

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Robert Ortman – present
JoAnn Hite – present
Rita Leiendecker - present
Jimmy Barber, Jr. – present
Garry Boring – present
Lowell Hite – present
Mary Boring – present
Aaron Reedy – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. No one was present. Mary announced to Council that we don't have to get permission to run water under the railroad track if we install our own water system.

Rita made a motion to approve the May 2012 meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the June 2, 2012 special meeting minutes. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive Council pay for the June 2, 2012 meeting. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell and JoAnn voting NO. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the May 2012 financial statement. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2012-10 - An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2010-14 and Establishing updated Guidelines and Procedures for the billing and collection of water and sewer fees and declaration of an emergency.

Second Reading of Resolution 2012-11 – A resolution to limit the time within all Village issued checks must be cashed.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was present, and submitted his report. Jim, Aaron and Jamie Carroll discussed an export issue with Emergidata, the ePCR software used by Thurston to submit patient care reports. Aaron said they have a problem with their back-end that they are working to resolve.

Jim said all the hydrants in the village were flushed today, except for the one at High St & Main St. due to construction in that area.

Mary said she's got new flags to give Jim to replace old flags around the Village.

Business from the Safety Committee – There was no business to discuss.

Business from the Service Committee – Garry made a motion to declare a nuisance and send a letter to Capital GC Properties about their blighted, abandoned, condemned property at 2231 Main St. (next to the

Municipal Building). Items that need removed/cleaned up include 3 boats, a box truck, tables, lumber, tire, old 55 gallon drums, high weeds, grass, etc. The building must also be secured because of the broken fence, windows and doors. Jimmy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Jim Hite said he's been working with the County on the hazards of the property. Mary said she's waiting to hear if there's any funds available to have it torn down. Aaron said the property is up for sale.

Garry made a motion to declare a nuisance and send a letter to the property owner of 2202 Main St. to have the rubbish removed and the weeds/lawn taken care of. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said there was nothing that concerned the Village.

Old Business –

Aaron said he sent nuisance letters out as requested last month. Capital GC Properties refused the letter. Jamie mowed that property at a cost of \$350. The other property took care of the lawn themselves.

New Business –

Aaron said there was a problem with the meter pits for utility acct # 238. Some and/or all of the pits are flooded when we have to read them. This takes time for the reader to have to pump them out. Council agreed the customer needed to keep them pumped out themselves. Council discussed the options. Garry made a motion to send a letter to the company instructing them that they must read their own meters from now on and report the readings to our office monthly. We will then periodically check the meters to verify usage. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron asked if Council wished to participate in the Regional Income Tax Agency's delinquency program. Aaron explained there are two parts; first the non-filer is sent a letter. Secondly, the non-filer is sent an administrative subpoena. Aaron read the letter from R.I.T.A. explaining the program to Council. Garry made a motion to participate in both parts(Letters and Administrative Subpoenas) of the R.I.T.A. delinquency program. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Becky Elam was present and wanted Council's approval to do a lot split on her property to "square-up" the property. Jimmy made a motion to allow the lot split for Becky Elam. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Mary asked for a 5-minute break so we could complete the paperwork for Becky. After roll call votes, all agreed.

Mary said utility account # 267 had a high bill in April. They found out in May they had a leak, and are just having it fixed today. Their bill for May was over \$300. They are asking council for a credit for water. No action was taken by Council.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Rita seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy