

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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. Mike Barber was present and wished to speak. He said the sidewalks look great in the Village. He's seen more people walking than ever before. He also said he wants to put a well in on his property. Council discussed and we're not sure that's allowed. Mary said we'll check with the solicitor to see if it's okay, and what needs to be done.

Another resident was present and wished to remain anonymous. She was complaining about her neighbor's property (8171 High St.) where he has 2 horses, a donkey, 2 cows, a goat and lots of chickens. She said she's been having issues with rats, flies, and stench. She feels the animals are also kept in bad shape, and it's borderline animals. She said they have also been hauling out scrap from the property of a recently deceased resident. Council has Ordinance 2005-21 which regulates this.

Robert made a motion to send a letter to the property owner with a copy of Ordinance 2005-21 asking him to remove the animals within 30 days. Rita second. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn abstaining and Lowell voting no. Motion carried.

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

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

Robert made a motion to adopt 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. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES with JoAnn and Lowell voting no. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-11 – A resolution to limit the time within all Village issued checks must be cashed. Garry seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief – Jim Hite was not present, but Jamie Carroll was present and submitted the report. Garry made a motion to allow the hiring of Prentice Berry, Shawn Mosedale, Nick Innes & Shane Carr. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from the Safety Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Service Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Finance Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Rules Committee – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said they didn't meet.

Old Business –

Jimmy asked when the potholes in town were going to be fixed. Mary said she hadn't heard, but will follow-up with Rick at Heiberger paving.

Aaron said the certified nuisance letters had been sent to Kahle and Lee Chase of Capital GC Properties. Aaron said 3 certified letters were sent to Capital GC Properties, but all 3 were refused.

Aaron said the letter to Lithchem had been sent and they've already sent us readings for the meter, and they matched our readings, so we should be good to go.

Jimmy asked when they are going to start replacing the street signs in the Village. Garry said they are supposed to start next Monday.

New Business –

Aaron asked council to approve an adjustment on Acct #212. The meter reader did not read properly the month before, so it was too high in the current month. Jimmy made a motion to correct the account to charge for minimum for both months. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron said Columbia Gas wants to shut off service at the Street Building since there's none being used. Council said they wanted to keep it on. Gary said we have 2 gas meters at the municipal building. The small one we use; the big one, we don't. Council wants to have the big one removed, if possible.

JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy