

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING December 10, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Chief gave the opening prayer.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: November 26, 2018 Open Session – Franz/R. Murphy, approved 4/0

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Henry spoke on the last county council meeting and the swearing in of Hurlock's new representative, Lenny Pfeffer. There is an upcoming meeting with the Mayors of Secretary, East new Market and Hurlock to discuss common goals with Senator Eckardt and Delegate's Mautz, Adams and Hughes. The Mayor thanked all that were involved with the gas leak at the Amick hatchery. The incident was handled very professionally and efficiently. Pizza Palace had a small ceremony to celebrate their new beer and wine license along with a new menu. Mayor Henry said the Christmas Parade was wonderful and thanked everyone involved.

**Public Works Report:** Avery reported that Schummer Inc. is finishing up the road work for the force main project and should be completed within the next 2 weeks. Earl Murphy thanked Public Works for the cleanup after the parade.

**Police Department Report:** Chief Hutton stated an arrest had been made in the Food Rite break in and the case is closed. Officers Mitton and Cullins were recognized by MADD for their work in decreasing DUI's. There were no reported incidents during the Christmas Parade. There has been no success in hiring yet, they are trying to get a certified officer.

**Old Business:** Cederic Turner explained a request from the Hurlock Downtown Committee for reimbursement for T-shirts and the rental of popcorn and cotton candy machines. These were used during the Christmas

Parade. Councilman Cephias clarified that the invoice from "Cephias" is not from him. Cephias excluded himself from any discussion on that topic. Councilman E. Murphy said they should bring in ideas before incurring the cost. Motion by E. Murphy to approve the request, second by Franz. Avery said that expenses should be for development of downtown. Vote to reimburse:

R. Murphy	Aye
Franz	Aye
E. Murphy	Aye
Cephias	Abstain

Mayor Henry explained the idea of a moratorium of food truck permits until the findings of the Baltimore case are in. Motion to approve a moratorium against issuing food truck permits with the exception of special events by Cephias second by E. Murphy; passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Council Comments: Cephias congratulated Dor. Co. Councilmember Lenny Pfeffer. Community for a youth center will meet with USDA to see if funding would be available and move forward from there. It is deemed as a 5-year goal. He hopes for community and business involvement. The meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Full Gospel Church at 6pm. Social Services have had a presence in town to aid citizens.

R. Murphy said he has heard good comments on the Christmas Parade. He recognized the amount of work that went into the planning and preparation. He commented on the Christmas lighting contest that is coming up.

Franz said the coat drive was a success again and David Andrews bought new clothes to donate to the cause.

E. Murphy said Cookies with Santa at the fire department was great. The Festival of Trees will take place at the fire department Saturday. He thanked everyone that hand made over 100 decorations for the Whitely Christmas Tree.

Mayor Henry announced that there will not be a Town Meeting December 24<sup>th</sup>.

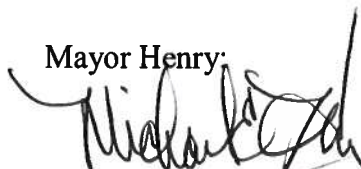
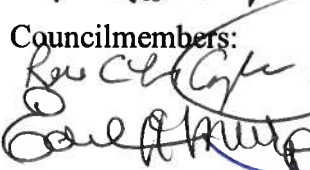

Public Comments: Cederic Turner said there will be a public awareness meeting regarding opioid abuse at Full Gospel Church.

Lenny Pfeffer has no report from the County Council at this time and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjourn 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
John Avery  
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:  
  
Councilmembers:  
  
  
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