

# The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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## MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING October 22, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer – Rev. Dickerson 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: October 8, 2018 Open Session – R. Murphy/Franz, approved 4/0

Mayors Report: Fall Fest was a huge success, we are now into planning for the Christmas Parade Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> with a tree lighting at the train station following the parade. The Mayor met with SHA at their annual meeting. He asked to have the speed reduced on Main St. to 25MPH and requested the state to take over Neelson St. Trunk or Treat will be at the fire house Oct. 27 from 12 to 2pm. A Veterans Day Service is being planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Park.

Agenda Request: Ms. Joyce Stancell is requesting a vendor's permit to sell personal household items. This is to take place on the Church property at 202 Academy St. She has signed permission from the Church to use their property. Motion to approve application by Cephas/second E. Murphy, vote 4 for 0 opposed.

Fire Department Report: The fire department has responded to 231 calls so far this year that have involved at least one fire truck. Time change is the first weekend in November, batteries should be changed in smoke detectors then. Family bingo every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. The ambulance should be back in service by the first of the year.

Police Department Report: Fall Fest went very well, there were no issues. Fireworks were a big success.

Public Works Report – Avery reported that the force main connection was delayed due to weather. It is rescheduled for Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Fall clean up went well with 7 or 8 dumpsters removed on Saturday. Councilman Cephas asked if Amick has had any discharge violations? Avery answered not on a routine basis, only occasionally and those are minor.

Cephas asked Chief Trego if the 5 corners intersection needs a traffic light? Chief Hutton answered that there are not enough documented accidents to warrant a traffic light there. Chief Trego said that traffic circles are big now.

New Business: Councilman Cephas said the town should consider looking at an employee engagement policy, make employee's part of the team. Implement a grade system and should look at updating the Charter and Employee Handbook.

Council Comments: Cephas said there is a bill in the state legislature to make cell phone providers pay to have their antennas on others poles.

E. Murphy stated that most of the HUR funds are now being restored. Beware of candidates that you vote for. He said that marshmallows at the Murphy's can't be done without the volunteers that help them.

Councilwoman Franz said that it is coat drive time, please include hats and gloves etc. as well. Giveaway will be December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Percy Dean will be 100 Wednesday.

R. Murphy said that Councilman Cumming asked him to say that he was sorry he could not be at tonight's meeting. He asked that people have an educated opinion when they vote.

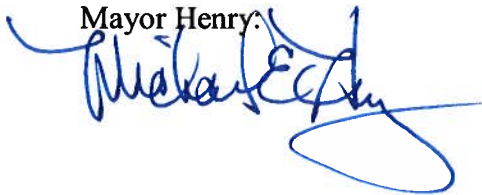
Public Comments: Monroe Quales said that the Ethics Commission members need training. There should be training available for members of all the commissions. There will be ethics training scheduled for next summers MML Conference. Attorney Merriken will look into this.

Jack Lewis made a suggestion to sweep one side of the streets on one day and the other side the next day. People would be able to move their cars that way.

A motion was made and passed to cancel the meeting scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> as it is Veterans Day.


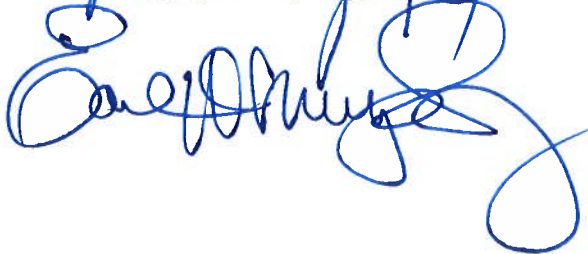
Adjourn 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Henry:  


  
John Avery  
Town Administrator

Councilmembers:

  
Bonnie  
Rev. Charles Cepko  
Charles A  
Russell C  
  
Earl