

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING November 8, 2021

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Opening Prayer – Councilman E. Murphy

Roll Call - Councilmembers present; E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Franz, Cephas (6:15), Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

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

Approval of Minutes – Open Session October 25, 2021 Motion E. Murphy/Franz, vote 3/0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Henry stated that the results of the Mayoral Election are Cephas 170, J. Rhue 118, and J. Seeds 21. He congratulated Councilman Cephas on his win and thanked Jerry Rhue and Janet Seeds for their dedication and running for office. The swearing in will be Dec. 6th. R. Murphy announced the results of the Halloween decorating contest. E. Murphy said the idea for the contest was well received. Halloween went very well; it was very quiet. The Veterans Day Ceremony will be November 11 at 12:45 pm. Mayor Henry said he has discussed with Avery about continuing to work on the museum after his term. He showed a metal bank that came from Citizens Bank when they were in town.

Police Report – Chief Jones gave the police report.

Public Works Report – Avery spoke on the meeting with Chesapeake Utilities that he and Councilman Cephas attended. Chesapeake will provide surveys to go out to all the town residents and businesses. Avery stated the Maryland Energy Commission is proposing limiting or banning the use of fossil fuels in homes and businesses. If this goes through there would be no expansion of natural gas service in town. Opposition of this should be stated to our local delegates. The dead line for submitting bids for the town office roof replacement and 3 heat pumps is Nov. 19, the bids will be on the agenda for the meeting Nov. 22nd. There is a Zoning Meeting scheduled for Dec. 2nd 6 pm to review the preliminary site plans for the Prospect Heights expansion.

Councilman Pfeffer – Councilman Pfeffer spoke on renewable energy and said that energy used will be required to be 50% renewable energy by 2030. This is by state plans. He spoke on the infrastructure bill; he is unsure how it will be administered.

Old Business – Attorney Merriken described proposed Ordinance 2021-9 for the purchase of 102 Broad Street. The Ordinance was introduced by Cephias during the Nov. 8th meeting. It is now up for discussion and a vote. **Councilman Cephias motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-9, to purchase 102 Broad Street, second E. Murphy. With no discussion the motion passed with 4 in favor and 0 opposed.**

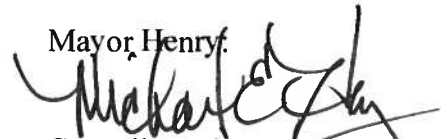
Comments – R. Murphy said he is disappointed that only 309 people voted in the election. It is also hard to get people to volunteer as well. E. Murphy thanked the police for their help during Marshmallows with the Murphy's. Next LESMA meeting is Nov. 18th. He hopes people will want to get involved, there are a lot of positive things going on. Cephias said Hurlock is better today than yesterday and will be better tomorrow. He will be working to make things better. He thanked Mayor Henry for everything that he has done. Cephias will be working to finish the projects that Mayor Henry has started. The current council has made coming to meetings pleasant and productive. This is the best council he has ever worked with. He will be an ambassador for the town.

Public Comments – County Councilman Pfeffer said it has been a pleasure working with Mayor Henry. Unfortunately, public volunteers and community support is non-existent.

7:00 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:
