

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019

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, Fiscal Officer – present

Mary asked if any visitors wished to speak. Josh Quilliams from Nutrien Ag was present. He manages the operations on Fifth Street. He wants to discuss the possibility of purchasing part of Fifth St from the Village so he can put another building up; or at least just get permission to do so. He was instructed to put together a drawing outlining his plan and submit it to the office to review and for consideration. He said he'd drop it off soon at the Village Office.

David Baker of 8181 High St. Apt. B was present. His water bill this last month was extremely high (11,000 gallons) for no apparent reason. Water Operator, Bob Pangborn, and the property owner, Christina Mack, had checked the connections and the meter, and found no issues there. Conversation continued with possible option of making payment arrangements, but before any details could be discussed, Mr. Baker left the meeting.

Joe Fisher of 8140 Elm St. Lot 19 was present to discuss his high water usage. He said the owner won't do anything about a possible leak, and he's stuck with a high bill. He's asking for a payment plan. After Council discussed, Jimmy made a motion to allow him to start making payments \$40 above his regular monthly bill starting in February up to a 6-month period to get caught up. Heather seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to approve the January 2, 2019 organizational meeting minutes. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2019-2, An Ordinance Creating and Establishing the Village of Thurston Credit Card Policy and the declaring an emergency. Jimmy second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Jimmy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-2, An Ordinance Creating and Establishing the Village of Thurston Credit Card Policy and the declaring an emergency. Robert second. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 2019-3 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2015-8 And Amending Sections 1(A)(Meter Rates), 1(B)(Minimum Charges/Minimum Schedule Of Rates), And 1(F)(Temporary Users) Of Ordinance 9-24-89. This ordinance will increase water rates by 2% and then annually each year by 2%.

Business from Fire Chief - Chief Jim Hite was present and presented his report. Chief Hite said the 1500-hour rule issue is still not resolved. He said there are things that need to be reviewed about the contract with the Township. He said Medic 1 is back in the shop. Needs chairs re-upholstered.

Robert made a motion to approve the PO's as requested in the Chief's reports. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

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

Business from the Finance Committee – No business to bring forward, as 2% rate suggestion was already discussed.

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

Old Business – None

New Business – None

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy