

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN WORK SESSION September 12, 2022

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

Pledge/Prayer by Rev. Dickerson

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

Agenda – Motion to Approve E. Murphy, second Cummings, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Budget Discussion – Avery explained the projected shortfall in the current budget due to unforeseen increases in chemical costs for the wastewater plant. His suggestion is a raise in industrial charges for Amick and B&G as this is where the majority of the wastewater comes from. His suggestion is a 10% increase which would generate an additional \$157,000 in revenue. The increase could be phased in by 5% now and 5% next fiscal year. This increase along with other budget modifications previous discussed would allow for the chemical increases and be able to fund a School Resource Officer if grant funds or County funds don't come through. All present councilmembers agreed to implement the industrial charge increase.

Mayor Cephas stated that the District 1 Council seat will become vacant. Avery said he will place a Public Notice in the paper and suggested having a work session October 17th for prospective candidate interviews. There will be no meeting October 10th as it is Columbus Day. Cummings said that he is resigning due to work commitments effective September 30th.

Councilman E. Murphy described the need for a sidewalk along Neilson Street. The street has a lot of pedestrian traffic as well as very heavy vehicle traffic. It is dangerous for people to walk

along the road. An area for a bus stop could be incorporated and he could get a shelter for free.

Mayor Cephas spoke on the housing need and an upcoming meeting with DHCD. The schedule for the meeting is to be confirmed.

Avery described a request he got from a group that runs youth programs. They are requesting to use the Community Center every Thursday evening for a year. It was agreed that Avery request them to propose their plans and program to the Council at the September 26th meeting. Avery said he will contact them and ask they attend that meeting.

Avery said there are plans for two car shows in October. A group called MoparMobb is planning on their show October 15th centered around the Pavillion. The second car show will be October 22nd at the American Legion.


Cederic Turner thanked the Council for the funding to help support the back-to-school function at Prospect Park.

Adjourn 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Cephas:


Councilmembers:
