

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES WORK SESSION MEETING March 27, 2023

6:00 PM Call to Order

Opening Pledge/Prayer – E. Murphy

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

Approval of Agenda - Motion R. Murphy, second Orr, vote 4/0.

Jenny Budd spoke on the Banner Project saying things are going forward. She said the Lions Club is fully on board with the project. The American Legion will handle the funds and verify eligibility. She hopes to have banners up by Memorial Day or July 4<sup>th</sup>. They will start with veterans and then add first responders later. She is hoping the town will install the banners or the fire department. It will be open to people from North County area. Cephas asked for a consensus of approval from the Council. All are in favor of the project. E. Murphy said banners should be for people from here or originally living from here. J.C. Collins said this is a wonderful project. Parts of the town were built by veterans returning from WWII. Legion Commander Vic Peranio said the Legion has voted in support and has 501(C)3 status.

Avery went through his proposed budget stating that there are very little changes from last year. It does include a 3% COLA for all employees. He will go back through and verify some of the larger expenditures and bring a final draft to the Council.


E. Murphy asked about the condition of the town clock, the glass is cracked and the lights don't work. Avery said the glass has been cracked for a log time. The clock kit was very expensive, about \$2,000. He will look into it further. E. Murphy said he has been in contact with Blackwater Athletics who are looking for 100 acres for a major sports complex. They are interested in Hurlock. Murphy thought it could be split up into a few sites instead of one large site.

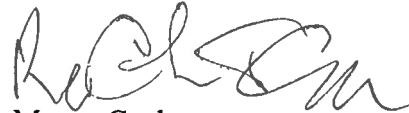
Mayor Cephas asked Collins how his project is progressing. Collins said his prospective tenant died during Covid so the project is on hold. Orr asked Collins what businesses could go in there. Collins a fast food with drive through would fit. Collins said the Board of Appeals met and approved a variance to allow a single-family home at 305 Broad Street.

Cephas said he has an action plan to help with affordable and work force housing.

7:20 Motion to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
John Avery  
Town Manager

  
Mayor Cephas:

Councilmembers: