

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING December 13, 2021

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

Opening Prayer – Pastor John Allen

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion R. Murphy, second Franz, vote 3/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session November 22, 2021 Motion Franz/R. Murphy, vote 3/0.

Mayor's Report - None

Fire Department – None

Police Report – Chief Jones gave his monthly report. He thanked everyone for the work on the parade. The parade was great, the rain held off until just after it was over.

Public Works Report – Avery stated that settlement on the 102 Broad Street was in the morning. The town now owns the hardware store property. Avery asked the Council how they want to consider selecting a replacement for the District 4 Council position. Does the Council want assigned appointment times or ask them all to come in at the same time? Franz said have them come in at the same time, all agreed.

Lenny Pfeffer – Reported that the County will have a work session regarding use of the “Rescue Funds”. Mayor Cephas asked about broadband? Answer was no specifics at this time.

Old Business – **Attorney Merriken described Ordinance 2021-10, child care homes. It was introduced November 22nd by Cephas, motion to approve by France, second R. Murphy approved 3/0.**

Merriken described Ordinance 2021-11 to reduce the minimum floor space from 50,000 to 5,000 square feet in the Commercial 3 District. The Ordinance was introduced before 6 months ago, by Cephas, and will need to be introduced again. E. Murphy will introduce the Ordinance.

New Business – Attorney Merriken explained that he was planning on retiring in the spring but Avery recommended that he work part time and continue to represent the Town. Merriken said he and Avery discussed a \$25 per hour increase to help cover the cost of mal-practice insurance. **E. Murphy motion to increase Merriken’s fee by \$25 per hour, second Franz. Vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Comments – R. Murphy commented how great the parade was. He has done a preliminary drive through the town for the lighting contest. There are many wonderful displays. Judging will be December 18 beginning at 7 pm. E. Murphy said the town Christmas Tree needs to be replanted, Avery said he has started looking for a tree. Letters to Santa have been collected and will be answered this week.

Cephas said he is gratified and humbled by being elected Mayor. He will work for the betterment of the town. He can bring a lot of things to the town; it will be a team effort.

Public Comments – Jack Lewis asked if a Councilmember for District 4 has been chosen? E. Murphy answered not yet.

Motion to go to Closed Session for legal advice by E. Murphy, second by R. Murphy. Vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Announcement made that the Council will not be returning to Open Session.

6:40 Motion to Adjourn.

Mayor Cephas:

Respectfully Submitted:

John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers: