

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING September 23, 2019

6:30 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Dickerson

Roll call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, Cummings, Franz, Mayor Henry and Manager Avery.
Absent: R. Murphy and Rev. Cephas

Approval of Agenda: Motion Cummings, second Franz, approved 3/0

Approval of Minutes: Open Session Sept. 9, 2019 – Motion E. Murphy, second Cummings, approved 3/0.
Work Session Sept. 9, 2019 – Motion E. Murphy, second Franz, approved 3/0.
Closed Session Sept. 9, 2019 – Motion E. Murphy, second Cummings, approved 3/0

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry said that former Mayor Spratt resigned her position on the Heart of Chesapeake Board and he has been asked to take her place. Motion by E. Murphy for Mayor Henry to assume the position, second by Cummings, passed 3/0.

Agenda Requests: Mr. Scott Thibault from Delmarva Power gave a presentation on energy saving programs. They have programs for all types of businesses. Energy checks can be done at no cost.

Police Report: Report is attached.

Fire Department: No report.

Public Works: Avery's report included rail crossing work has been completed. Catch basin work is being finished, work will total apx. \$45,000. Watermain work is in progress. Fall cleanup went very well but consideration should be given to limiting free spring and fall pickup's to outside refuse only. A lot of interior items, including furniture are now being put out for pickup. National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded a \$22,000 grant to help with the Train Station roof replacement.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Jones described the need for an across the board increase in patrol officer's salaries. They would need a \$5,000 annual increase to be comparable with surrounding jurisdictions. **Motion to approve \$5,000 annual increase Cummings, second E. Murphy, passed 3/0.**

Council Comments: Cummings said the Principal of Hurlock Elementary School would like the Council to approve the School Safety Program for another year. E. Murphy suicide walk raised over \$3,500 and they are still accepting donations. He is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas Parade. Franz is working on the movie night and music in the park will be next year.

Public Comments: Re. Dickerson thanked the Town for fall cleanup.

Adjourned at approximately 7:30

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:

