

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
July 10, 2018      6 pm**

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

**Member(s) Absent:** Shirley McGill and David Norman

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

Mayor Ross welcomed Mayor Terrill Hill from Palatka, Florida and thanked him for attending and visiting Havana.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Howard McKinnon, Town Manager, briefed the council on the status of applying for a CDBG grant for the sewer plant upgrade. The Citizen Advisory Task Force met and recommends applying for the grant and moving forward. The grant amount is \$650,000. Mr. McKinnon advised the council there is no action to be taken at this time.

Mr. McKinnon explained that a memo was written (attached) to request changing the council meeting date from July 24, 2018 to July 26, 2018. Motion made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilman Bert to approve changing the date to July 26, 2018. Motion carried.

At the last meeting, there was a discussion to host a workshop on August 7, 2018 to discuss the Community Center. Mr. McKinnon stated after receiving feedback from council members, the date needs to change to August 6, 2018 at 3pm. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to change the workshop date to August 6, 2018.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. McKinnon gave an update on the annexation project. There were sixty-five (65) residences to respond to the survey. State law requires that an annexation has to be contiguous. The information received will be complied and the next step will be discussed.

Mrs. Beth Kirkland and a TCC Representative will attend the August 14, 2018 meeting to present a proposal for a GED program. There will need to be a minimum number of students needed to take advantage of the program. Mr. McKinnon stated the program will also assist in finding employment.

Mr. McKinnon discussed the status of the neighborhood park that will be located south of town. The survey has been ordered and the next step is to come up with the wording for the deed.

At the last meeting, there was a discussion to host a retreat. Information regarding the retreat will be provided at a later date.

The summer youth employment program is going well. There are two (2) summer youth employees. One is assisting in the office and one is working out in the field.

Mayor Ross inquired about the activities for the recreation program. Mr. McKinnon advised that the recreation committee will bring recommendations to the council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

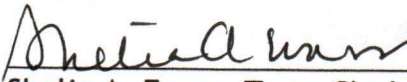
Mayor Pro Tem Allen commended Officer Israel Baity and asked Chief Smith to elaborate. Chief Smith advised that an officer was choking during lunch at Pat Thomas Academy and Officer Baity saved his life. Mayor Pro Tem Allen recommended the Town present a plaque to Officer Baity for his courageous act.

Motion made by Councilman Bert 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

