

Village of Thurston  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016

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                      Heather Baker - present  
                 Mary Boring, Mayor – present                      Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present

Heather made a motion to approve the November, 2016 meeting minutes. Garry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the November 2016 financial statement. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-21 – An Ordinance to Increase the Salary of the Clerk-Treasurer, establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. This increase is due to the added responsibility of processing fire department payroll that starts next year.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-21 – An Ordinance to Increase the Salary of the Clerk-Treasurer, establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-22 – An Ordinance Establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-22 – An Ordinance Establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2016-23 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2016 Appropriations Ordinance, Establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-23 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2016 Appropriations Ordinance, Establishing Accounting Codes and the Declaration of an Emergency. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

**Business from Fire Chief -** Chief Jim Hite presented his report. Garry made a motion to approve Melissa Riyadi and Brett Holt to be hired to the fire department. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve \$6,636.54 purchase order for repairs to Medic 1 to Rush Truck Center. JoAnn second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Heather Baker volunteered to sit on the local VFFDF board. Council discussed the Village taking over payroll for part-time fire department employees. In talking with a member of the Walnut Twp Trustees and their clerk,

they said they hadn't heard anything about the subject for several months. Chief Hite assured Council this is the direction he wants to go and that it has been discussed with the Trustees. Aaron said the Township still owes the Village Fire Contract money for 2016. We haven't received any money for 2016 at all. The Township just gave Chief Hite a check for EMS Funds last week. That's only the second payment received for the year. Council discussed that it would like to see those payments received quarterly. Council also discussed that once the Village takes over payroll, any balance of any fire funds should be sent to the Village by the Township, possibly any monies in their "slush fund", if applicable. This is up for further discussion with the Township.

Robert made a motion to change the Village's bank from Fairfield National to Peoples Bank. Garry second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. This had been discussed in the past, but due to needing to get EFT for payroll going soon, we had to rush the process. Aaron said \$200,000 has already been moved to the new bank and every vendor who deposits and/or withdraws money from our account electronically has been notified. Also, new checks and deposit slips have been ordered.

**Business from the Safety Committee** – No business to bring forward.

**Business from the Service Committee** –

Garry made a motion to approve monies for Council Chamber repairs to walls, floors, and window sills in the amount of \$7,000 and accept a proposal from Walnut Creek Home Improvement to do the work. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to extend the office hours and secretary's hours to 8am to 1pm every day, remaining closed on Wednesdays effective January 1, 2017. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to have the space heater in the council chambers moved (since it's not used anymore) to the basement where the sump pump is to keep it from freezing up. Work to be done by Brooks Heating and not to exceed \$1,000. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

**Old Business** – Aaron said the readings for the Retrieve Technologies account have been normal. No further action to be taken.

**New Business** – Garry made a motion to re-appoint Aaron Reedy to the board of the Walnut Creek Sewer District. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said Council will have an Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

Garry made a motion to retain GGC Engineers as the engineering firm for the Village for 2017. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Aaron present several utility accounts for write-off since there was no chance of every collecting the money. Garry made a motion to write off \$41.54 on account 999-271. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to write off \$33.25 on account 999-254. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Garry made a motion to write off \$197.48 on account 999-6 (due to bankruptcy). Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

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Aaron Reedy