

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING May 11, 2020

This meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19. The meeting was programed to be live streamed through Town Hall Streams. Notice of the meeting and streaming was posted on the town message board and the town website. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the town website by Friday May 8, 2020.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Council President Charles Cephas

Roll Call, present: Councilmembers; Murphy, Truxon, Cummings, Franz and Cephas, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda: Motion Cummings, second Franz approved 4/0, Cephas abstained.

Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2020 Motion Cummings/Franz, approved 4/0, Murphy abstained.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Ordinance 2020-4 was introduced by Councilmember Cummings. The Budget Ordinance set the Real Property Tax Rate at .8237/100 and the Business Personal Property Tax Rate at 1.40/100, both the same as last year. Avery explained the differences in the 2021 budget compared to the 2020 budget. Avery stated that questions would be taken by phone and gave the town office number. There were no questions or comments called in.

Attorney Merriken described Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-1. The Resolution added that Town Meetings can only be cancelled with the consent of the majority of the Councilmembers. It also changes the time for new Councilmembers to be sworn in from 8:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the first Monday in December following an election. Motion to approve by Cephas, second by Murphy. Roll call vote all in favor, 5/0.

The following Resolutions were passed:

2020-4 Authority for the town manager to sign documents for the lease/purchase of a new sweeper at the cost of \$228,000. Motion Cephas/second Cummings passed 5/0.

2020-5 Establishing COVID-19 Response Pay at \$3.13 per hour worked for police officers and for public works personnel for hours when they are involved with residents. Motion Cummings/second Murphy passed 5/0.

2020-6 & 2020-7 Authorizing applying to USDA for grant funds to help with the purchase of two police vehicles. Motion Cummings/second Franz passed 5/0.

2020-8 to add to the Personnel Manual provisions for hazard pay in times of emergencies. Motion Murphy/second Cummings, passed 5/0

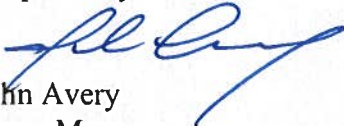
Council Comments: Franz said that the movie and town yard sale events will have to wait. Cummings thanked Avery for all the work that has been done on the budget and COVID-19. Murphy asked Chief Jones for the current police report. Chief said we now have 4 surveillance cameras downtown. They have been installed and are now operational. Murphy thanked Avery for all the work that has been done and spoke on the mural and the awnings. Cephias said the town is moving forward. He said COVID-19 is very bad and hopes and prays that more will come together when this is over. He praised the police officers who put them selves on the line every day. Avery said to include all the Hurlock fire members and ambulance crew who do this as volunteers.

6:43 – Motion to go to Closed Session for discussion pertaining to the salary of a specific employee by Cumming/second by Murphy, all on favor 5/0.

Next meeting will be May 26, 2020 due to Memorial Day on the 25th.

Announcement was made that the Council would not return to Open Session following the Closed Session.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:









