them at all. I don't know if they have gone out of business. The business we used the year before that quoted us a high amount last year, is willing to do the job this year but he wanted a little bit more added into the budget. Tibbs has already spoken to Mr. Carlisle from the County and they approved an extra \$1,000.00 on their side, so that will be \$6,500.00 for them. So, I'm just requesting that we can do another \$1,000.00 on our side to match them. That will give us a total of \$13,000.00 and that's for a 15-minute show.

MOTION: By Beck to approve \$1,000.00 to increase the firework budget to a total of \$6,500.00, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states Rouse has been doing some ditch spraying. There were some complaints on the south ditch, he is doing what he can with our small sprayer. The County did say they would bring theirs in at it can reach all the way across the canal. I brought up previously about the dockage payment, has there been a decision on that.

Wills states I'm looking into a card machine. The company we are with doesn't have a machine that connects to Wi-Fi its ethernet only. So, I'm trying to figure out other options.

Simmons states we still need to keep the idea of getting automated meters. I believe Vanassche looked into grants before.

Tibbs states this session we had it back in there I believe we asked for three million, but it didn't pass.

Ramunni states was that all for the automated meters or was their other wishes included into the three million.

Tibbs states that's just for the meters.

Wills states I believe that was for water and electric meters.

Simmons states I have a couple pieces of equipment that needs to go to the auction. But I would like to earmark that money to go back to purchasing so more equipment.

MOTION: By Beck to approve Simmons to take equipment to the auction and airmark it to buy more equipment, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,349.08:

MOTION: By Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$94,349.08, seconded by Decker. 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 I wish everyone on the board was here tonight, but they are not. But last meeting there was a comment made about one of our employees taking material off of a job site and first of all I think Simmons is qualified enough to make a decision on if there is material that the City cannot use or reuse and giving it away to anyone whether that is to an employee, Council member or anyone in the City that can have better use for it. I don't appreciate the comment made. It felt like to me that the employee was being criticized when a board member had also requested the same material for a friend/ neighbor. There was also another incident with another Council member requesting equipment and employee's time. That is not what we are here for, none of us are better than anyone in our community.

Browning states I had a complaint the other day about some grass under the mulch in the park. if Simmons can take care of that. Also, we are good on the pumps and hurricane supplies.

Simmons states everything is good, I believe Bell just ordered supplies recently.

ITEM 10: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

Tibbs states the first page is the general fund revenue, it looks low, but we haven't done the transfers. We are about 54% with administration. Billing expenses are at 40%. Stormwater is sitting high due to repairs. Streets are at 18%, parks are at 55%. And the warehouse is 53%. The electric revenue is 32%, electric expense is 26%, water revenue is 38% and distribution is at 59%. The water plant is at 36% and garbage is at 68%.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor