

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING February 24, 2020

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes February 10, 2020 motion Murphy, second Truxon vote 4 in favor/0 opposed.

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry presented a Proclamation to Jaheim Copper who scored over 1000 points for basketball at North Dorchester High School.

Public Works Report: Avery reported that an inspection on the town's two main wells has been completed and no required maintenance items were noted. He reported on the progress of the mural and awnings for the façade project. The awning installation is out for bid.

Police Report – Chief Jones gave his report and said that a burglary on Wrights Ave. is still under investigation. There were 689 calls for service in January. New officer Bayliss is outstanding and the 2 recruits are doing well.

Fire Department –Chief Billy Coulbourne said that there have been 21 calls for service this month so far. There will be a free Easter Egg hunt at the Elementary School April 11th.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken redrafted the Food Truck Ordinance 2020-1 making the

changes the Council agreed on at the last work session. It was introduced by Councilmember Murphy. Councilman Cephas said he has some changes. Cephas spoke on some legislative updates, there are over 60 proposed bills that could affect towns. Hurlock should have a "sister city" relationship with East New Market and Secretary.

New Business: Cephas stated we should have another workshop to develop the 5-year plan. Hurlock should have measures and strategies to build business and the town. Attorney Merriken described the need for an Ordinance to adopt the 2018 IECC code. Cephas said he would introduce Ordinance 2020-2 adopting the code.

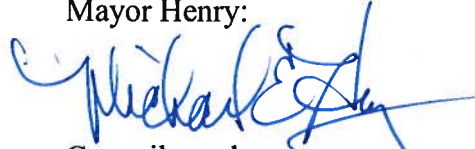
Comments: Councilmember Franz said she is ready for movie night and is looking forward to the weather change. Cephas spoke on things that could be catastrophic for students and teachers. There should be a grant available for safety of the schools. He questioned cyber security issues and whether the County will still collect our taxes. Councilman Murphy spoke on the LESMA dinner of Feb 20th and the North Dorchester Coalition. He hopes we can tap into some of the \$52M the County is receiving in grant funds. He spoke on possibly putting the Lions Club Veterans banners in the rear of the Memorial Park.

Public Comments: Monroe Quales asked if training will be available for Ethics Commission members. Cephas said we will check with MML to see if there is specific training offered. County Councilman Pfeffer said the county members do not have any formal training. Attorney Merriken said he has found no training that is offered. The Star Democrat reporter applauded that Council and said they are doing a good job.

Adjourn 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:
