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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING November 26, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion E. Murphy, second Cephas, approved 5/0

Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2018 Open Session – Cephas/E. Murphy, approved 5/0

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry spoke on how safe this year's Halloween was and the idea of changing the town elections to coincide with the state elections. This could be a cost saving measure. Attorney Merriken said after talking to the state election attorney he found out that piggy backing on state ballots would be considerably more expensive. Cephas said he had no problem changing the election dates so long as no changes were made to the districts. Mayor Henry said he thought this could be a cost savings but not if it would cost 3 times as much.

The Christmas Parade is December 8th at 5pm and we are looking for volunteers. There will be a tree lighting following the parade by the train station.

Agenda Request: Mayor Henry introduced Sherriff Phillips and Mr. Bill Christopher from the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce that spoke on the Dorchester County Going Purple campaign. The campaign was for substance abuse awareness and had a lot of good responses. T shirts, flyers, wrist bands were used to make people aware of the substance abuse problem and to make them aware of programs that are available to help with interdiction. A former pro

basketball player is scheduled to make presentations at both county high schools. They will get help for people that need it. There has been a phenomenal response from people so far.

Mayor Henry introduced Mr. Lenny Pfeffer who was elected to the Dorchester County Council who will represent the Hurlock area.

Police Department Report: Chief Hutton stated that there had been 2 assaults, with arrests, 4 thefts, 1 overdose and one disorderly incident since the last meeting. Officers Mitten and Cullens will be recognized on December 7th by MADD for their work to reduce driving under the influence.

Fire Department Report: The fire department has responded to 267 calls so far this year that have involved at least one fire truck. They will hold a Festival of Trees December 15th with a live auction, the proceeds will go to the fire department. Wreaths Across America raised enough to put a wreath on every marker at the Veterans Cemetery.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that the force main connection was made Oct. 28th and is functioning perfectly. Preparations are being made for winter, snow plows prepped etc.

Old Business: Councilman Cephas said the Council should have a workshop to look at stormwater and wastewater issues. We have to look at financing and be able to grow. Cephas suggested looking into an upgrade of the Library.

Council Comments: E. Murphy said we should have a workshop to look at updating the Charter. He thanked Avery for arranging the Veterans Day Service at the Memorial Park. Cephas talked about a Community Needs Survey that he would like to have done by Valentines Day. Russ Murphy said the Christmas Lighting Contest judging will be December 16th beginning at 7pm. Cummings said he would not be at the December 10th meeting and spoke on measures combating cyber bullying. Franz said the coat drive is going well, the give away will be December 1st from 9am to noon.

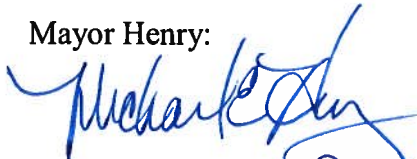
Public Comments: Jack Lewis said that the Christmas snow flake lights that have been put up so far look good and asked when the rest would be put up? Avery answered that all the lights that have ever been put up are up.

Adjourn 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Administrator

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

