

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

July 2016 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on July 11, 2016 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Heller and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Melissa Shawver, Cindy Price, and Jennifer Tucker. Guests present: Clarence Greer, Panfil & Jackie Costea, Kenny Bookman, John Boyd, Lauren Park, Jeff Winslow, Deb Berry, Tom Tucker, Brent Yager, Cheryl Johnson, Mary Snyder, Cara Ice, Crystal Slone, and Angie Rieff.

The Meeting was opened by Mayor Milton Lightfoot with a prayer and a pledge to the American flag.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved with a motion by Jennifer Tucker and a second by John Howard.

The financial report was given and bills presented for payment. Jennifer Tucker moved to pay the bills with a second by John Howard, motion passed. 2016 Budget report was presented and approved.

Mayor – X

BPA – The EPA is going to require the water plant become a certified lab for certain testing. Mark Hardin and Mark Heller are going to go visit another water plant to look at what process they are using.

Park & Pool – The LCA purchased a freezer for the concession stand.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Fogging for mosquitos. Jennifer Tucker wanted to propose to Council to start a work order process with Mark Heller to organize items that need done.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Kenny Bookman reported a problem with Japanese Beetles so a trap was purchased for the new trees planted outside the municipal building.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Mark Heller has contacted Brian Shook regarding the new stop signal on Vine & High Street to get a sign notifying traffic to stop and that it's 4 way stop.

Fire & Safety – The committee had a proposed burn ordinance that was reviewed. The ordinance is consistent with state rules and regulations. The ordinance will be reviewed by Mr. Heiser and then brought to the August meeting for a vote.

Buildings & Grounds – Cindy Price reported that she put in a request for 3 residents to paint the municipal building on the 23rd and the paint has all been donated. The building committee still needs to figure repairs to the building prior to painting.

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

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A letter was to the Myers on Marsh Street letting them know it is not permitted to park over the sidewalk.

Cindy Price reminded Mark Heller that the lines in the parking lot at the municipal building still need to be painted.

New Business:

Brent Yager was present to talk with Council about the County Land Bank. The purpose of land bank is to rid the county of properties that are run down and have been vacated. The County can force the foreclosure on a vacated property with delinquent taxes. Properties that are in bad condition and need to be torn down or properties that are at least 1 yr delinquent would be targeted. If the property is delinquent on taxes it would wipe all those clear and if the house is torn down the land can be given to an adjacent property. If the property is still in good condition the taxes would be wiped clean and sold. Council will develop a list of properties and give a list to Mr. Yager's office. John Howard asked what would happen to a mortgage on a property and Mr. Yager stated it would stay with the land unless the bank forgives the mortgage amount. Jennifer Tucker expressed her concern with not collecting the delinquent taxes if there is anything else we can do to collect taxes. Mr. Yager stated they do collect delinquent taxes with tax foreclosure and that's also an option besides the land bank. (Attachment)

Angie Rieff was present from Center Street Health Clinic to discuss a clinic in our community. The municipal building would be an option and there would be some renovation with getting running water into the rooms. They would use 3 rooms with a waiting room and 2 exam rooms with running the clinic 1 day for a ½ day. The LCA is applying for a grant through the Marion Community Foundation to get the process going. The building committee will coordinate with the Health Clinic to further discuss details moving forward.

A motion was made by John Howard to change Mark Heller's Insurance deductible to \$1500 with a second by Cindy Price.

The LCA will be holding a River, Race, and Ribs on September 17th.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to adjourn the meeting with a second by John Howard

The next regular meeting will be held on August 1, 2016 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk