

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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RUSSELL MURPHY
JOCK ORR

MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING June 27, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Rev. Dickerson

Roll Call - Councilmembers present: E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Cumming, Franz, Mayor Cephas, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda - Motion E. Murphy, second Franz, vote 4/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session May 23, 2022 Motion R. Murphy, second Franz, vote 4/0.

Mayor's Report – Former Mayor Michael Henry was sworn in as a Planning Commission member by Mayor Cephas, read by Attorney Merriken. Mayor Cephas introduced the three Come Back, Give Members and presented them with a proclamation. They want to positive role models for youth. They will host a basketball tournament July 15th at Prospect Park.

Fire Department – None

Police Report – Chief Jones gave the May report. There were no thefts that month. Some of the officers were at the end of school event, it went very well.

Town Manager Report – Avery read an update on projects that are underway. A copy is attached.

County Councilman Pfeffer – Pfeffer said that there is a real problem with the supply of power transformers. It is affecting development everywhere. He thanked Avery for going to the county work session. The county is in process of forming the state required Police Accountability Board. Pfeffer would like someone on the board from this area. Cephas said the acting County Manager should not be overlooked when the county solicits for a permanent manager.

Old Business – **Ordinance 2022-6, sale of 102 Broad St., was introduced May 23rd by E. Murphy. Motion to pass Ordinance 2022-6 by E. Murphy, second by Orr, 4 in favor/0 opposed.**

Mayor Cephas said that he is disconcerted on the ability to keep police officers. He wants better pay and benefits. He has a program where police can get property in town. He wants to see the Koski project go forward. He wants the project to go back to the Appeals Board.

Attorney Merriken described proposed Ordinance 2022-6 for the sale of 102 Broad St. E. Murphy introduced the Ordinance. The sale will have a reverter clause allowing 6 months for demolition. If not, the town could purchase the property back.

New Business – Mayor Cephas said that Jeannie Haddaway is to come to Hurlock and talk about help with projects. He talked about a possibility of 14 acres being annexed into the town. He spoke on the potential of a community center. Orr spoke on the need for a community center. He wants Hurlock to be a place to call home.

Comments – Earl Murphy spoke on the potential for a new library. We need to find solutions to the problems. He said he applauds the Town Manager for the work with the budget and the town being in very good shape. R. Murphy said that MML was a very successful conference.

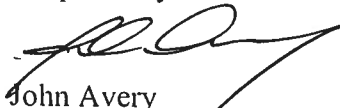
Mayor Cephas said he wants a resolution amending the Ethics Ordinance. The Ethics Commission should be held accountable for their actions and deeds. He is not happy with the Ethics Board. They have an agenda against a person they can cause trouble. He wants the mayor to be the head of the administrative branch and the CEO of the Town. He wants a 360 evaluation of the town manager. He wants Roberts Rules of Order for all the Councilmembers.

Reginald Parker asked if we are building a new library here? The kids are not going to the library, they need a community center. Mayor Cephas said he hopes to have a new library and community center. Young people need places to go. County Councilman Pfeffer said it is very hard to get grants and funding for community centers. Parker said citizens should push more for a community center than a library.

Cephas spoke on the need for a grant writer.

7:49 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager



Mayor Cephas:

Councilmembers:

