

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING May 29, 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, R. Murphy, Franz 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 14, 2018 Open Session – R. Murphy/E. Murphy vote 4 for/0 opposed

May 14, 2018 Closed Session – E. Murphy/Franz vote 4 for/0 opposed

Mayors Report: Mayor Henry said that the Memorial Day Service was great. It was a very nice service. The next Town Meeting will be June 25, 2018 due to the MML Conference is the week of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Agenda Request: Ms. Amy Craig and Cindy Smith described the Snip/Tuck program for spay and neutering feral cats. This is the 10th year of their program. Their program is a volunteer organization and has now serviced over 8400 cats. The feral cat problem is not local it is an international problem. The town has donated to the program in the past. Snip/Tuck is having a fund raiser the next Saturday.

Public Works Report – Avery said that storm water ditches are scheduled to be cleaned.

Police Report: Chief Hutton gave a brief report stating that the calls from May 15 until May 29

there was one theft reported that was a minor amount. There were 923 calls for service in May.

Old Business: Attorney Merriken explained the process to select a town manager that is required by Resolution 2018-4. A search committee needs to be appointed by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council can appoint themselves as the committee. The desire is to appoint Mr. Avery as the first town manager. Mayor Henry called for a motion to appoint John Avery as town manager with the term of service to be at will. **Motion made by E. Murphy, second by R. Murphy. Roll Call vote:**

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

New Business: Mayor Henry said he would like to appoint a Board of Directors to study and develop ideas for a museum. He would call for volunteers; the Council stated their support for the idea.

Avery mentioned the need for Board of Appeals members. Avery also said that Litta-Bitta-Bull catering has applied for a license to operate in town. They would like to set up by Amick and by the Pavilion. Franz said that Amick would not allow them to use Amick's property. Cephas spoke on the use of town property by caterers during Fall Fest. Mayor Henry explained what their business entailed. **Councilman Cephas made a motion for them to set up on town property so long as they have insurance and Health Department certification, second by E. Murphy vote: R. Murphy, E. Murphy, Cephas Aye, Franz Nay.**

Council Comments: Councilman Cephas said Social Services was in town last Friday. Hurlock is a hub, it will be a growing service. It is a good thing.

Councilmember Franz said that Amick is looking for employees, they are hiring and will train.

Councilman R. Murphy said the Memorial Service was a great thing. 12 Days of Christmas in July is a fund raiser for the fire department and will be starting soon.

Councilman E. Murphy said school is almost out be careful for the youth. It was an honor to be at the 1st Memorial Service.

Councilman Cephas thanked Avery for all his service and everything that he does. The Memorial Day Service was awesome and thanked the Frayley's, also former Mayor Spratt for getting the park done. He is very disturbed with all the happenings in the School Board and the County Council. The County Council needs to give the School Board the funding they need. He would like to see a football program back in Hurlock, it is long overdue.

Public Comments: A resident said that Maryland has a lottery, those funds were supposed to go

to education. He asked why does the town need a manager? Questioned the speeding on Legion Drive and asked the police to help and said kids are out there playing.

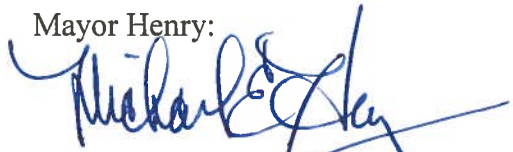
Adjourn 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery
Town Administrator

Mayor Henry:



Councilmembers:

