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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING December 14, 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 December 11, 2020.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion Cummings, second Franz, vote 4/0. Cephas absent

Approval of Minutes – Open Session November 23, 2020 Motion Murphy/Franz, approved 4/0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Henry stated that the Christmas lighting judging will take place December 20th starting at 6pm. The deadline for letters in the Santa Mailbox is December 20th also. Proclamations were presented to four people recognizing them for their community involvement; Mr. J.C. Collins and Nick Cummings for contributing and building Blessing Boxes to help supply people in the community with food, Mr. Clarence Thomas for his 25 years of service to Dorchester County Schools and Ms. Cindy Brewer who made and donated close to 600 face masks for first responders. The proclamations were presented by Mayor Henry and Councilmember Cummings.

Police Report – Chief Jones read the monthly report which is attached. He said that face masks are making it difficult to identify people when a crime is committed.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that he received a letter from the attorneys that were representing Hurlock in its opioid lawsuit. Their letter said that they are terminating their representation because they did not find enough support to warrant continuing the suit.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken described Ordinance 2020-11 to abandon two paper streets on the property adjoining Amick's processing plant. The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Cephas; **Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11 by Murphy, second by Cummings, vote 4 in favor 0 opposed.**

New Business: Avery described the 3 bids that were received for the wall repairs on the library. The lowest bidder was Brooks Home Improvements for \$43,076.64 for Options A and B. Murphy asked if all the bids were qualified, Avery answered yes, they were. **Murphy motion to award the contract to Brooks Home Improvements for both sections of the contract, second Cummings, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

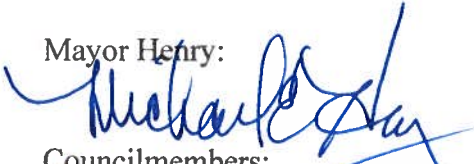
Attorney Merriken described Resolution's 2020-13 and 2020-14 which are required for the energy grant that was awarded to the town for replacement of three heat pumps. The Resolutions are a commitment by the town to reduce overall electric consumption. **Motion to approve both Resolution 2020-13 and 2020-14 by Murphy, second Truxon, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Comments – The Council wished everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

6:28 Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:
