

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING October 28, 2019

6:30 PM Call to Order by Council President Cephas

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Councilmember Earl Murphy

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Open Session Sept. 23, 2019 – Motion E. Murphy, second Franz, approved 4/0.

Mayors Report: None

Agenda Requests: Dr. Carl Barham was not present. Avery explained Dr. Barham's request for signs, etc. E. Murphy said it is hard to fund his request without further explanation. Motion to differ discussion until the meeting of November 25th by E. Murphy, second by Cummings, approved 4/0. County Councilmember Pfeffer recommended Dr. Barham try the Dorchester Heritage Board. Councilman Pfeffer stated the State will not donate the Hurlock to Preston rail line to the County.

Police Report: Report is attached. Jack Lewis asked about traffic control for the Marshmallows at the Murphy's event. Chief Jones said it will be taken care of by Hurlock officers. It was stated there is no rain date for that event.

Fire Department: Chief Trego said there have been 210 calls to date with over 1700 hours of volunteer service so far this year.

Public Works: Avery's report included there will be a Veterans Day Service November 11th at noon. Watermain work is in finishing up. Paving is lined up to begin in the next few weeks. Closing has taken place on 100 S. Main Street. The 1-year inspection has been completed on the force main project. Design work is taking place for the Train Station roof. The election scheduled for November 2nd has been cancelled, both

candidates were running unopposed.

Old Business: Ordinance 2019-8 for the purchase of 207 Oak Street was introduced by Councilperson Franz.

New Business: Avery explained how a new SCADA system will work between the pump stations and the wastewater plant. That will communicate to the operator's smart phones. This will help in early detection of problems and systems issues. **Motion to go forward with the purchase and installation of the new system by E. Murphy, second Cummings, passed 4/0. The cost of the system will be apx. \$16,000.**

Council Comments: Cummings thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for Trunk or Treat at the Fire Department. Tri-City Little League is struggling to get board members, if they can't get new members, they may not have a season next year. It is discouraging. Franz said movie night went well, there were about 40 kids there. She asked the Council to consider moving Town Meeting times back to 6 o'clock. Cephas said he thinks the Town is doing wonderful and hopes that other projects will be added by the first of the year.

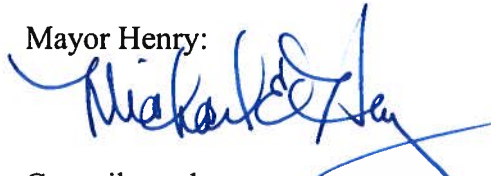
Public Comments: Monroe Quailes said there is an opening on the Ethics Commission. Lynn Vinson has resigned.

Adjourned at approximately 7:20

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:



