

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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OPEN WORK SESSION JULY 2, 2018

6:00 pm – Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present were Councilmembers R. Murphy, Cummings, Franz, E. Murphy, Cephas, Mayor Henry, and Town Manager Avery.

First topic of business was discussion pertaining to applications that have been received for permits to operate food trucks in town. Mr. Stutman came to the meeting to hear what is being considered regarding food trucks. Mayor Henry explained the applications from two other food vendors and explained the draft of an ordinance that he has forwarded to the councilmembers that would regulate mobile food businesses. Jim Chaney spoke that it took him 3 years to get his business open and with a \$200,000 investment. He cited problems with parking issues, employee issues and the minimum wage going up. Food wagons have nothing at stake. They will take from all businesses. Food vendors do not help the established businesses. If they want to open a store than by all means do it. Food trucks are fly by night. Easton does not allow them. C & J Market spends a lot of money to stay here. They want to stay here and help the town. He said please don't hurt the other businesses.

Henry Van Dyke, Litta-Bitta-Bull barbecue, don't take away business at all, they are here only one day a week. Their unit cost \$50,000, they have an investment as well. They give back to the community. They have come to Hurlock with the intention of staying here. Food trucks are becoming more popular, they are in Salisbury. Peter Smith from Pete's Pityzza has experience and will bring it to Hurlock. Has anybody here had pizza logs. There is not a barbecue

establishment in Hurlock. People have said they want them here, they have competitive pricing. They are quality not roach coaches. They are approved and regulated by the health department. Their business is based out of Denton. Ms. Jean Wilson said there are 6 food businesses in Hurlock, how will Hurlock bring more business to town if there are not enough food businesses.

A resident from Woodsedge began to speak about crop dusting. Mayor Henry said that is not a topic that is on the agenda. Councilman Cephas said he has addressed this with the EPA and look further into it.

Mayor Henry said that the Council has the results of research that he has done on regulating food trucks. Cephas said some areas are erroneous. It is allowed to happen in areas that should be restricted and the number allowed in town should be restricted. He thinks their product is specialized. There is one grocery store, as the town grows there will be competition. It needs to be looked at long and hard. They will be a part of the town. E. Murphy said Litta-Bitta-Bull has leased the Capitol Meats building. They do truck and vehicle preparation. This is going to be a hard decision. R. Murphy said the town supports businesses He is opposed to other food truck businesses, Litta-Bitta-Bull yes, other food trucks no. We are a small town. Cephas said the town better start thinking about growth. Fair trade is profitable for everyone. Mayor Henry said this could not be voted on tonight.

Mayor Henry suggested David Higgins, Amber Truxon, Lisa Bayliss, Gary Henry and Karen Dyda be considered for the Board of Appeals. Cephas said he would like to see J. C. Collins on the Board. Avery said there can be an alternate.

Avery explained some ideas he has pertaining to health insurance and collecting of water & sewer bills. The proposed changes are attached.

Adjourn


Respectively Submitted:



John Avery
Town Manager



Mike Henry
Mayor



Councilmembers

