

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
April 23, 2019 6 pm**

**Member(s) Present:** Decorkus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Cathy Johnson, Shirley, McGill and David Norman

**Member(s) Absent:** Vernell Ross

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Allen.

Motion made by Councilwoman McGill and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Howard McKinnon, Town Manager, informed the council that the asbestos study was received for the Alexander building and there was asbestos found. The Town received bids to remove the asbestos. There were two bids received and the lowest bidder was Lang Environmental. The bid amount was \$43,449 and they are also required to get a license from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. McKinnon advised an ad will be published for the demolition. A motion was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilman Bert to accept the bid from the lowest bidder, Lang Environmental. Motion carried.

A grant to resurface 1<sup>st</sup> Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue was approved and the Town was required to bid for engineering services. There were three (3) bids received from Dewberry, Mott MacDonald and Alday-Howell. Mr. McKinnon recommended approving all firms as engineers of record for the Town. The most qualified firm to do the resurfacing will be Dewberry. Dewberry performed the same grant services several years ago for 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve Dewberry for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street resurfacing project.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:**

Mr. McKinnon updated the Council on the community center renovation. The environmental study is now complete. This project will bid in June.

The Town finalized with FEMA for the fences that were damaged during Hurricane Michael. An ad will be published to request bids for the project.

Department of Transportation (DOT) will replace the crate myrtles on US 27. An ad will also be published for this landscaping project.

The recreation program is underway. There are 50 - 60 children participating in the baseball program. This program will continue through May.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Bass inquired about the welcome sign on US 27 and stated the plants needs trimming.

Councilwoman Johnson asked about the park for south of town. Mr. McKinnon stated the Town is in the process of finalizing the deed work.

Councilman Norman asked how was the Airstream Rally received by the merchants? Mr. McKinnon advised there were mixed reactions but overall there was great feedback and it was well received. The event was hosted by Big Bend Airstream Club and they were really pleased and want to come back to Havana.


Councilman Norman thanked the Town for letting him serve as councilman.

Councilwoman McGill stated she is happy to be back in attendance. She thanked all for the kind deeds during Mr. McGill's illness and his passing. Councilwoman McGill also mentioned that people are still speeding on the south side of town.

In closing, Mayor Pro Tem Allen presented Councilman Norman with a plaque recognizing his service to the Havana community.

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

Motion to adjourn.

  
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Vernell Ross, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk