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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING June 25, 2018

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Henry.

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: May 29, 2018 motion R. Murphy second Franz, approved 5/0

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry spoke on the MML Conference and the fact that the entire council was present. Mayor Henry said the meeting with Governor Hogan at Amick and the Freedom Shrine went very well. Mayor Henry called on Chief Hutton to introduce Stewart German and then swore him in as a Hurlock Police Officer. He retired from Baltimore. Mayor Henry then swore in John Avery as the first Hurlock Town Manager.

Agenda Request: Mr. Kenny Walton spoke on the Suicide Prevention Awareness program and asked for permission to hold the 3rd Prevention Walk in town September 22nd from 1 to 6 pm. The walk will start at the Pavilion go to the end of town and return. **Motion to allow by E. Murphy second by Cephas, approved 5/0.**

Public Works Report – Avery described a side arm mower attachment for the John Deere tractor. It would be used for mowing ditches that typically have to be done with weed eaters. **Motion to purchase at \$8,300 by E. Murphy second Franz, approved 5/0.** Avery said now that the town has hired an additional officer the department is short a vehicle and recommended the purchase of a new police equipped Ford Explorer at \$35,000. **It could be done under this year's budget and could be retro actively funded by USDA if the vehicle grant application is approved. Motion to purchase by Cephas second by E. Murphy approved 5/0.**

Avery spoke on permit applications from two mobile food business' that wish to operate in the town. Mr. Jim

Chaney from C & J Market talked about his business & other food business and he feels that food trucks will impose on his business and other food businesses in town. He thinks it should not be allowed. He pays property taxes and invested \$200,000 in his business. E. Murphy said that Jim Chaney called him the first day the other food vendor was open. He said he can not approve the other applications tonight. Cephas said that business is about competition. A decision should be made on what to allow or not to allow in town. The town is getting ready to start growing. E. Murphy said we need to make sure the businesses we have survive. Mayor Henry asked to table the discussion. R. Murphy said we need to be careful of the stores in town. Avery called for a work session July 2nd at 6 pm for further discussion.

Police Report: Chief Hutton gave a brief report stating that there was one assault call that was closed with an arrest and one burglary call that has been closed by arrest as well.

Old Business: E. Murphy spoke on his suggestion for a power point system which includes 4 monitors. Avery said that it was not to be included with the PA system, it has to be a system of its own. R. Murphy spoke on the need for walk along Railroad Ave. and fund by a grant if possible.

New Business: Councilman Cummings spoke on meeting with the public schools to get a football team at North Dorchester High School. The superintendent is in support of the idea however a football program would be expensive. Cephas said this council went to MML to work not for vacation. You get to network with other towns. Cephas spoke on the need for another grocery store, the ground work has to be done.

Council Comments: Councilwoman Franz said don't forget to vote tomorrow. Cummings commented on the "look up look out" campaign, more than 100 pedestrians are killed in Maryland each year. Tri-City All Stars starts this week. R. Murphy commented on the HVFD 12 Days of Christmas in July. E. Murphy said please lookout for your neighbors. He found a neighbor dead and thanked Det. Garvey for his help.

Public Comments: Paul Grahe stated his concerns for the storm drains in Woodsedge and the need for speed bumps and a security camera. Avery explained that if speed bumps are installed it would be done when a paving contractor is doing road work for the town. Security cameras have been looked into and found to be very expensive. He complained about the work that was done on the Jackson Street storm water ditch, Avery explained the work has not been completed due the ditches being so wet. He continued to complain.

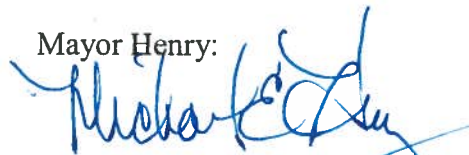
Adjourn 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery
Town Manager

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

