

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING November 14, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order

Opening Prayer – Rev. Dickerson

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion E. Murphy, second Orr, vote 3/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session October 24, 2022 Motion R. Murphy, second E. Murphy, vote 3/0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Cephas introduced Mr. David Higgins and swore him in as Councilmember District 1. Mr. Higgins introduced his family and said it will be an honor to represent District 1 as a Councilmember. Councilman Orr named the Halloween decoration contest winners and presented the Franz's with the 2nd place award. The other two were not present. First place was 207 Charles St., 2nd place 517 Academy St., and 3rd place was 141 Miles Circle.

Mayor Cephas said he hopes everyone has seen Dollar General; it is beautiful. We are working on the new library project now and affordable housing. He is very happy to have Mr. Higgins as a new councilmember.

Orr stated that Ms. Grahe was not present and asked to have her on the agenda for the next meeting under Agenda Requests. She is a Woodsedge HOA officer.

Police Report – Chief Jones gave his monthly report; there were 4 burglaries during that month. These are the first reported burglaries in 6 months. There were reports of 10 vehicles that were ransacked and one stolen. They involved unlocked vehicles, keep vehicles locked. Mayor

Cephas said he is proud that Hurlock now has an SRO for the elementary school. Cephas mentioned the need for commission members and asked the council to approve the two persons that he recommended. Orr said he would like for them to be at a meeting before the council votes on it. Cephas said he wants the commissions to be full. He will wait until the next meeting. Higgins agreed he would to hear from them first.

Managers' Report – Avery said that the Grand Opening for the Dollar General will be November 15th at noon.

Comments – R. Murphy congratulated David Higgins and the Halloween Contest winners. He wished a Happy Thanksgiving for everyone. Higgins said he is pleased to be able to serve. Officer Huffman's presence in the school as SRO is great. Everyone feels safer with her there. E. Murphy spoke on marshmallows with the Murphy's and the LESMA dinner Thursday the 17th. It will be the last dinner meeting of the year. Orr welcomed Higgins. He said the Academy of Excellence classes are enlightening. Being on the Council is work but is very fulfilling as well. He said he would to have the Council President position on the next agenda. Cephas said he is waiting for the Attorney Generals opinion.

A question from the audience was asked about the progress on the walking trail along 392 from Prospect into town. Avery said that is a State Highway project and most likely will take a couple of years to complete. The trail along Railroad Ave. is pending grant approval at this time.

6:44 pm Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager


Mayor Cephas:

Councilmembers:

