

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 27, 2017, 2017**

**Member(s) Present:** Decorkus Allen, T. J. Davis, Cathy Johnson, Shirley McGill, David Norman, R. L. Miller and Vernell Ross

**Member(s) Absent:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis.

Mayor Davis advised that Town Manager Howard McKinnon was not attendance due to a family emergency and everything is fine.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Davis asked if anyone was in attendance for the Public Hearing. He explained that the Public Hearing has been rescheduled until July or August due to additional design work that needs to be done.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ross and seconded by Councilwoman McGill to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Davis mentioned the next item of business will be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Bob Powell, James Moore and Company, will present the 2015 - 2016 Financial Audit at the July meeting.

**Resolution No. 2017-03**, State Revolving Fund Loan Program must be approved. The resolution relates to the State Revolving Loan Program which authorizes the loan application, the loan agreement and designating the authorized representative. The resolution is required and must accompany the funding application for the sewer plant upgrade. Motion made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ross to approve **Resolution No. 2017-03**. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Shelia Evans mentioned the Economic Development Council is seeking the council's approval for their goals and strategies. This material will serve as another tool in the town's economic development activities. Motion made by Councilman Allen and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ross to approve the Economic Development Council's Goals and Strategies. Motion carried.

The Economic Development Council is also requesting approval in appointing a new member, Mr. Tony Lombardo, to the committee. Mr. Lombardo is the Havana Main Street Executive Director and will be a great asset. Motion made by Councilman Norman and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ross to approve the appointment of Mr. Tony Lombardo to the Economic Development Council. Motion carried.

The Town's health insurance for employees is up for renewal and must be approved by the council. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Ross and seconded by Councilman Miller to approve the employee's health insurance. Motion carried.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Johnson addressed the council and advised that her constituents are seeking support for a pedestrian rail to be installed on US 27 near Woodlawn Cemetery. There is a very deep hole/drop off which is very hazardous. (Councilwoman Johnson provided pictures of the area.) Councilman Miller stated Mr. McKinnon can check with DOT for a resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Ross inquired about the location of the drop off. Councilwoman Johnson advised the location is approximately 14 feet from the Town of Havana sign south of town. Mayor Davis stated this is a safety issue and when the manager returns he will address the situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ross stated the Kiwanis Summer Camp has very low attendance this year which is possibly due to competition with the Boys and Girls Club. All groups are housed at the Middle School. The Kiwanis Camp has been a great program and very successful for 27 years.

Councilman Allen mentioned hurricane season is here and inquired if the Town had an effective plan. Lt. Donterius Andrews advised the Town partner with FEMA and TPD through a Mutual aid agreement. Councilman Allen stated additional concerns are terror attacks because mostly small rural areas are being targeted. Lt. Andrews mentioned that HPD is a small force and rely on TPD and the Gadsden County Sheriff's office for assistance. The Sheriff office is the heart and soul of the county. Councilman Allen stated local officials are also being targeted and he wants to be




protected. There are no types of protection in the council chambers. A possible solution is to have scanners to scan people upon entering the chambers. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Davis stated this is noted and he will address this with Chief Smith.


Mrs. Aretha Derrico, 602 South Main Street, mentioned she has been complaining for a number of years regarding the horrible smell coming from the sewer plant. She advised that she spend lots of money trying to keep the smell out of her home. The only time this is acknowledged is when she complains. Mayor Davis stated he will address this with Mr. McKinnon upon his return.

Motion made by Councilman Miller and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ross to pay bills.

Motion to adjourn.

  
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T. J. Davis, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk