

**HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
September 13, 2023 @ 6 p.m.**

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Bass at 6:08 p.m. Invocation was led by Lawrence Reed followed by the Pledge Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Member(s) Present: Nick Bert, Penny Key, Tim Loughmiller (Mayor), Tabatha Nelson, Lawrence Reed, Eddie Bass (Mayor Pro Tem), Matt Wesolowski and Kendrah Wilkerson (Town Manager)

Member(s) Absent: N/A

VISITORS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - First Reading of Ordinance No. 400, Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate
Mrs. Wilkerson, Town Manager, requested a First Reading of Ordinance No. 400, to adopt a Fiscal Year 2024 Milage Rate of 2.5000 mills. The Taxing Authority is the Town of Havana and proposed millage of 2.5000 mills was voted upon at the July Council Meeting. All 7 Council members must be present in order to vote for millage increases, the vote must be unanimous and the Public must be allowed an opportunity to comment. Town Clerk Fredrick Green read the ordinance by title only. There were no comments made by members of the Public when allowed. Motion was made by Councilwoman Key and seconded by Councilman Bert for approval and the first reading of Ordinance No. 400. Motion carried.

Item #2 - First Reading of Ordinance No. 401, Proposed Budget for FY2023-FY2024
Mrs. Wilkerson, Town Manager, requested a Final Reading of Ordinance No. 401, to adopt the Town of Havana FY 2023 - 2024 Annual Budget. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget reflects a tentative millage of 2.5000 mills and the total annual budget is \$9,178,800, a decrease of 7.79% from the previous year's budget which was 9,954,281. The Public must be allowed an opportunity to comment. Town Clerk Fredrick Green read the ordinance by title only. There were no comments made by members of the Public when allowed. Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Bert to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 401. Motion carried.

Recognition of Council:

N/A

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Wesolowski and seconded by Councilwoman Key. Motion carried.

Tim Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fredrick Green Jr., Town Clerk