

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

May 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on May 7, 2018 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: John Howard, Lisa Howard, Melissa Shawver, John Boyd, and Cindy Price.

Guests present: Jeff Winslow, Ronnie James, Clarence Greer, Tom Tucker, and Larry Heiser.

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 John Howard and a second by Lisa Howard.

The financial report was given and bills presented for payment. Melissa Shawver moved to pay the bills with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Ordinance 2018-4 was read for the conversion of the Village Clerks position to a fiscal officer position with a motion to suspend the rules by John Boyd and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent. A motion was made by John Boyd to approve the ordinance as written with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent.

Ordinance 2018-5 was read to fill the vacancy in the position of the Village Fiscal Officer by Mary Price with a motion to suspend the rules by John Howard and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent. A motion was made by John Howard to approve the ordinance as written with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed with 4 ayes, 1 abstain, and 1 absent

Ordinance 2018-6 was read for the 1st reading regarding water and sewer rates with an annual 3% increase.

Resolution 2018 – Was read to hire Bob Howell as part time maintenance with a motion by John Howard and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor- Meeting with an engineering firm on the 15th to discuss the idea of replacing water lines around town.

Elgin would like permission to use the modular again for summer lunches and Council would like to make sure they cleanup.

Bob Howell is interested in buying the Ford Tractor for \$1,000 and Council approved the purchase.

BPA – Installing the new high service pumps currently and then after that the south well is going to be repaired. State wide from the EPA an Asset Management Plan will be required starting in October.

Tyler will be close to accumulating his necessary water license hours.

Park & Pool – Swimming pool is open and the parking lot has been leveled. Melissa Shawver has a contact for baseball for youth and has been in communication with the program.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Flags have been ordered. The trailer the Village has is not needed and Tyler Howell wants to get rid of it so Council approved it.

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Zoning – The Planning Commission presented a list of updates to the zoning fees. A public meeting will be held June 4th @6:30pm to present the fee increases.

Tree Commission – Tree commission is still looking to fill a vacant position. Thursday May10th the commission will be meeting to open tree bids.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Alleys have been leveled and pot holes being filled next week. Permissive Tax application is going to be resubmitted for chip and seal along Vine Street.

Fire & Safety – Applying for grants for some equipment and going to put some items on auction.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

Panfil Costea was present representing the LCA regarding funds they have set aside that the Village could use for any projects at the park/pool.

Panfil Costea also wanted to discuss the police coverage and the lack of patrolling. He feels the police department should have more pressure put on them regarding police coverage and fulfilling their contract. Clarence Greer reported that if you look at the Marion Star it constantly has more arrests in Marion City compared to Marion County. The main issue is a shortage of money and manpower to run the patrols in La Rue.

Issues presented at the meeting:

- Property on High Street racking grass clippings into the road so a letter will be sent.
- Vine and Front Street property needs cleaned up from the water line that was repaired so Holcomb is going to be contacted.
- Corner of Price and Swain Street needs the stop sign put back up and dirt leveled from line that was repaired so Tyler Howell is going to look into that situation.
- The street sign on Marsh and Third Street needs repaired because it was hit so Tyler is going to get that repaired.
- Property at 433 High Street needs to cleanup from a renter that left and she doesn't have a water bill to prove she has a property in town. Clerk Mary Price can get her a water bill.
- Large sections that were torn up along Section St and Market St from water line repairs will be patched.

Clarence Greer reported that the small government grant meeting is scheduled May 10th. Furthermore, he reported that property on School Street beside the water way has received a 5-pound bag of grass seed and this is the 3rd time that the grass situation has been addressed. The property owner needs to make sure the leaves are removed in the fall so it does not kill the grass seed.

Cleanup day will be held on May 19th and will just be the Village.

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Council will be having a special meeting June 4th @6:30pm to discuss zoning fee increases.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 4, 2018 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk