

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 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 item #5 can be deleted, the FBLA will not be present.

Ramunni states can we substitute item #5 to a discussion regarding the School Board property.

MOTION: By Beck to delete the FBLA presentation as item #5 and add the discussion on the School Board property as item #5, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

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

February 03, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve February 03, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS THE SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY:

Tibbs states we heard some information about the School Board being interested in selling their Ball Fields. After hearing that we looked at the Statues which state purchasing real property for

municipal purposes you must have an appraisal. If the one appraisal is less than \$500k you only need one appraisal but if it's over \$500k you need two appraisals. We heard they have had the property appraised but no one has seen anything, but I heard it was \$500k. If you'll are interested, we would just have to look at our current leases and how that would be affected.

Browning states from my understanding they want to sale that whole piece, even the three that we have leased. The information they gave me was they had it appraised at \$500k and they want \$800k. Keep in mind we do lease 3 fields over there and if we lose that property because whoever buys it may not have to honor the lease, then we will have to look for a place to put a ball field.

Ramunni states I would need all the leases to review. The statutes Tibbs is referring to is under the municipal statutes. We are bound to appraisal prices; we don't have the luxury to go 50% higher or whatever the case maybe. There is a process where you can average the appraisals and then negotiate. There is a process they can keep confidential for a short period of time. The problem is the statutes bind the City to the price of the appraisals with a little bit of flexibility. Possibly Wills can get the leases and email them to me. Then we can see if there is an interest.

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION CONCERNING CHANGING CITY HALL WORK HOURS:

Tibbs states this is just a continuation from the last meeting. We looked at the City's personal rules and regulations in Chapter 5.18; it basically describes 8 hours shall constitute a workday and 40 hours shall constitute a work week for all full-time employees. In another section it states each employee should be permitted to take 1 hour a day for lunch, there are no provisions there outlining the hours of operation. In another section it states the City Manager or City Clerk shall be the chief administrator officer of the City and shall be responsible for all administrator matters in operations under the City Council. Since the charter is assigning responsibility of operations, I think that this really should fall back on the City Manager or City Clerk to set the work week hours. We are currently operating from 8am-5pm with a 1-hour lunch break. Having one person coming at 7am-4pm is good. Because when you open the doors at 8am the customers come in with you, and you're not set up to operate yet.

Browning states why is it at 7am the warehouse doesn't have their work orders? How hard is it to send the work orders on a computer.

Tibbs states it does not operate like that. Employees must call in for a P.O and the work orders that are generated are not going down there automatically, that will be the next phase once we get utilities into the new system.

Beck states you have to remember nothing high tech has happened in this building for many years. We are just now trying to catch up with the times, and it takes time to implement those new systems. I am fine with keeping the 1-hour closed for lunch I think it is better to be fully staffed all the time than having two employees leave for 2 hours.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states Conexon did inform us that they did receive B.E.A.D funding. They are working on a contract that has to be returned to Florida Commerce by 2/20/2026. We did have a meeting this past week in regard to our GIS mapping, we are getting close to getting it fully operational.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states I set up a code enforcement hearing with Dorman. He asked if we could call the Clerk's Office tomorrow and find out what day he is doing it next month.

CITY CLERK:

NONE.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states regarding the GIS mapping there is a field tech here on site go around to every water meter, if you'll get any calls. I did get quotes on the paving that was discussed last meeting, one company came out to look at the roads and has not sent me a quote yet, but he is going to do two different ways, one for re-milling and paving and another just for an overlay. There will be a significant price difference but there is a significant time that it lasts. You're looking at 5- 10 years or 25-30 years, I have two other companies that are going to come out and do the something. Denco is on Railroad almost to 8th street, they have to be careful there and set up their blocking system there because we have a water line there.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,004.83:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills in the amount of \$98,004.83, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

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

Citizen Susan states I just want to bring some code enforcement issues to you that need to be looked at. The Canal on Railroad Ave is heavily impacted by trash and debris, Burger King on U.S Hwy 27 although its closed needs to be held accountable. The "We Buy Junk" signs all over Town on the poles need to be taken care of, 343 Ave O has a homeless camp formed on the property, 270 Ave N has a bicycle junk yard, and 629 Ave F is operating a junk yard behind their fence.

ITEM 10: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Croskey states I would like to see if we can invite the Girls Basketball Team to our March 3rd meeting, they went Undefeated the whole season; possibly give them something showing our appreciation.

Smith states make sure Mrs. Miller gets the addresses mentioned about the code enforcement issues.

Browning states Tibbs can you get with Branch or Carlisle from the County regarding Animal Control and Fire Control because we are paying about \$6k. But I have heard about two different animal attacks in the past month.

ITEM 11: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Wayne Browning, Mayor