

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING January 27, 2020

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Cephas gave the opening prayer.

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

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

Approval of Minutes January 13, 2020 motion Cephas, second Murphy vote 4 in favor/0 opposed.

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry and Councilman Cummings recognized the members of the Hurlock Elementary School Safety Patrol and presented each with a certificate of recognition. They also presented a commendation to Dr. Yates of the school. Mayor Henry introduced Robert Bayliss who was hired as a Hurlock police officer. Mayor Henry then administered the Oath of Office and swore in Officer Bayliss. Mayor Henry introduced Cadet Brandon Lee who has just entered the police academy. There will be a ribbon cutting at C & J Market for their expanded product line January 29th at noon.

Public Works Report: Avery reported that the paving work is finished until spring. Railroad Ave. and Center St. are complete. The balance of the work will be completed when the asphalt plants reopen. He stated that a required wastewater capacity management plan has been completed. This plan is required by MDE once the wastewater plant reaches over 80% capacity. Avery said he received a call from someone who is interested in having a snow cone type stand in town. This should come under a food truck ordinance. Delmarva Power is not allowing anything to be put on their poles anymore. Existing Christmas lights can remain, new ones can't

be added on other poles, however. Cephas asked about the Enterprise Zone renewal, Avery said he has just started working on the renewal and should have it complete within a couple of months.

Police Report – Chief Jones gave his report and said that the 2 recruits are doing well in the academy so far.

Fire Department – Newly elected Chief Billy Coulbourn introduced himself and the 3 assistant chiefs. Their banquet is tentatively scheduled for April 18th. Asst. Chief R. J. Helmer said they have a good stock of smoke detectors that are available at no cost.

Old Business: Avery said the Audit is finished and is scheduled to be presented to the Council February 10th. Mayor Henry said he would like to have a work session February 10th after the regular meeting. The topics would include consideration of the food truck ordinance and the Mayor’s proposed 5-year plan.

New Business: Avery said the Enernoc Contract is up for renewal. The company is now Enel X. The contract is to allow the wastewater plant generator to be used during extremely high demand times. This has only happened once during the past 5-year contract period. The Town has been paid over \$50,000 during the last period, the estimated amount is around \$70,000 for the next 5 years. **Motion to approve the renewal by Cephas, second Murphy, passed 4 in favor/0 opposed.** Mayor Henry stated that he was just notified that the Town was awarded a \$2,453 Heritage Area Grant. The grant is a 50/50 matching grant and is to be used for display cabinets for the train station.

Comments: Cephas said he recently toured MaryMed along with Chief Jones and said how impressed he is with the facility. Cummings congratulated Chief Coulbourn and the new asst. chiefs. Murphy commented on the Chamber of Commerce dinner. He said Cambridge is to get \$52m in grant funds and hopes that some of these funds will come to Hurlock. The Town needs sidewalks along Nealson St. and from Prospect Heights into town.

Public Comments: Monroe Quales invited everyone to the upcoming 16th annual Black List Awards at the Full Gospel Church. He asked when will reports be given on the drinking water. Avery said the reports are annual and are posted in the town office and on the website.

Adjourn 6:50 pm.

Approved in Open Session 2/10/2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Henry:


John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers: