

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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 – absent
 Scott Whited – present Lowell Hite – present Heather Baker - absent
 Mary Boring, Mayor – present Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Max Caplinger of 2412 Wilson Ave (Acct 265) was present. There has been a water leak in his house for a while, and bill has always been high. Underneath the trailer has been soaked. He's replaced the water heater and been trying to work with the landlord, Pete Anson, for some time. Mr. Anson will not return his phone calls. Robert said the meter pit should be checked. Lowell said the meter is on the trailer. Max is asking for a payment plan due to the circumstances. Council discussed. Scott made a motion to allow Max Caplinger (Acct 265) to pay \$230 a month for 3 months, without being shut off, and then the account must be paid in full. This is starting with first payment on 8/17/018. Robert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jeff Fix is present. He announced he is running for County Commissioner and is attending local community meetings to find out what is going on in the County.

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

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

First Reading Ordinance 2018-22 – An Ordinance to amend the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance and the declaration of an emergency. This is to appropriate more money for salt for the water plant.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Robert made a motion to approve the PO's as requested in the Chief's reports, to use PO # 189-2018 for service agreements and approve Mid-West Towing a new vendor. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Business from the Service Committee – Mary said the old piles of corn at the railroad property should be out by the end of the month. County Health Department issued violations to them. Mary got work about the Funkhouser property; that he said he's got a repairman lined up to start making the requested repairs. Mary said the County Health Department has been putting larvae tablets in standing water around the Village to help take care of the West Nile Virus issue. They also said the spraying the town is doing should help, too.

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 – Mary said she's meeting with Mike Carter at CT Consultants (formerly GGC) to discuss park planning and try to get grants to help pay for park improvements. She got a quote from Micro for \$950 to do

the grading of the property. Robert made a motion to allow Micro to do the grading work for \$950. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Mary said she's getting a quote to have the trees removed from the cemetery. Scott made a motion to allow Mary to have the trees removed once she gets the quote. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Lowell said that all the catch basins in town need to be cleaned out. Mary said that would be expensive and would rather wait until after the leaves fell to get them done. Council discussed. Mary said we need to figure out how many we have and then get a quote to have them all done.

New Business – None. Council took time to discuss the issues they felt were of concern to Jeff Fix so he could consider them as he tries to get on as County Commissioner. Council shared the issues with drugs and known homes from which drugs are being made and sold. Historically, County Sheriff has not taken action even when specific addresses were given. Also concerned about the lack of action from the Sheriff regarding speeding, peeling out, and other reckless vehicle activity in the area, even when videos have been shown to deputies. Also discussed pooling some resources with other entities when minor road and other repairs need to be done in the community.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnne made a motion to adjourn. Scott second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried. Time is 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy, Fiscal Officer