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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING January 24, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order by Council President Cummings

Opening Prayer – Rev. Brooks

Roll Call - Councilmembers present: E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Franz, Cummings, and Manager Avery

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

Approval of Minutes - Open Session January 10, 2022 Motion R. Murphy/E. Murphy, vote 4/0.

Mayor's Report – Council President Cummings stated that Mayor Cephas is ill, the pandemic is far from over. Cummings spoke on the Hurlock Elementary School Safety Patrol. They are serving as models for other students. They are creating tomorrow's leaders. There are 15 members that were recognized. Those present were presented proclamations signed by the Council. Two members from the Board of Education, Mr. Kirk Howie and Ms. Valerie Goff, were present. Mr. Bobby Helgason, Hurlock Elementary Principle, was present as well.

Fire Department – Chief R. J. Helmer introduced some of the newly elected officers. Hurlock Fire Department responded to 296 calls for service in 2021. 20 of them were working fires. Most of which were in the Cambridge area. There were 891 EMS calls in 2021 as well.

Police Report – Chief Jones gave his monthly report at the last meeting. There have been some occasional thefts from vehicles. He reminded people to keep their vehicles and home doors locked.

Town Manager Report – None

County Councilman Pfeffer – Mr. Pfeffer said that Baltimore lost 3 fire fighters today in a fire. A fourth one was also injured and is hanging on. Paramedic 200 has been moved back to Eldorado. The County is considering other locations. They are still trying to have the study

done on EMS response locations.

New Business – Avery described the recent vacancy on the planning commission. David Carrier had to resign as he has moved out of town. Avery recommended Mr. David Wands for that position. Mr. Wands had been on the commission for 15 years and would be a wonderful addition, he has a lot of experience and knowledge. **Motion to approve David Wands as a Planning Commission member by E. Murphy, second Franz, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Comments – R. Murphy congratulated the School Safety Patrol. Franz said that Charles and Betty Coulbourn are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

E. Murphy spoke on putting Veterans Banners in the Memorial Park. He said he would like to see it done. Avery said that he brought the idea to the Hurlock American Legion on two occasions and everyone present at the meetings were opposed to the idea. Avery also said he is not now, or before, opposed to them being on the utility poles in town. Delmarva Power would not grant permission for them to be on the poles.

E. Murphy said he would like to move the regularly scheduled meeting, February 14th, to February 15th as the 14th is Valentines Day. Avery said that Chesapeake Utilities and Head Start are already on the agenda for the 14th. **Motion to move the meeting to February 15th E. Murphy, second R. Murphy, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

6:45 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Cephas:

Councilmembers:

