

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

June 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on June 4, 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: Matt Purtee, Shawn Clark, Paul Kerr, Amy Kerr, Jessi Carl, Pam Clawson, Danis Stallsmith, Tom Tucker, Ken Bookman, Richard Holcomb, Panfil Costea, Laylana Stanley, Andrew Panik, Clarence Greer, Rachel Kerr, Mark Work, and Rachel Weaver. .

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 David Stallsmith and a second by John Howard.

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

Mayor- Thanked everyone that helped with cleanup day and we ended up with six dumpsters.

Sherry Hall, President of the Harding Home, will be holding a program August 23rd at the municipal building @6:30.

Proclamation was read to declare June 15th Radio WWGH 107.1 FM day and they will be at Coonies from 7-9pm.

June 16th the LCA will be holding their event up town.

School lunch program will start serving lunches June 11th.

The Baptist Church would like permission to use the municipal building July 22-26 for VBS. Council approved the request but would like the building cleaned and thermostats to not be adjusted.

Mayor Lightfoot reported that a meeting was held with an engineering firm since we currently don't have any other firms. The firm is going to send information regarding the cost. They specialize in grant applications so they could handle that for the Village.

BPA- Both high service pumps have been installed.

Old water line repair dig sites have been dug up and leveled.

The Board is gathering quotes for Asphalt repairs from the breaks along Market Street.

Cindy Price had several questions regarding the proposed rate increase:

1. Who required the water rate study? The rate study was required to be performed in order for the board to obtain the OWDA loan.
2. It was stated we would be out of the running for grants and loans if we don't increase the rates is that true? If we don't increase based off the recommendations from the rate study that was performed they won't loan money in the future because they would say you aren't charging enough and following the recommendations.

John Howard expressed a concern with the Ordinance that it was taking approval away from Council with the rate increases in the future.

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Ordinance 2018-6 was read for the 2nd reading regarding water and sewer rates with an annual 3% increase.

Cindy Price wanted to know whose responsibility is it to cleanup from water line breaks along the tree line. Richard Holcomb stated he would clean up again along Market Street and at Ronnie James yard. Mr. Holcomb stated he would scrap it down and then hand rake what is left.

Park & Pool – Jessie Carl presented there was confusion on the weather temperature and when the pool was to close and she understands now it only closes for lightening/thunder. Also the pool is not to close due to low numbers regardless of what the membership application states. Several items that need addressed at the pool: rusty hook on the side of the pool that holds the rope for the deep end, carpets on the pool deck need glued, pump running loud, and girls bathroom leaking water. The pump is running loud and has a small leak so Tyler Howell reported he tightened a seal but doesn't seem to be correcting the problem so CRT is going to be contacted for repair. Tyler Howell is going to look at the leak in the girls restroom and the rusty hook on the side of the pool. Pool parties for \$100 and Jessie Carl reported there was confusion because old receipts were in the desk stating \$75. Clarification was given regarding pool parties and they are always before or after the pool is open they are never held during pool hours. The pool staff will be responsible for the restrooms on the other side of the pool house with stocking them and cleaning. The Village will make sure the other restrooms over by the baseball fields are taken care of. Shelter houses will all be reported to Tyler so the restrooms are unlocked for the weekend. Mowing at the pool if done with a riding mower should be done after hours. The health department has not performed their inspection yet.

It was reported that money the LCA had set aside for the health clinic they want to donate to the park. Mayor Lightfoot would like to see the money used for mulch and see if they would apply for a nature works grant and use their money for the Village's share. It might be possible to approach the Lion's Club about repairing the equipment with the piece they installed a while back.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Street signs have all been fixed throughout town. Street sweeping along Vine Street was completed by Johnson's Property Service. Pot hole patching will begin the coming week. Larva side will be placed in the catch basins this week as well.

A motion was made by Cindy Price to allow Johnson's to do some more street sweeping for a max of \$500 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Zoning – Zoning board of appeals will be the Council all but Cindy Price since she's the representative on the zoning board for Council.

Resolution 2018-5 to increase the zoning fees. A zoning Public Meeting @6:30 and no one was in attendance. A motion was made by John Boyd and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Tree Commission – Completed 28 trees trimmed to give clearance along the road fire trucks.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Permissive tax will be Vine St from McCormick to Section Street thru the intersection.

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Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – Phoenix Environmental was sent a copy of the appraisal that was completed in 2011. A grant is trying to be obtained to clean up the property so it can be sold.

The Building Committee requested \$500 to purchase some table and chairs for the municipal building so it was approved with a motion by Cindy Price and a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

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Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

Mark Work and Rachel Weaver were present from The Richwood Bank and wanted to discuss a remodeling proposal they are going to be performing at the La Rue Branch. The remodel has a limited budget and the Bank would be required to bring the building up to ADA compliance. One items that would be required is to install a handicap accessible ramp out front of the building. The current sidewalk is 7 feet and the ramp would take up 4-5 ft. The bank currently has an entrance on the rear that customers could use if they are handicapped. Council did not feel using 4-5ft of the sidewalk would be safe. The bank stated if the ramp approval wasn't granted than they could use the remodeling money elsewhere on the building for ADA compliances. A motion was made by John Howard to deny the request to install a ramp out front of the bank with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Clarence Greer reported the Storm Sewer Relief Project has been funded and will be going forward. The Village had a score of 74 for the project, the lowest funded was 56, and the top score was 80 for this round of grants. The money this round went for things like streets, roads, storm sewer, street drainage, sidewalks, water towers, water plant, water lines, and water well improvements. LCA has already paid \$4,300 in engineering cost. June of 2018 the construction bids will be in the newspaper, money will be released July 1st, construction will be completed 60 days after the signed contract, and construction will take approximately 10 days depending on weather cooperation. Clarence Greer feels this grant is a great opportunity for projects in the Village and for the water department. Tom Tucker stated that someone needs to step up and do the work that is required.

Insurance renewal was approved.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 12, 2018 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Thursday 12th.

Mayor

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Clerk