

**Town Of Havana**  
**FY26 Final Budget Hearing**  
**September 29, 2025 – 6:00pm**  
**Meeting minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eddie Bass at 6:00pm. Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Reed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

A roll call confirmed the presence of the following council members including Councilwoman Tabatha Nelson, Councilman Matt Wesolowski, Mayor Eddie Bass, Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence Reed, and Councilman Howard McKinnon ensuring a quorum for the meeting. Councilman Landon Seymour and Councilwoman Penny Key was not in attendance.

**Set Agenda (by vote)**

Councilman McKinnon made the motion to set the agenda as presented. Councilman Wesolowski seconded and motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors**

None.

**Consent Agenda Items**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Public Hearings**

**Ordinance 413 – Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Final Reading)**

Ms. Wilkerson, Town Manager, seeks council approval of the Final Reading of Ordinance 413 to adopt FY2025-2026 millage rate of 3.0000 mills. She requested the Town Clerk to read Ordinance 413 by Title Only. Ms. Alexander, Town Clerk, read the ordinance by Title Only. Ms. Wilkerson noted that the current year rollback rate is 2.9314 mills. The proposed 3.0000 mills per thousand is 2.34% over the roll back rate. She shared the reasons for the increase is additional revenue required to fund police department salaries, sustain operations, repair fleet and complete maintenance on town facilities. The proposed max millage voted on at the July meeting was 3.1500 mills. The proposed millage of 3.0000 mills is the same as the prior fiscal year. Ms. Wilkerson did remind council that they are required to allow for public comment on this matter.

Mayor Eddie Bass asked if there were any public comment. None was stated. No further council discussion.

Councilman Wesolowski noted that he is ok with the 3.0000 mills this year. He did share that due to increase of citizens showing up at the county meetings requesting the rollback rate that he thinks next year the council should push to try and get some sort of rollback rate throughout the year looking at ways we can save money or something. He shared that he believes if the municipalities can show this that it may help with the county.

Councilman Wesolowski made the motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 413 setting the FY25-26 millage rate at 3.0000 mills. Councilman McKinnon seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 414 – Proposed Budget for FY2025-FY2026 (Final Reading)**

Ms. Wilkerson, Town Manager, seeks council approval of the Final Reading of Ordinance 414 to adopt FY2025-2026 Town of Havana Budget. She requested the Town Clerk to read Ordinance 414 by Title Only. Ms. Alexander, Town Clerk, read the ordinance by Title Only. Ms. Wilkerson stated that there have been no changes made to the budget since the First Public Hearing on September 16, 2025.

Mayor Eddie Bass asked if there were any public comment. None was stated. No further council discussion.

Councilman McKinnon made the motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 414 to approve FY2025-2026 Town of Havana budget as presented. Councilman Wesolowski seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

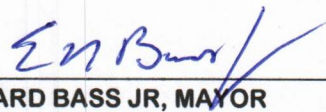
**Recognition of Each Council Member**

None.

**Motion to Adjourn**

All the council was in agreement of adjourning the meeting.

Mayor Eddie Bass adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm.

  
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EDWARD BASS JR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Shrylan R. Alexander, Town Clerk

