

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING October 23, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Spratt called the Open Session Meeting of October 23, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer: Rev. Cephas

Roll call, present: Councilmembers Rhue, R. Murphy, E. Murphy, and Rev. Cephas
Mayor Spratt
Attorney Merriken
Administrator/Clerk Avery

Approval of Agenda: Rhue/R. Murphy, vote 4 for/0 opposed

Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2017 - E. Murphy/Cephas, vote 4 for/0 opposed.

New Business: Administrator Avery explained an application for subdivision was submitted by McAllister, Detar, Showalter & Walker for Perdue Grain & Oilseed LLC. Mr. McAllister explained that Perdue's two lot Subdivision is for tax purposes and involves no change of use or structures on their grain processing property at 37 Delaware Ave. Council approval is required for water and sewer allocations. There is no proposed change in the water and sewer allocation for the property. Councilman Cephas stated that this will be a plus for the Town, this is how the Town will grow. Councilman Cephas motioned to approve, for public works purposes, the Subdivision Application. With a second by Councilman Rhue and a vote of 4 in favor and no opposed the motion passed. The application will be forwarded to Planning and Zoning.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Spratt commented on the lack of pictures in the papers for Fall Fest. She talked to Ms. Susan Bautz regarding the lack of coverage. The decision on the Medical Center has not been made, it is still in the works. Don't give up yet. The Christian Concert in Cambridge last Saturday was wonderful. Halloween is next Tuesday; the Fire Department is

doing Trunk or Treat Saturday. The granite panels have been installed in the wall in the Memorial Park today. Cleanup day is Nov. 4th volunteers will be out to pick trash in Town. The Mayor met some people in Federalsburg that do power washing, they will meet with us on donating time to do houses in Town. They like to give back to the community.

Department Reports: Chief Hutton's report included 1 breaking & entering, 1 theft at Family Dollar and 1 DWI. Chief reminded people to beware on Halloween. The police have increased patrols in Woodsedge. The Fire Department submitted a written report.

Agenda Requests: The Mayor introduced Ms. Amy Cyr who spoke on the Hurlock going Purple Committee, she is looking for volunteers to help. There have been many overdoses, she said awareness works. They do drug education. The amount of drugs in the Middle School is terrifying.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken circulated draft changes to the Ethics Ordinance required by the State to the Council. The attorney explained a number of changes. Councilman Cephas motioned to forward the changes to the State, Bob said no vote is necessary. The Consensus of the Council was to forward the proposed changes for approval, they could then be adopted by the Council by Ordinance.

Councilman Cephas said he hoped we will move forward with a public-address system for the meeting room. He said he would like to move forward to change to a weak mayor system with a Town Manager. He would like to hear the input of the citizens. He also wants to go back and look at curfews. The Town is growing and he wants to look at the Charter and Employee Handbook.

There were no public or Council comments.

Motion to adjourn by Rhue/Cephas - 7:42

Jaye Sprat
Jelly
Earl Hurd
Bonnie Day
Russell
Rev. Charles T. Cephas