

HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 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 August 28, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mrs. Karen Kent, 102 East 5th Avenue, Havana, Florida, mentioned it would be a great benefit if the shrubbery at the corner of East 5th Avenue and US 27 were cut back.

Mrs. Kent stated she is a new member of the Havana Garden Club and attended her first meeting at the community center. There were approximately fifty-five (55) members and two (2) guests in such a tiny space. The center was very hot and she mentioned she would love to see an expansion in the very near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Shirley Aaron, 101 Cherry Avenue, Havana, Florida gave a brief overview of the Recreation Committee's recommendations to the council. The committee developed a mission and vision statement and also suggested hiring a part-time qualified recreation director. The committee recommends strongly that the program needs to address all age groups in Havana and the surrounding areas. Mr. Vic Vickers discussed the budget that was submitted to the council. The programs that were chosen are low in cost and were as follows; flag football, kickball, soccer, baseball and basketball.

Mayor Ross stated he is very impressed and most grateful of the committee's efforts. The council will host a recreation workshop on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the specifics of the recreation program.

Mrs. Aaron stated the committee has worked hard and identified the members. They are Ronald Burrell, chair; Mr. James Jones, vice chair; Dawn McGriff, secretary; and other members are Shirley Aaron, Emma Owens, Sheila Shellman, Ron Tiller and Vic Vickers.

The next item for discussion is the request to approve the Pace Agreements and Resolution. Mr. McKinnon stated the council voted to move forward. There are four (4) providers in the Pace program and all follow the same guidelines. The program must coincide with the property tax year. If approved, the Pace program will not start until the next tax year in 2019. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the Pace Agreements and Resolution. There was no second and the motion failed.

Ordinance No. 375 is the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Havana Main Street Program and came as a result of the Main Street grant. The public hearing was held for the public's input. The first reading of the ordinance passed and the ordinance was submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity for their review and comments. If the second reading passes, an amendment to the Town's comprehensive plan will take place. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilman Bert to read the ordinance by title. Howard McKinnon, town manager, read Ordinance No. 375 by title only. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 375. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

Mr. McKinnon stated the Department of Environmental Protection did the close out inspection and an extensive monitoring visit for the new well and all went well.

The next project will be the sewer plant upgrade. Hopefully this project will bid out in October to select a contractor and start early next year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

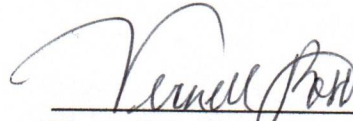
Councilwoman Johnson stated she wanted to address the citizen that spoke about the community center. The expansion has been approved. She stated when making a decision, she is not being mean, only questioning what is being done. She stated the

council is great and all have different perspectives and views. Councilwoman Johnson mentioned she is looking forward to the expansion of the center.

Councilman Bert reminded the council that today is September 11th and seventeen years ago over 3,000 people lost their lives. This should never be forgotten.

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

Motion to adjourn.



Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk