

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
February 23, 2021 6 pm**

**Member(s) Present:** Decorkus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Janice Hart, Jenny Stone and Dwight Vickers

**Member(s) Absent:** Warkeen Jordan

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen.

Invocation was led by Pastor Curtis Cain followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bradford Johnson, Town Manager, mentioned the police department roof repairs. There were quotes received for the repairs and the Town is working to get someone in pretty quick to perform the work.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. James Standley, 203 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Havana, Florida, gave a brief overview of his plans to bring disc golf to Gus Bert Ball Park. There are great opportunities in Havana and a great need for recreational activities. Disc golf is now being played in Tallahassee. Mayor Pro Tem Bert inquired about baseball and how disc golf will affect it. Councilman Vickers mentioned possibly using the community park. The parents will be able to walk while the children are involved. Mayor Pro Tem Bert reminded the council, the park was originally designated as a passive park. Councilwoman Hart stated her concern was to make sure the entire community is involved and the game will not restrict other activities at Gus Bert field. Mr. Johnson mentioned the Gadsden County School Board expressed an interest in utilizing the ballfields for softball. Councilwoman Stone stated she is a huge advocate for sports and the games or practices will need to have precedence over disc golf.



Mayor Allen thanked Mr. Standley for his presentation.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for disc golf is before the council for approval. Mr. Johnson mentioned the presentation was made by Mr. Standley. This is exploratory and the Council can continue to look into it to make it a reality. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Disc Golf. Motion carried.

The Town was asked by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to install lighting for a project. The fee will be \$1,369.78 and is reflective to the estimate Mr. McKinnon received. Motion to approve the FDOT Lighting Agreement was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilwoman Hart. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-01R is consistent with the FDOT Agreement for Lighting. The resolution supports the agreement and is a requirement by FDOT. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-01R was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Hart. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-02R is for the FDOT 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project. The resolution provides support for the application to resurface 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-02R was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilwoman Hart. Motion carried.

Chief Tracy Smith explained the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Tallahassee and the Havana Police Department. City of Tallahassee will provide SWAT teams or K-9 if needed. The agreement is renewed every four (4) to five (5) years. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

The Town received a proposal for services for the architectural plans for the Havana Police Department. The cost is \$21,250. Motion to approve the architectural plans was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

The property owners at 430 Lincoln Street are requesting to subdivide their lot. Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) operates as the town's professional planner. ARPC reviewed the application and advised it is consistent with the town's zoning requirements and recommends approval. Motion to approve the zoning request was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion carried.

Blessings of Hope Empowerment submitted two (2) special event applications for approval. The first application is for March 20, 2021 at the Community Center. This event will include merchandise donated by Walmart. The next event will take place



on April 17, 2021 at Town Hall. This event will be a food giveaway. Motion to approve the special events was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bert. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:**

Mr. Johnson reminded the council there are several workshops forthcoming; ARPC will host a workshop on building and design standards on February 16, 2021 at 6pm and Waste Pro will host meeting on March 2, 2021 at 6pm. Mr. Johnson also stated the quotes to repair the roof at the police department was discussed earlier. Based on the bid and time line a special meeting will be called to vote on the project.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**


Councilman Bass stated he was glad the Town Manager moved forward with the roof repairs for the Police Department. Pictures were provided.

Councilwoman Hart mentioned working in the community and advised all to continue to work as a team.

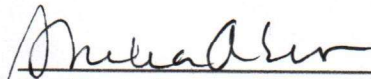
Mayor Allen thanked Pastor Cain.

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

Motion to adjourn.

  
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Decorkus Allen, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk