

Village of Thurston
Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 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. Dustin Feyh, nephew of late Earl Ratliff of 2366 E Main St. is in to discuss the current water bill. There was a busted pipe, which caused a leak of 130,830 gallons of water. He is asking for a deal and or payment arrangements. They are hoping to fix the property up and sell it. He said the leak has been fixed and verified. He's re-insulated the bottom where the broken pipe occurred. Aaron said he would ask the Walnut Creek Sewer District to approve the credit for \$1,163.08. Council discussed and said they could not accept a deal, but would consider payment arrangements. After much discussion, Heather made a motion to accept a payment of \$750 now, and then \$20 above each month's current billing amount, to waive the late fees each month, and not shut off the account. These arrangements will be null and void if a payment is missed. Once the property is sold, the account must be brought current. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

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

Final 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%. Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-3. Robert seconded. Roll call vote: all YES, with Jimmy abstaining. Motion carried.

Heather made a motion to waive the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency for Ordinance 2019-4 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of an Emergency. Jimmy seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Scott made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-4 – An Ordinance to Amend the 2019 Appropriations Ordinance and the Declaration of 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 the PO's as requested in the Chief's reports. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

John Layton discussed with Council the Funkhouser property and the trailer in the trailer court that has all the tires. He said there was nothing the Fire Dept. could do. Council discussed the two properties.

Council didn't have a problem with Jim promoting Lt. Layton to Captain and FF Justice to lieutenant.

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 – Didn't meet.

Business from the Regional Planning Representative – Robert said there was nothing that concerned the Village. Mary urged Robert to attend the DAC meeting in September for an important vote.

Old Business – Jimmy said there is major water drainage issue along Holt St. He feels catch basins are needed. Council discussed. Jimmy said he would call someone to take a look and give some guidance.

New Business – Aaron explained that water account 104 had another meter base break due to the pipes not being insulated. This is the second time in six months. Bob Pangborn had said the cost is \$280 plus labor to fix it. Jimmy made a motion to bill the owner and accountholder \$280 to pay for the replacement part. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, JoAnn made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: all YES. Motion carried.

Respectfully prepared by,

Aaron Reedy