

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2020 6 pm**

Member(s) Present: Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Cathy Johnson, Warkeen Jordan, Vernell Ross and Dwight Vickers

Member(s) Absent: Decorkus Allen

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Invocation was led by Councilwoman Jordan with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2020 Regular Council meeting was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Bert. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mrs. Refair Grice Freeman, 918 S. Main Street, wanted an explanation as to why her property can not be annexed into the city limits. Councilman Bass stated the council addressed annexation sometime last year. An annexation request was sent to all homeowners. Councilwoman Jordan advised her to discuss this matter with Mr. William Chukes. Councilwoman Johnson commented that the law must be followed and she will provide her with some information.

Mrs. Janice Hart, 415 S. Main Street, advised the council that she wants to assist and do some things in conjunction with the council. Her major concerns were bulk items and trash on the streets. Mayor Ross advised the council in previous years the town hosted a city-wide clean-up day. Councilwoman Johnson thanked Mrs. Hart and stated she is willing to work with her.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bradford Johnson made a presentation to Mr. Howard McKinnon, former town manager, for his longtime service to Havana. Mayor Ross mentioned the town really appreciated his efforts for doing an outstanding job of keeping the town moving in the right direction. Councilman Bert thanked Mr. McKinnon and stated he served Havana

well and left it a better place. Councilman Bass stated he really appreciated his service to the Town. Councilwoman Jordan advised Mr. McKinnon was very loyal and a man of his word. Councilwoman Johnson stated she truly enjoyed working with Mr. McKinnon. He was a man of integrity and wished him the best.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

Mr. Johnson reported Councilwoman Johnson submitted a letter of resignation from the Council. The effective date is November 9, 2020. Councilwoman Johnson stated she has truly enjoyed working for the citizens of Havana and wants the town to move forward in a positive manner.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Johnson stated it has been really great working with the council.

Mayor Ross inquired about the community celebration the council discussed. He advised it is time to get things going and start planning. Mayor Ross also mentioned possibly next school year the council participate in a mentoring program at the Havana Middle School.

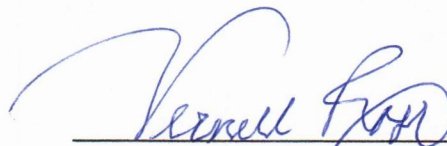
Councilwoman Johnson mentioned she was contacted by Mr. Kendrick Evans of Make a Wish Foundation to host an appreciation luncheon for the essential workers. The event will be for EMS, Police Department and Town Staff. A letter will be sent inviting all. Councilwoman Johnson also advised City of Tallahassee is providing masks for citizens.

Councilman Bert mentioned everyone needs to pray to get through the COVID crisis.

Councilwoman Jordan stated we all need to pray for each other.


Motion to pay bills was made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk