

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN SESSION MEETING September 10, 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, Rev. Cephas, and Franz; Attorney Merriken, Mayor Henry and Manager Avery

Approval of Agenda: Motion R. Murphy to approve, second Cephas, approved 5/0

Approval of Minutes: August 27, 2018 Open Session – Cephas/Franz, approved 5/0.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Henry introduced members and coaches from Tri City Little League. Commendations were given to the boys District 6 championship team and their coaches. They competed at the State level for the first time since 1991. The District 6 girls softball team won the Maryland State title and competed in Connecticut. They were presented commendations as well.

Mayor Henry said the town has partnered with Dorchester County on going purple in September to raise awareness for substance abuse. The town received a thank you letter for the donation to Wreaths Across America

Public Works Report – Avery reported that the force main project is about half done. Replacement of the train car floor is going forward. There will be a community shred day this year as well as Fall Clean Up. It is scheduled for the 15th. That may be postponed depending on the hurricane forecast.

Police Report: Chief Hutton reported there were a few minor arrests that included shoplifting

and a warrant served. Preparations are being made for Hurricane Florence, it has the potential to be a category 4 storm. There is a strong possibility of power outages, be prepared. EOC will be issuing daily updates.

Fire Chief Trego said stay informed.

Old Business: Councilman Cephas spoke on economic development and legislation regarding municipalities. The focus should be on retail stores, industries and affordable housing. These should bring more income into the town. There is a need for a community center and stormwater system upgrades.

Councilman Cephas made a **motion that the town have no interest in acquiring 309 S. Main St., second by Councilman E. Murphy. Vote 5 in favor 0 opposed.**

Council Comments: Cephas said he was glad to see Mayor Henry back. Earl Murphy said that Fall Fest is the first Saturday in October. Suicide walk is September 22nd. Franz said "Movie Night" is September 21st, 7:30 pm at the train station. The movie will be Coco. Cummings said he is working on having students sit in with the Councilmembers.

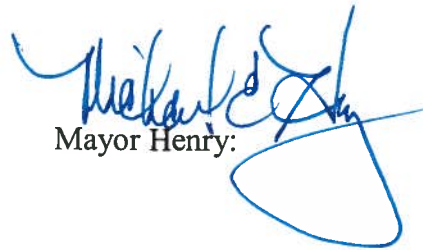
Public Comments: Jack Lewis raised some questions about code enforcement and said the town looks terrible. Avery stated that it has been very difficult keeping up with cutting of grass due to the large amount of rain that we have been getting. Avery also said it is difficult to enforce ordinances when some people have no respect for other people and just don't care.

Adjourn 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Avery
Town Administrator



Mayor Henry:

Councilmembers:

