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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING July 9, 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, Cummings, R. Murphy, Franz and Rev. Cephas, Mayor Henry, Attorney Merriken and Manager Avery

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

Approval of Minutes:

June 25, 2018 Open Session – Franz/Cummings, vote 5 for/0 opposed.

July 2, 2018 Work Session – E. Murphy/Franz 5 for/0 opposed.

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry said that he, Cephas and Avery met with Dorchester Co. manager Goldman and representatives of the County Council for the quarterly meeting, also met with Amanda Fenstermaker, tourism director. Mayor Henry announced there will be a work session July 16th to develop plans for an expansion of the N. Main St. Park. Mayor Henry read a letter from County Councilmember Rick Price. Governor Hogan is having a public meeting in Cambridge at the American Legion Post 91 July 31 at 6 pm.

Public Works Report – Avery gave a brief report.

Police Report: Chief Hutton gave a brief report stating that calls for the period of June 25th to July 9th included 2 thefts one of which has been closed and a few misdemeanors.

Old Business: Avery explained the bids that were received for the force main replacement. The low bidder is Schummer Inc. from Mayo, MD. His references have been checked and comes

highly recommended. Davis, Bowen and Friedel forwarded a letter recommending awarding the bid to Schummer, Inc. A motion was made by Councilman E. Murphy and seconded by Cummings to award the force main replacement contract to Schummer, Inc. in the amount of \$670,912. The motion passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Mayor Henry asked for a vote to continue discussion on food trucks and if so to have a work session to work out the details at a later date. He said what was heard was the issue was not so much about competition but about the taxes that are paid. Cephias agreed that discussion should be continued at a work session. They could set up and not interfere with the current businesses. We should be fair and objective. E. Murphy said the council should look deeper into their decision. Motion to continue discussion at a work session by Cephias/Cummings, 5 for 0 opposed.

Mayor Henry proposed Gary Henry, Amber Truxon, Lisa Bayliss, J.C. Collins and David Higgins be appointed as Board of Appeals members. Cephias suggested Cederick Turner be considered as well. Attorney Merriken said the Chairman is chosen by the Board. Motion to appoint the named individuals, with Cederick Turner as alternate, was made by Cephias, second by E. Murphy, vote 5 in favor 0 opposed. The members will be sworn in at the next town meeting.

New Business: Following a question as to whether or not to keep the Christmas Parade at night the council agreed to keep the parade at night for this year.

Council Comments: R. Murphy said that breakfasts and lunches began at the school. Christmas in July will start for the fire department. Cummings commented that Tri-City Little League will be hosting a tournament at the Hurlock ball fields next week. E. Murphy said to beware of neighbors and check in on them.

Councilman Cephias said we need to start looking at the employee manual and council salaries. If Hurlock is to grow we have to have a 360-degree approach. He thanked Councilman Price for the 12 years he has given the County.

Public Comments: There was a question about the dog that has reportedly bitten people, Chief Hutton said that the issue is being handled by Animal Control. The dog is to be picked up. There was a concern mentioned about speeding on Broad St. Lee Davis questioned "are we going to let businesses be like gangs". It is about competition, we can't let businesses dictate what is done.

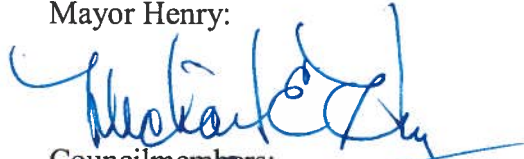
Cederick Turner said that the next Downtown Committee meeting is the 17th at 6:30 at Pizza Palace. Monroe Quailles said he and Cephias have tried for years to bring a competitive food store to town. An out of town resident commented that food trucks won't hurt other businesses, the council should get involved.

Adjourn 7:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:


John Avery
Town Administrator

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

