

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
January 7, 2020 3 pm**

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

Member(s) Absent: Dwight Vickers

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

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

Mr. Bradford Johnson mentioned this meeting is to award the bid for the community center project. He explained the bids were presented to the council by Mr. McKinnon at the last meeting. The lowest bid amount was \$168,760 received from Tip Top Construction. The architect recommends awarding Tip Top Construction pending Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) approval of contractor clearance. Motion was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to award the community center project to Tip Top Construction pending DEO's approval of contractor clearance. Motion carried.

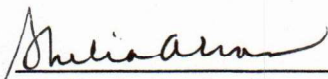
The Alexander property is the next item of discussion. The Alexanders are asking the council to reconsider an offer for the property. Councilman Bass stated a park was mentioned but this will be a huge liability for the town if a child runs into the road. The property is too close to US 27. Mr. Jerome Harris mentioned his concerns and stated he previously asked the council for a park south of town. Children on the south side have no where to play. Mayor Ross stated the town's recreation director is having difficulty getting participants. He asked if Mr. Harris will be willing to assist in getting the public's interest. Mr. Harris stated he will assist but his main focus is around 10th Avenue. After discussing, the council decided there was no interest in the property. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Jordan to not renegotiate the Alexander property. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk