

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING September 28, 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 September 25, 2020.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion Murphy with addition of Fire Dept. report, approved 5/0.

Approval of Minutes – Open Session August 24, 2020 Motion Cummings/Franz, approved 5/0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Henry introduced Michael Gould who started Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> as a wastewater operator. Introduced Mr. Greg Koski who described his proposed 62 and over development on Taylor Avenue. His plan is to start with 6 buildings each with 5 apartment type units. Cephas asked if it will be a HUD project. Koski answered it would be set up like Londenderry where you buy into the unit and then pay a monthly maintenance fee. He is unsure of the price at this time. His action plan is not completed yet. Koski said it potentially could be a gated community. Fire Chief Coulbourne said that could be done and the fire dept. would be ok with that. All the units will be ADA compliant. Koski's partner is David Nickerson. Avery explained a Special Exception is required for that type of development; a Board of Appeals hearing is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Cephas asked when an action plan would be available and said the project should move forward. The Council agreed unanimously that the project should move forward.

Fire Department Report – Chief Coulbourne reported there have been 204 calls so far this year. Chicken barbecue Oct. 3 and the company picnic Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Police Department Report – Chief Jones gave his report. Mayor Henry asked if the police are doing K-9 scans for other jurisdictions, answer yes, they are when requested. Cephas asked about the bike patrol. Chief Jones said they are starting bike patrols again.

Public Works Report – Avery said the fall cleanup will be the third week in October. Parts have been ordered for a failed pump at the Jackson St. pump station. A new pump is around \$90,000, a rebuild of the pump will be about \$30,000. Train Station repairs are in progress. An ad for bids for the library wall repairs will be in the paper. The curb installation on Mill Street will be going forward.

Following a question as to if Councilmembers can attend the Board of Appeals Hearing Attorney Merriken said yes, they can. Cephas said he has been against it in the past as it could be intimidating. Let the Board do their job.

New Business – Avery explained the Health Department’s position on Halloween. The Health Department advises against Halloween activities, but has left it up to the discretion of individuals. Cephas opinion is that it should be cancelled this year along with all public activities. Murphy agreed it is a public safety issue, the Town should not endorse Halloween activities and should not cancel it, leave the decision to individuals. Cephas said the Council should have the leadership and cancel it. Cummings said cancelling would put law enforcement in a predicament. The Mayor said the police will be out either way. Truxon said she is in favor of people being able to trick-or-treat. At some point you have to get back to a normal routine. **Murphy motion to not cancel or endorse Halloween, Truxon second, vote; Murphy, Cummings, & Truxon aye, Cephas and Franz nay.**

**Cummings motion to cancel the Christmas Parade, second Murphy, all in favor 5/0.**

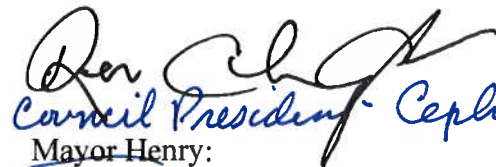
Chief Jones questioned the hours of trick-or-treating. The Council agreed the hours should follow the established 6pm to 8pm guidelines. The Council is still not endorsing the activities.

Avery explained the idea of limiting the issuing of building permits to residents whose water and sewer bills are current. He sees a real problem with people doing renovations or additions if they are not paying their water and sewer bills. **Cephas motion to draft an ordinance stating that building permits will not be issued to residents who are delinquent on their water and sewer bills, second Murphy, vote all in favor 5/0.**

Franz asked if Goose Creek bought the car wash, Avery answered yes, they did. He is un-clear of their plans for the property.

7:25 Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Council President - Cephias  
Mayor Henry:



