***HAVANA TOWN COUNCIL***

***First Public Budget Hearing***

***September 3, 2020 5:30 pm***

***Member(s) Present:*** Decorkus Allen, Eddie Bass, Nick Bert, Janice Hart, Cathy Johnson, Warkeem Jordan and Dwight Vickers

***Member(s) Absent:*** N/A

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Allen.

Mr. Bradford Johnson, Town Manager, gave a brief overview of the budget. There were two amendments discussed; increase fire services capital outlay and an increase of $2,500 to Senior Services.

The removal of EMS from Havana was also discussed. Mr. Johnson suggested presenting the county with a Memo of Understanding. The goal is to keep EMS in the Havana area.

Mayor Pro Tem Bert stated the manager’s salary was not discussed during the budget workshop and suggested a 5% increase. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bert and seconded by Councilwoman Jordan to approve a 5% increase for the Town Manager, effective October 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance no. 384, Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate, was made by Councilman Bass and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bert. Motion carried.

Motion to read Ordinance No. 385, Proposed Budget, was made by Councilwoman Jordan and seconded by Councilwoman Hart. Town Clerk Shelia Evans read the ordinance by title. Mayor Allen inquired if there were any visitors to address the council. With there being no visitor’s comment, motion was made by Councilwoman Jordan and seconded by Councilwoman Hart to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 385, Proposed Budget. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

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***ATTEST:***

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Shelia A. Evans, Town Clerk