

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING July 8, 2019

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Cephas

Roll call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, R. Murphy, and Rev. Cephas, Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery. Councilmembers Cummings and Franz were absent.

Approval of Agenda: Motion Rev. Cephas, second E. Murphy, approved 3/0

Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2019 – deferred to July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry administered the Oath of Office and swore in Acting Chief Bruce Jones as Hurlock Police Chief. Mayor Henry presented, and read, a recognition of 5 years of service by Corporal Matt Mitton. Mayor Henry also recognized John Avery for his 10 years of service to the Town. Mayor Henry said all the Councilmembers attended the MML Conference, the Mayor has now met the requirements for the Academy for Excellence. He and Avery met with Parks and Recs Director Frank Stout and discussed the possible conversion of one of the tennis courts to a basketball court and the idea of using the current fire department building as a community center.

Agenda Requests: Dr. Carl Barham talked about the Freedom Shrine Advocacy Team and his proposal for signs, t-shirts etc. to promote voter reform. He said Avery would be the point of contact for the Town. Councilman E. Murphy explained that he misunderstood about the proposed signs, he thought they were to be attached to town signs and not free standing.

Co. Councilman Pfeffer said he had no report however he is to meet with Mayor Henry, Avery and the County Manager to discuss ideas fir the Hurlock Library.

Police Report: August 6, 2019 is National Night Out, it will be attended by Hurlock Police representatives and the Hurlock Fire Department personnel. May had 770 calls for service. Since June 1<sup>st</sup> there have been 8 reported thefts, 2 drug arrests, 3 over doses (1 fatal) 6 accidents and 26 traffic warning citations.

Fire Department: Chief Trego said there have been 130 fire calls this year. There have been many overdose calls, heroin is the #1 drug used today. Family Bingo will be July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works: Avery gave a brief report.

Old Business: Cephas motion to table vote on Ordinance 2019-7, Council Salaries, until the full Council is present. Cephas stated that there is a group of citizens that would be able to run community center. He started the first community center in Cambridge when he was 19 years old.

New Business: All items were put on hold until the work session scheduled for Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council Comments: Cephas said the Mayor, Manager and the Council have worked together as a team. R. Murphy would like to see the Triangle Park be completely re-done; he knows Avery is working on a grant application for the parks. He said he learned a lot at MML and was happy to have gone. E. Murphy was honored to accept the position of vice president of LESMA for 2019.

Public Comments: Cederic Turner said he attended the Governors Round Table; he also introduced the new Pastor of Hurlock United Methodist Church.

Jack Lewis asked if a consolidated version of the charter available, Cephas said he would like to have community representative's meet to work on ideas for that project.

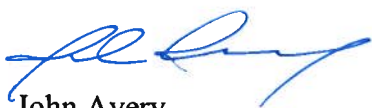
Ms. Susan Bautz said she would not be attending all the future meetings as she is starting to retire.

Ms. Susan Banks from Dorchester County Economic Development was in attendance.

The scheduled Closed Session was postponed.

Adjourned at approximately 7:10

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery  
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:

*Approved in  
Open Session July 9,  
2019*