

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2018

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 – present
 Scott Whited – present Lowell Hite – present Heather Baker - present
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Clerk – present, but not active (see below)

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. No visitors.

Robert made a motion to approve the April 2018 meeting minutes. Scott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to approve the April 2018 financial statement. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 special meeting minutes. Scott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Mary asked if there was a motion to waive council pay for the April 24, 2018 special meeting. There was none.

Mary announced that Aaron Reedy, Clerk-Treasurer, had given his notice to resign as of 6:30pm this evening. He is moving out of the Village for family reasons. Aaron has expressed interested in continuing his work for the Village as Fiscal Officer, if Council so approves. Village Secretary Linda Strawser is present to take meeting minutes.

Heather made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-10 – An Ordinance, Following A Vacancy In The Office Of Village Clerk-Treasurer, To Combine The Duties Of Village Clerk And Village Treasurer Into The Appointed Office Of Village Fiscal Officer. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-10 – An Ordinance, Following A Vacancy In The Office Of Village Clerk-Treasurer, To Combine The Duties Of Village Clerk And Village Treasurer Into The Appointed Office Of Village Fiscal Officer. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-11 – An Ordinance Approving the Appointment of Aaron Reedy as Village Fiscal Officer, Approving his Residence Outside of the Village of Thurston, and Declaring an Emergency. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-11 – An Ordinance Approving the Appointment of Aaron Reedy as Village Fiscal Officer, Approving his Residence Outside of the Village of Thurston, and Declaring an Emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-12 – An Ordinance to set the Salary of the Newly Created Fiscal Officer Position, and Declaring an Emergency. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-12 – An Ordinance to set the Salary of the Newly Created Fiscal Officer Position, and Declaring an Emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary asked Aaron to take his seated position as Fiscal Officer and continue taking minutes for the meeting. He did so, thanking the Council for the appointment and stating that he will continue to provide the same excellent service to the Mayor, Council and the Village as he has been doing for the last 18 years.

Jimmy made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2018-15 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Walnut Creek Sewer District for Billing Services and Declaring An Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-15 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Walnut Creek Sewer District for Billing Services and Declaring an Emergency. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Robert made a motion to approve PO's requested in the Chief's reports and supplemental report. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Robert made a motion to sell the old gear washer/extractor to Super Laundry for \$2,000. The fire department got a grant to buy a new one. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Business from the Service Committee – Scott made a motion to accept a bid from Sam's Pest Control for mosquito spraying in the Village for the year, once a month at \$165 per spraying. Robert seconded. 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 that we were given the wrong information from Amy at the EPA regarding the overages from the replacement valve/hydrant project from last year. We were previously told that the overage was just \$727.31. However, due to error in her calculations, the overage is actually closer to \$12,000. Council discussed the situation. No one was happy with the situation, but understood it had to be paid or there could be legal action taken against the Village. The work had been done, including extra, unforeseen work. The contractor (Downing) had made some concessions in the costs, but there was still the \$12,000 due. After much discussion, Lowell made a motion to pay the overage directly to Downing up to \$12,000 to be split 3-ways from the General Fund, the Streets Fund and the State Highway Fund. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: Robert, Scott, Lowell and JoAnn voting YES. Jimmy and Heather voted no. Motion carried. There are still disbursements that need to be made from the OWDA for the loan. Once that is done, the final figure will be calculated and the balance will be paid to Downing, as stated above.

Council discussed the presentation from the service committee meeting about creating a utility right-of-way program. After several minutes, Jimmy made a motion to table the matter for further discussion. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

New Business – Vicki Houck of 8336 High St. came late and wished to discuss that there are potholes in the alley between 4th and 5th streets, she feels caused by the local business. It needs paved badly. It was brought up

that we may want to ask the business about helping pay for the re-pavement. Mary will check into it. Vicki also complained about the high grass at 8346 High St.

Council discussed the recent defeat of the Police Levy. The final vote was 14 FOR the levy and 44 AGAINST the levy. Council feels that the Village will have no hope for police protection.

After discussion of the current cost of records copies, Jimmy made a motion to drop the cost of copy per-page to 10 cents from 1 dollar. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Heather voting NO. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnne made a motion to adjourn. Heather second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer