

## WORK SESSION

JULY 5, 2023

9:00 AM

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

1. Penny Hale spoke to the Council about the proposed rock Quarry that is to be on Pleasant Valley Rd in Talbot County, Ms. Hale expressed her opposition to the quarry and the unpredictable damage it could have not only on Rush Creek Reservoir, surrounding houses and wells that supply drinking water to the residents. After discussion of the quarry the council agreed to send a letter voicing their concerns if the quarry was approved.
2. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS-City Manager Pullium discussed the budget and budget adjustments with the city council. Mayor Pro Tem Pike suggested the city look into pay raise for the City Manager, Police and Fire. Better audio and TV's for the council chambers.
3. DISCUSSION OF WATER RATES-City Manager Pullium has been working on the new water rate study and hopes to have it ready for the August meeting. The rate study would not only include water & sewer rate increases but increases on the flat rate on the different size meters. Talbot County has a 6" meter and pays the same as a resident with a ¾ " meter.
4. OTHER ITEMS
  - a. Michael Shadix has agreed to be on the library board.
  - b. Bridge Dedication will be July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

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Judy Foster Pike, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Angel Fowler, City Clerk