

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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JOCK ORR
EARL H. MURPHY, JR.

MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING April 10, 2023

6:00 PM Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Rev. Dickerson

Roll Call - Councilmembers present; R. Murphy, Higgins, Orr, and Franz, Mayor Cephas, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

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

Approval of Minutes - None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cephas recognized Councilmember Franz stating that she has worked continuously 50 years at the chicken plant. Councilman Higgins read a proclamation stating her dedication and job ethics are outstanding.

Mr. Roy Geiser gave his report on the audit for FY2022. He stated the town is on very solid financial ground. The town is in a very healthy position. He explained how investing in a health care trust has greatly reduced the OPEB liability. Mayor Cephas asked what would happen if the town lost one of the two major businesses? He answered the town would probably have to look at property taxes. Mr. Geiser explained the audit communication statement saying the report is pretty standard for a town the size of Hurlock. Towns of larger size would more segregation of duties. Cephas said he would like to see a third person in the office. He wants the town covered for every situation. Geiser said it is very good having ASG doing accounting, it is a good backup.

Chief Jones gave his monthly report. He had 3 officers complete school resource officer training. Opening day Tri-City Little League parade will be April 31st.

Avery set the next meeting for a Budget Hearing. Orr introduced the Budget Ordinance.

Comments – R. Murphy thanked Bonnie Franz for her dedication. Higgins said the banners project is moving forward. Orr said petty things need to be put behind.


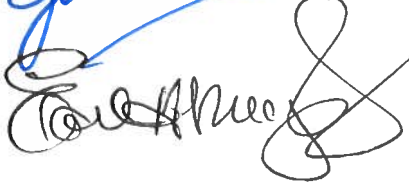
Jerry Nichols asked why are the charging stations free. Avery said they were installed under a grant. They are free to encourage people to come into town and patronize local businesses. The electric cost has been very minimal. If they get expensive we may look at charging a fee for their use.

Nancy Jones suggested an information package for new residents. Avery said they are given information and welcoming items when they come in the office.

6:55 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager


Mayor Cephas:

Councilmembers:
