HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2018 6 pm

Member(s) Present: Decourtus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Cathy Johnson and Shirley McGill

Member(s) Absent: David Norman and Vernell Ross

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Decourtus Allen.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2018 regular council meeting. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Rick Soskis approached the council to request approval of Resolution Number 2018-01R for the 28th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. The amendment was read and motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Bert for acceptance of the Resolution.

2. Second agenda item of new business was presented by Commissioner Eric Hinson's wife, Mrs. Tammy Hinson, in his absence. Presentation was made by Mrs. Hinson of Gadsden County Schools Homeless Program which supports tutoring, after school programs, and shelters for homeless children. Request was made to the Town of Havana Council to come on board as collaborative partners of Gadsden County.

3. Request was made to appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force Committee. Councilman Bass approved the appointment and Councilwoman McGill seconded. The committee members are Ms. Carol Galvin, Mr. Glenn Smith, Ms. Rebecca Vaughn, Mrs. Jennie Thomas and Mrs. Kimberly McMillan.

4. Town Manager Howard McKinnon inquired about the action to be taken on the YGRENE request. Councilman Bass stated that several business owners that are interested and Mayor Pro Tem Allen showed pictures of a residential roof that needs repairs. The council discussed approving the program for commercial businesses only. Councilwoman Johnson was against approving. Motion made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Councilwoman McGill to approve the program for residential and commercial customers. Motion passed three (3) to two

5. Request to approve Capital Health Plan Insurance Renewal was approved by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Bert. Motion carried.

6. Request was made to award the bid for Cascade Falls Storm Waters Project. Town Manager Howard McKinnon explained the project. Bid award was motioned by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilman Bass. Motion passed.

7. Request to award bid Community Center Project was discussed in detail. Town Manager Howard McKinnon explained the Community Center Project. The town manager explained the town’s revolving loan program funds could possibly be a funding source. Councilwoman Johnson was interested in a home renovation grant program. This action was tabled until it can be determined if the revolving loan program funds from a CDBG grant can be used.

8. Request to award the bid for Project Azalea Infrastructure was approved by Councilman Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

REPORT of the TOWN MANAGER:

Mr. McKinnon presented the administrative expenses for the Firemen Pension fund.

The Kiwanis Summer Camp started on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Mr. McKinnon reported a survey has been ordered for a park in the southeast section of Town.

The Town will soon get clearance from the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) to operate the new Well #5.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Bass to approve the bills. Motion to adjourn.

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Vernell Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk