

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Mary Boring. Pledge 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, Mayor – present      Aaron Reedy, Clerk-Treasurer – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Laura Clark of 8127 Maple St. was present. Laura requested a reduction in her water and sewer bills due to the cleanup she had to perform to her house due to the houses on both sides of her being torn down. She was not given any warning about when this was to happen and was slammed by having to clean. She was upset she didn't have any warning. Mary apologized about not giving notification. Council agreed to review the water usage for the period and take the request under consideration.

Laura also wanted to state that she would not be bullied by her neighbor, who now owns all the properties that surrounds hers. She has had an issue in the past with that neighbor pulling up/moving property pins and making demands of them. She wanted it stated for the record.

Tammy Prather of 8125 Long St was present. She was requesting permission from Council to continue to run water from the 8115 Long St. property to 8104 Elm St. property behind it. She informed Council of her financial hardship that the death of her husband has left her in, and is afraid she's going to lose her properties. She said she needs more time. She then began speaking of the history of Thurston and the lots and alleys in that area. She went beyond her 5-minute time allowance and was having trouble conveying what she was trying to get across. After a few more minutes, Aaron asked for a motion to allow her to speak longer. No one made the motion. Tammy said forget it and left. Clerk's Note: For the record, Council had trouble putting together everything Tammy was trying to say. She seemed to need help from someone in doing so.

Barb Anderson from GGC was present. She went over the status of the project.

Garry made a motion to approve the May 2014 meeting minutes. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to approve the May 27 2014 special meeting minutes. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Mary asked for a motion to waive council pay for the May 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 special meeting. No motions were made.

Robert made a motion to approve the May 2014 financial statement. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-11, An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-11, An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. Robert second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2014-12, An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-12, An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. David second. Roll Call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief** – Chief Jim Hite was present. Chief Hite presented the report. Council gave their blessing on the new hires. Mary thanked the Fire Department for putting up the flags in the Village. Chief Hite asked about flushing hydrants in the Village. Lowell said to do it now, and then again in the Fall. Mary said we would get with Barb Anderson about it and discuss at the next Service Committee Meeting.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – No Business

**Business from the Service Committee** – Garry made a motion to hire Randy Kemmerer as street contract for the Village at \$10 per hour. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to enter into the Regional Income Tax Agency’s delinquent subpoena program. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from the Finance Committee** – didn’t meet

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

**Old Business** – Garry made a motion to proceed with the property tax assessment on the Farrell’s properties for delinquent utilities. We haven’t heard anything from him in 60 days. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron informed Council of all the nuisance letters that have been sent out in the last week. Some things have already been taken care of.

Mary gave status of the old school building next door (2231 Main St). The county has permission to tear down the building, but is having trouble finding anyone to do it for a lower amount of money. Current bids have been higher than \$200,000 due to the asbestos. Donna Fox Moore is looking for other alternatives.

**New Business** – Garry made a motion to apply for a Visa CommUNITY credit card for the Fire Department from Fairfield National Bank with a limit of \$1,000. Council understands there is no personal liability on this card, and the Village, as an entity, is responsible for payments. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary shared the resignation of David Carpenter from the Council. He and his wife are moving out of the Village. This will take effect 6/12/14. Mary thanked David for his service.

Mary announced there will be a community yard sale on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Village.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jo-Ann made a motion to adjourn. David second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy