

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
November 2018 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session November 19, 2018. Present were board members Doug Shawver and Justin Wall. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, Mayor Lightfoot, and Tyler Howell. Guest: None

The regular meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Wendy Crabtree and second by Doug Shawver.

The financial report - was given and bills presented for payment. Doug Shawver moved to pay the bills and seconded by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Complaints – No complaints.

Delinquent Bills- 30 shut off notices mailed and if not paid then customers will be shut off on Monday December 3rd.

Old Business-

Valve that was ordered for down by Tom Ford's property on S High Street has arrived and when weather permits it will be installed. Dick Holcomb is going to dig the hole and Tyler Howell will install the valve.

The new hydrant for High Street has been ordered but has not arrived yet.

Wendy Crabtree is going to contact GPD Engineering to get an update on the water tower funding status and if we can get another quote for no additional charge.

The Board instructed Tyler Howell to order the 4-inch meter for Kiwanis and it will be installed when weather permits. Originally ML Tech Services was going to install but the Board is unable to reach him so they are unaware if he is still in business so Tyler Howell wants to install it.

Board discussed replacing RO 1 filters verses cleaning the north well and at this point, the board feels RO 1 filters would be first priority. With winter coming and unknown expenses possible coming with water breaks the board is going to wait until spring to hopefully have the funds to complete the project. Right now, the board does not have the funds to complete either project.

New Business –

The USDA completed a compliance review and they would like the Board to increase the sewer rates to keep up with increasing expenses. The board will review financials and see if they need to look at raising the sewer rates. A major upcoming expense will be dredging the lagoons in the next couple of years so the board will need to prepare for that.

Tom Ford feels that his water meter is not being read properly but the board reviewed his meter readings and believe the issue is that Mr. Ford is not looking at the numbers on his meter correctly.

Wendy Crabtree reported that Jimmy Doss is still working out the details to purchase the buildings uptown that Adam Irey owns beside the bank. Mr. Doss wanted to know if the boards offer was still valid with regards to forgiving the previous assessments and a two year abatement of the base rate. The board had already previously agreed to forgive the delinquent water & sewer assessments with the County Auditor and he will have 2 years of no base rate while he is remodeling. Lastly, the Board agreed that once the property is usable the base rate would begin to be charged.

Tyler Howell reported that the Greenwood property apparently never had the water shut off because during demolition they hit a line and water was spraying up. The water has now been shut off at the curb.

The next regular meeting will be December 17, 2018 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk