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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING January 11, 2021

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 January 8, 2021.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

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

Approval of Minutes – Open Session December 14, 2020 Motion Murphy/Truxon, approved 4/0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Henry declared a moment of silence for respect to Councilmember Franz daughter, Crissy, who recently passed away. Mayor Henry and Chief Jones presented two officers with awards recognizing them for outstanding service. Officer Richard Bayliss was recognized for saving the life of an individual after responding to a call for a potential suicide. Corporal Mathew Mitton was recognized by MADD for his work to limit drunk driving.

Police Report – Chief Jones read the monthly report which is attached.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that the train station work has been completed. Pacing of Mill and Gay Streets will be done as soon as the weather permits. The audit work is being completed and tentatively due to be presented to the Council during the February 8th meeting. Avery thanked the Council for the Building Permit Ordinance 2020-8; the ordinance has already helped with the collection of water bills. Avery presented a Treasurers Report for December 2020. Avery asked to have the January 25th meeting be a work session to discuss amendments to the Employee Policy, grant writer and other items. Avery said he again spoke to the County Health Officer and was told that the Health Department is acquiring trailers to be used for mobile testing sites. Testing should be scheduled in North County after their acquisition.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken described **Resolution 2021-1 extending the Emergency Declaration for**

COVID-19 until March 31, 2021. Motion to approve Murphy, second Cummings, vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Cephas' request to talk about a grant writer was deferred to the January 25th work session.

New Business: Cephas spoke on economic development and the need to everything possible to make downtown more suitable for businesses and residents. He said he has worked with Ministers and Citizens to develop a community needs survey. There is a big need for affordable housing. He wants to do a power point presentation to show the benefits. He is asking the Council for support. He wants to see the town grow.

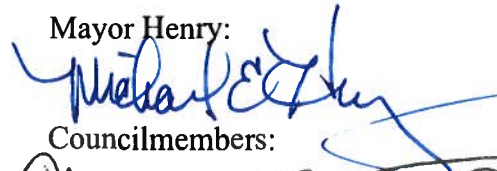
Comments – Cephas said the U.S. has been turned upside down with hate. We have come a long way but there is still a long way to go. Murphy asked about the work on the library, Avery answered the work is going ahead. Murphy commented that the Memorial Park needs better lighting.

6:35 Motion to Adjourn.


Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

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