

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING MARCH 13, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the Open Session Meeting of March 13, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Hurlock Town Office on Charles Street in Hurlock, MD. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Hurlock Chief of Police, Les Hutton gave the opening prayer. The roll call was taken, and those in attendance were: Councilmembers Russell Murphy, Earl Murphy, Jerry Rhue, Bonnie Franz, Charles Cephas, Mayor Spratt, Town Attorney Robert Merriken and Town Administrator/Clerk John Avery.

Councilman JerryRhue made a Motion to approve the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Charles Cephas. With all in favor and no one opposed the Motion to approve the Agenda was passed and carried with a vote of 5-0.

The minutes for the February 27, 2017 meeting were presented. Councilwoman Bonnie Franz made a Motion to approve the minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Jerry Rhue. Councilman Earl Murphy opposed the Motion to Approve the Minutes. With four in favor and one opposed, the Motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017 was passed and carried with a vote of 4-1.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Spratt announced that Terri Era's husband had suffered a heart attack. He had surgery with a stent inserted and is doing well.

The Mayor asked Councilman Russell Murphy to excuse himself and described a planned fund raiser being held for him to help with costs incurred from his cancer. It will be held at the East New Market Fire House on May 21, 2017.

Mr. Frank Fraley presented an update on the Veteran's Memorial Park. He stated he is redesigning the memorial so it can be moved closer to the front. Mr. Fraley commented that it is taking a long time to demolish the houses on Main St. Administrator Avery described the how lengthy the process is because of the Maryland Historic Trust requirements.

Councilman Earl Murphy stated that the High School Play, Les Miserable was amazing. He asked the residents to please take a few moments to find out what is going on in and around the Town.

Councilman Charles Cephas said he would like to see the Office of Mayor move from a part-time position to a full time position. He would like to look at the Charter on how the council operates. Councilman Cephas said he is looking at years ahead. He felt we need to cause a sense of greatness in the Town. He said the Council should make history this year.

Public Comments – Mr. Michael Henry asked about clarification on the Historic District.

Ms. Patricia Finley thanked Councilman Earl Murphy and Councilwoman Franz for coming to the workshop with the Downtown Committee. She stated she does not understand why the Council will not include funds for the Downtown Committee in the budget.

Reverend Dickerson spoke about how people should not be interrupted when they are speaking, he felt it causes confusion.

Mr. Frank Fraley stated what a wonderful job the Hurlock Fire Department did at the fire at the Fooks building. He apologized if he caused any unnecessary pressure regarding tearing houses down.

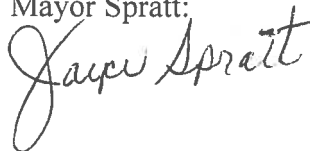
With no further business or discussion, the Open Session meeting of March 13, 2017 was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectively submitted,



John Avery
Administrator
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: Mayor Spratt:



Councilmembers:

