

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2018 6 pm**

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

Member(s) Absent: Shirley McGill

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 375 is to approve the amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan for the historic downtown district. The Town held a public hearing in April to transmit the amendment request to Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Mr. Bruce Ballister advised he talked with the reviewer at DEO and the amendment qualifies for an expedited review. The ordinance will be submitted to DEO after the final reading. Motion was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilman Bert to read the ordinance by title. Town Clerk Shelia Evans read the title of Ordinance No. 375. With there being no additional comments, motion was made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Motion prevailed.

Chief Tracy Smith mentioned Havana Northside Mega Reunion is requesting to have a parade during the Memorial Day weekend and is seeking the council's approval. The parade route will be the same as Gadsden High School and will start @ 10:30 am on Saturday morning. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the parade route for Havana Northside Mega Reunion.

Chief Smith recognized Officer Isreal Baity for saving a life while attending training at the Pat Thomas Academy. He is to be commended for reviving an officer that was choking.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. McKinnon reminded the council that during the 2017 - 2018 budget workshop a pilot summer youth program was approved. The town will employ two (2) youths beginning June 18th, ages sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) and the compensation rate will be \$11 per hour. Each position will be advertised on the town's website and in the Havana Herald.

The new water well will be completed by mid-June. Initially, there was a problem getting the pumps which caused a delay. The wireless mechanism that controls the wells was installed and working.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Johnson provided pictures to council members and asked each member to look at the areas in question. She stated the areas are dangerous and everyone needs to take pride in the community. Some concerned areas are Short Street near Burger King, 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue. Councilman Bert suggested coming up with a plan and possibly install pedestrian rails. Mr. McKinnon will develop a plan.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to pay bills.
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk