

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN WORK SESSION August 28, 2023

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

Pledge/Prayer by Rev. Dickerson

Roll Call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Orr, Franz, Higgins and Mayor Cephas, Manager Avery

Agenda – Motion to Approve R. Murphy, second Franz, vote 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Manager Avery explained the need for additional wastewater capacity. The plant is operating a near operational capacity of 1.5 to 1.55 million gallons per day. The plant is rated at 1.65 mgd however the realist number is closer to 1.55. The two limiting factors are the FEB pumps and the capacity of the ENR filters. MDE has said in the past that the most the plant would be approved to upgrade to would be 2.2 mgd. It has been estimated by Reed Engineering that an upgrade of that nature would cost in the vicinity of \$25 million. Avery is looking into the possibility of adding an additional FEB pump and an ENR filter to get some added capacity.

Mayor Cephas said we must diligently keep people first in mind. E. Murphy said to look at the big picture not just put a band aid on it. Mayor Cephas thanked the council for representing Hurlock at MML and MACo

After brief discussion about the salary ordinance E. Murphy said he would introduce the ordinance.

Avery described an idea for an entrance park on Broad St. that would have 3 flag poles, landscaping, and signs for the Lions Club and the American Legion. Avery proposed the idea to

the Lions Club who liked it so much they voted to donate \$1,000 for the construction. Avery said the American Legion had donated \$5,000 a while ago which has not all been used. There was a consensus from the Council to go ahead with the construction. E. Murphy suggested lighting for the other town signs. They would have to be solar.

Mayor Cephas gave an update on the medical practice/doctors that are before the court in Cambridge. The practice was planning on expanding to Hurlock before they were terminated. Hurlock residents may be pushed out of the county to seek medical services. Avery and Cephas met with one of the doctors and issued a letter of support that Cephas presented at the court hearing. E. Murphy said there are places or houses in Hurlock that could be used for a medical center.

Judge Rick Price thanked Avery for coming to the Lions Club and presenting the entrance park idea. E. Murphy mentioned the idea for a helipad, which had been talked about in the past. There seems to be more need for it now. There is positive interest in a rails to trails program in the county. There could be a bridge over Rt. 50.

Orr said the town really supported him following his grandmothers passing.

Adjourn 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Cephas:



Councilmembers:

