

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2013

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      Jimmy Barber, Jr. – absent  
          Garry Boring – present          Lowell Hite – present      Dave Carpenter – present  
          Mary Boring – present          Aaron Reedy – present

No visitors were present.

Garry made a motion to approve the July 2013 meeting minutes. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the July 2013 financial statement. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. He added that Chris Kent is on administrative leave. He said they've been having difficulty getting fire inspection plans for the Farm Credit Bureau that's being built on St Rt 37. The fire inspector is going to try to get the plans from other sources.

**Business from the Service Committee** – Gary made a motion to accept the proposal from Secur-Tel to add 2 additional cameras to the security system for \$868.00. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to put the old pickup truck that's in the street building out for bid for no less than \$600. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry said he contacted a couple of contractors to give the Village quotes on completely re-working the electric in the municipal building offices to bring them up to code. At the same time, they will do some remodeling work to the walls, floors and the lighting. This all to bring us to code so the fire marshal won't give us a violation. Walnut Creek Home Improvements gave a quote for \$20,000. Anthony's Construction Company has not submitted a quote yet.

Garry made a motion to accept the bid from Walnut Creek Home Improvements for \$20,000 to perform the work in the municipal building offices. The money will come from the General Fund. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES with Lowell abstaining. Motion carried.

**Business from the Finance Committee** – Didn't meet.

**Business from the Regional Planning Representative** – Robert said Regional Planning approved our variance and lot split for the water plant property.

**Old Business** – Scott Brown from Baltimore told Aaron that they contacted David Price to return our meter that was to be removed from Fast Max. They had not heard from him, and the meter had not been returned.

Jo-Ann made a motion to take a break to call David Price regarding the situation. Lowell second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. The time is 7:27pm.

At 7:33 pm, Jo-Ann made a motion to come back from break. Lowell second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. David was not available and a message was left.

Lowell made a motion to contact David Price to find out if Baltimore contacted him to remove our meter. If not, give Baltimore 24-hours notice that we will remove the meter ourselves. If they did ask David to remove it, ask when we can expect it to be done.

At that point, David Price called and said the meter was removed originally, and is still sitting on a shelf at Fast Max. He said he told Lowell about it. He said he would pick it up and return it to the Thurston Village office. Lowell cancelled his previous motion.

Jimmy came to the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – Jimmy said there was no business to bring to Council.

**New Business** – Aaron said there is about \$3,700 plus closing costs to appropriate for the purchase of the Miller property. He wanted to know where to appropriate the funds from. Robert made a motion to appropriate 50% of it from the General Fund, and 50% of it from the Water Fund. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 2179 Third St. regarding the tall grass, bugs and odors. Apparently the property has been abandoned and is owned by a bank. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to send a nuisance letter to the property owner of 2202 Main St. regarding the tall grass. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Council discussed the status of the water plant project.

Robert made a motion to approve the \$5.00 per day charge to 3 owners of properties who have not notified the Village office of their renter information, as required by the Village's income tax ordinance. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy