

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 26, 2019 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 made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried.

**VISITORS:**

N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Terri Paul, Havana Main Street, requested approval to close the streets downtown for the upcoming Festival of Arts and Bikes (FAB) event. The event will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> - April 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Paul gave a brief overview of the events scheduled. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the Festival of Arts and Bikes event. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2019-07R**, is to support House Bill 0191, NW Florida Rural Inland Affected Counties Recovery Fund. This bill will support funding for inland counties affected by Hurricane Michael. Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated it is imperative that Gadsden County support this bill. Motion made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve **Resolution No. 2019-07R**. Motion carried.

The Republican party of Gadsden County is requesting to use the community center for their business meetings. Councilwoman Johnson inquired if the town's attorney reviewed the request. Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated polices are set by the council and motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bert and passed.

The next council meeting will be April 30<sup>th</sup> which is the night of the town's election and must be rescheduled. Group 1, Councilwoman Johnson is unopposed. The election will be held for Group 2, Decorkus Allen vs Lawrence Reed. Group 3, Dwight Vickers is unopposed. A request was made to change the April council meeting to Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6 p.m. because of the election.

The canvassing board will count absentee votes/ballots after the election. Two members need to be selected to represent Havana. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to nominate Nick Bert and Howard McKinnon as the canvassing board members. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:**

Mr. McKinnon stated the asbestos report for the Alexander building will be received soon. Before tearing the building down it will need to be abated.

The deadline for the GED program passed. There were nine (9) people to sign up and TCC will make contact with them.

Condolences to the McGill family. Mr. Henry McGill passed away and his service is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Tabernacle Church in Tallahassee.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Johnson mentioned she attended the Black Caucus event March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated he attended the Legislative Action Day at the Capitol and also attended the Smithsonian reception. The Smithsonian exhibit is exceptional and all should attend.

Councilman Bert stated the Smithsonian exhibit is a great exhibit and is open Thursday, Friday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Councilman Bert mentioned he represented the town for Gadsden Day at the Capitol with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilwoman Johnson.

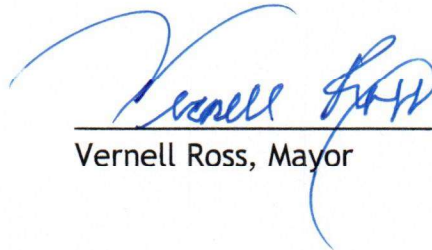


Mr. Ronny Butler was introduced to the Council as the new Recreation Director. Mr. Butler gave an overview of the recreational program and advised the goal is to start baseball/t-ball by April 15, 2019.

Mayor Ross asked Mr. McKinnon to elaborate on the community center renovation. Mr. McKinnon stated it is now in the environmental review period. After the environmental review the project will bid.

Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass to pay bills.  
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk