

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING August 26, 2019

6:30 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Dickerson

Roll call, present: Councilmembers; Cummings, E. Murphy, R. Murphy, and Rev. Cephas, Mayor Henry, and Manager Avery.

Approval of Agenda: Motion R. Murphy, second E. Murphy, approved 4/0

Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2019 - Open Meeting E. Murphy/Cummings; 4/0
August 12, 2019 – Closed Session E. Murphy/Cummings, 4/0

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry Presented read and presented Dawn Betton a proclamation for 20 years of service to Hurlock and the Police Department. Mayor Henry read a closing statement for the Closed Session of August 12, 2019 stating that no business was conducted because Attorney Merriken had advised the meeting did not pertain to any Hurlock employees. Therefor the meeting was promptly adjourned. The Mayor and Avery had a conference call with Dr. Stewart of U of MD Medical. They will come to town and see what we have to offer and what the needs are. It was a very worthwhile call.

Agenda Request: Mr. William Jones, States Attorney for Dorchester Co., spoke on Dorchester Going Purple. He is meeting with all local governments on opioid awareness. It is a widespread problem. The Health Department and school system are involved. Most addictions start with prescribed drugs. Governor Hogan is taking this very seriously.

Councilman Lenny Pfeffer had no report

Public Works: Avery gave a report stating that repairs on the train cars are almost complete. Storm drains are being worked on in Woodsedge and the ones on Legion Dr. will be included. He passed pictures on some of those drains to the councilmembers. Fiber optics will be installed in the town office over the next couple of weeks. The replacement of the Nealson St. rail crossings will be postponed until Sept. 21st weekend. One of the clarifier tanks at the wastewater plant will be recoated under warranty.

Avery gave a treasurer's report for July of 2019.

Police Report: Report is attached.

Fire Department: No one present

Old Business: **Motion to table items on the agenda by E. Murphy, second by Cephas, passed 4/0.** Cephas spoke on how bad the opioid problem is. He hopes everybody will get involved. Cephas also said he hopes the Mayor and Council continues to go forward and is not distracted by some people. He spoke again on the need for a finance director and having 360-degree evaluations. This can be a part of the Employee regulations.

New Business: Avery explained the need for Election Judges and Supervisors of Elections for the November election. **E. Murphy motion to approve the proposed Judges and Supervisors, second by Cummings, passed 4/0.**

Avery described a request from B&G for the Town to sponsor a hole at a golf tournament to benefit the Pat Hopkins Scholarship Foundation. **Motion to donate \$150 by Cephas, second by E. Murphy passed 4/0.**

Council Comments: Cephas thanked everyone and said the Council will do their best to serve the people. R. Murphy said the end of summer program was wonderful and had a great turnout. The Suicide Prevention Walk will be September 21st. Cummings thanked Attorney Jones for the efforts on Dorchester Goes Purple. He spoke on a grant that would be available for an electric vehicle for the Town. E. Murphy said this will be the 4th year for the Suicide Prevention Walk. There is lots of information available, find the positive, find the solution.

Public Comments: Mr. Monroe Quales read a letter thanking the Council for the success of the back to school function. Mr. Pete Davis spoke to the Council and described a program to put veterans banners on poles in town. The Council voted 4 in favor/0 opposed to offer support. He is to get more information and check on permission to put the banners on the poles. Ms. Patty Wright asked what the Town plans on doing with the property on S. Main St.? The Mayor said the Town would make the property available to the County for a new library. It would be a 5-year plan.

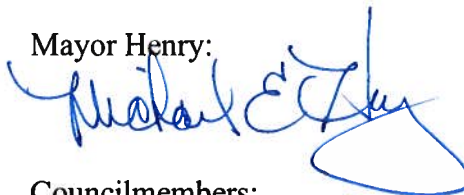
7:40 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

