

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING September 24, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry.

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion R. Murphy second Franz, approved 5/0.

Approval of Minutes:

September 10, 2018 Open Session - E. Murphy/Cummings, vote 5 for/0 opposed.

Mayors Report: Councilmember Franz gave a report on the movie night; it was attended by about 100 people, there was no trouble or trash left behind it was a great night. Councilman Earl Murphy spoke on the plans for Fall Fest; little miss and mister contest is still planned. There are more activities than last year. There will be fireworks after dusk. Announcement the Town Office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day. A motion was made to cancel the meeting scheduled for October 8th by Councilman E. Murphy and have a work session instead on October 15th. Seconded by Cephas passed 5 in favor/0 opposed. Mayor Henry read a notice from County Councilman Rick Price that there will be a public meeting of the County Council to discuss the vertical expansion of the county landfill October 17th.

Avery gave a public works report;

Force main replacement is about 75% done with a hook up date of Oct 21 or 28th

Library roof will be replaced when weather permits

The Hurlock Legion has donated \$4,000 to install irrigation in the Memorial Park

Fall Clean Up and Shred Day postponed until September 29th

Avery contacted the county over drainage issues and a dead tree over hanging Jackson St. that are in the county.

HUR revenue will increase to \$114,917.71 in 2020

Chief Hutton reported that there were 621 calls in August and 11,219 to date in 2018. The rest of his report is attached. He thanked Mr. Eddie Powell and his daughter for the use of their property for the fireworks. The best place to see them is from the ball fields.

Old Business: Councilman Cephas thanked Avery for the employee appreciation lunch/crab feast and spoke on stormwater needs, we need to be proactive. Cederic Turner stated that Ministers and Citizens had a meeting to discuss the needs for a community center. They are asking for support from the Mayor and Council. Their next meeting is October 18th at 6:00 pm. They are interested in the church at 309 S. Main St. and looking for funding.

Avery gave a brief update on the charging station project; he and Councilman Cummings are to meet with the supplier. Avery also gave a brief update on priorities of infrastructure work.

Attorney Merriken explained the need to change the Town Resident Agent to Mayor Henry by Resolution 2018-1. Motion was made by E. Murphy to name Mayor Henry as Resident Agent, second by Franz. Under discussion Cephas asked could the town attorney be the Resident Agent? Following some discussion, a roll call vote was taken:


R. Murphy	Aye
Cummings	Aye
Franz	Aye
E. Murphy	Aye
Cephas	Nay

Council Comments: R. Murphy thanked Franz for the movie night. He mentioned the LESMA meeting in Crisfield and said the town will be represented. Cummings contacted the High School about having youth involved in local government. Thanked the people that came out for the Suicide Walk. E. Murphy thanked the Chief for the Cristian Concert. The Chief said it is the third year for the concert and is totally free. It is October 28th at 1 pm at Sailwinds Park.

Public Comments: Ms. Patty Estridge said there should be signs at Fall Fest for parking areas. Rev. Bovanovich asked the council how can we increase participation in the town? Mr. Lee Davis spoke on where the stormwater goes and that a lot of the problem is out side the town limits. Mr. Paul Grahe spoke on the amount of water that was flowing over Rt. 331 during the past heavy rain, also the side of the stormwater pond at Woodsedge is to low.

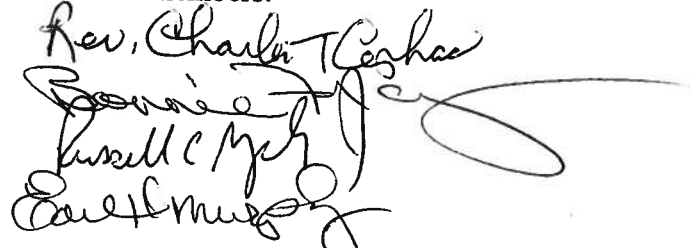
Adjourn: 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:



CRIMINAL HOMICIDE –

RAPE –

ROBBERY –

ASSAULT –

BURGLARY – 1

107 Andrews St – Open – Car Parts

LARCENY/THEFT – 4

Family Dollar – closed w/Criminal Citation

201 Broad St – Open – Propane Heaters

Goose Creek – Open

103 Broad St – Open - Cash

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT –

1-K9 Scan (1-Nothing

2- Possession of Marijuana under 10 grams – Civil Citation

1-Overdose

2- Possession of Marijuana OVER 10 grams – Arrest (1-14 grams; 1-156 grams)

1- Handgun on Person/Vehicle – Arrest

1- Possession of Fetanyl – Charges pending

Sept 721 calls for service