

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN BUDGET WORK SESSION April 4, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion R. Murphy, second Cummings, vote 5/0.

Avery described the draft 2023 Budget that was sent to the Council and Mayor. Most of the line items remain nearly the same. Avery proposed the following changes:

Include a 3% salary increase across the board.

Increase fire department allocation from \$60,000 to \$72,000 annually. Increase the ambulance allocation from \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually, or add to truck fund. Pay for their annual appreciation dinner as the town has in the past. Apx. \$4,000. E. Murphy agreed strongly as did the mayor and other councilmembers.

Add \$80,000 for 2 public works trucks.

Mayor Cephas asked to have \$40,000 for an office assistant included in the budget. The assistant would be to help write grants and be a part time secretary. Franz said she was opposed. Everyone is doing a good job. Orr looked on line and said a typical grant writer salary is \$70,000. A person could be used through Salisbury University as an internship or fellowship. The consensus of the council was in support of a person for that position.

Avery explained that the Council agreed to add \$2,000 to the budget 4 or 5 years ago for the Hurlock Downtown Committee. That allocation has been in the budget since then under Community Contributions. Orr suggested to change the name to indicate Hurlock Downtown Committee. Council agreed to keep the same allocation and funds be approved and reimbursed as necessary.

Cummings asked about updating the Mayor and Council sign at the ball parks? Avery said that could be done as well as the Industrial Park Sign and a couple of others in town. E. Murphy asked about permanent lights for the signs coming into town. Avery said that could be looked into.

7:20 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:


Mayor Cephas:


John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers:









