

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 2018 6 pm**

Member(s) Present: Decorkus Allen, Nick Bert, Cathy Johnson, Shirley McGill, David Norman and Vernell Ross

Member(s) Absent: Eddie Bass

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Motion was made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mr. James Brennan, 421 Highland Road, Havana, Florida, mentioned he is associated with the American Legion Post which host Veteran celebrations at the Community Park. Mr. Brennan stated the flags will be replaced at the Veterans memorial with the council's permission. At this time, the American Legion is raising funds to assist with an affordable housing project. In the near future, there are plans to provide honor guards for the Veterans that are buried at Woodland cemetery. Mayor Ross thanked Mr. Brennan for his presentation and also the new flags.

Mr. Glenn Smith, 206 East 6th Avenue, Havana, Florida stated the town does great by requiring people inside the town limits to have garbage service. But there is a big problem with trash around town and people using the business dumpsters. Trash is unsightly all over town. Mr. Smith suggested having a community service worker assist with trash pickup. Mayor Ross advised there is one way to remedy the situation, call in tag numbers to the police department. Town crew picks up trash regularly and we as citizens can possibly plan a trash cleanup day. Mayor Pro Tem Allen suggested business owners get locks for their dumpsters.

Mr. Jerome Harris, owner of Showtime Custom Auto Detailing, provided information regarding his recommendations to the council (see attached). One of the main concerns is the use of the community center. He asked that the language be changed to allow all citizens to use the center, not just civic or non-profit organizations. He provided information from the Walker Ford Community Center in Tallahassee for comparison. After a lengthy discussion and comments from citizens, Mr. William Chukes, Mr. Fert Richardson and Ms. Rosa Hall, the council agreed to host a work shop to discuss the regulations of the community center and also host a Town Togetherness workshop. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to host the workshops. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Terry Presnal, Jacobs Engineering formally known as OMI, presented their annual report for the last fiscal year (copy attached). Mayor Ross stated there is a concern regarding the foul odor from the sewer plant near Conyers Street. Mr. Presnal mentioned sadly this is common for treatment plants and they use odor blocks and odor controllers. The smell is one main reason for a major upgrade to the treatment facility. Mayor Ross thanked Mr. Presnal and Jacobs Engineering for the great job and efforts.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

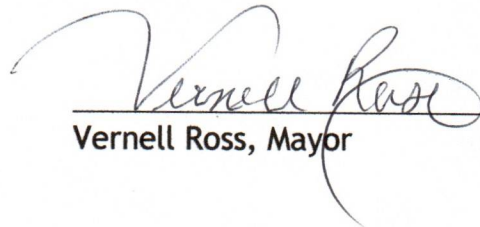
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COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated he is not here to seek reelection and mentioned there is a certain way to conduct business. We as a council must educate our citizens. We all must come together because we are all one and must act that way.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to pay bills. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk