

HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 2018 6 pm

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

Member(s) Absent: Eddie Bass, Shirley McGill and David Norman

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ross.

Motion was made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 First Public Budget Hearing and September 25, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

Mr. Tony Lombardo, 318 1st Street NW, mentioned he represents the Downtown Improvement Committee. The committee is requesting approval of \$650.00 for the Christmas Tree Farm to maintain and refurbish the figurines that are displayed around town during the holidays. Mr. McKinnon stated the funds are available and comes from the CRA. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the \$650 expense. Motion carried.

Ms. Rosa Hall, 208 1st Street SE, advised that she is in the process of starting up a new organization for children K - 12 and also seeking board members. This organization will help young people plan for their future and also assist in bringing the community together. The organization plans are to meet at the community center. Mr. McKinnon advised that an application for the community center is available at town hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McKinnon explained that each year the Town receives a proposal for funding from OMI. OMI is contracted to maintain and operate the town's sewer plant. This year they are proposing a two (2) percent increase. After a discussion, motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve Amendment

No. 9 from OMI. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement with Gadsden County for road maintenance services is up for renewal. The Town uses this agreement to assist in maintaining the roads at the sprayfield and occasionally use the ditch cleaning machine. Mr. McKinnon stated he recommends approving the agreement. Motion made by Councilman Bert and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the interlocal agreement for road maintenance services with Gadsden County. Motion carried.

The Havana Ministerial Association is requesting to host the Picnic in the Park. This is an annual event and all are invited to attend. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to approve the event. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:

The survey was received for the land that was donated for a park south of town. The next step is to get the legal work done.

The Downtown Improvement committee's landscaping project downtown is now underway.

The Town received confirmation from the Department of Economic Opportunity regarding the program income funds that can possibly be used for the community center addition/renovation. The Town will pursue and hope to finalize.


Chief Smith mentioned each year the civic clubs/groups of the County host a law enforcement banquet. The nominee from Havana was Israel Baity. Officer Baity won the "Officer of the Year Award" which is a great achievement for the Havana community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Allen stated an election will be held in November. He reminded all to make sure all citizens are aware of the amendments that will be placed on the ballot. Everyone should educate themselves.

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