

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

November 2018 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 6, 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, David Stallsmith, Melissa Shawver, John Boyd, and Cindy Price.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Oscar Holcomb, Richard Holcomb, Richard Spracklin, Kenny Bookman, Wendy Crabtree, Connie Kendall, Clarence Greer, Jeff Winslow, and Steve Dashner.

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 Lisa Howard.

The minutes of the special meeting minutes were approved with a motion by John Howard and a second by John Boyd.

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

Mayor- Marion Area Community Improvement Corporation approved the sale of the Village's property on the corner of Vine and High Street at their meeting on October 18th.

The Phoenix Group has removed the lift and then located a tank in the ground while cleaning up the lot uptown so everything has been stopped until a permit from the state can be obtained to have it removed.

After the J-Lenco Tile Project Mayor Lightfoot received a call from Debra Michael regarding a couple bushes and pumpkins that were torn out when the tile was installed. A bill for replacement cost was presented for \$133.00. An easement was never obtained for her property. Clarence Greer responded that he questions where her property line and if the contactors were on her property. A motion was made by John Howard to pay for the damaged pumpkins and scrubs with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Easements need to be recorded at the Marion County Records office so a motion was made by John Boyd to pay \$168 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

BPA – Grant options are still being explored for the water tower. EPA wants the North Well cleaned but currently the funds are not available.

Park & Pool – Everything at the park has been closed for the season.

Sheriff – Speed trailer was brought to town for a couple days.

Maintenance – Basketball hoop arrived that will be replaced at the municipal building. Work on the ditch has taken up most the month. Leaf pickup has begun but with the rain it has slowed things down. Jeremy Layman has been hired as spot labor to help with leaf pickup.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Tree city application completed for 2018.

Budget – X

Street and Alley –

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Fire & Safety – Fire department is going to be getting the property at 121 N High Street that burnt down and Richard Holcomb is going to be cleaning it up. Fire Hydrant in front of the Methodist church needs repaired or replaced and the Board of Public Affairs already had plans to complete that project. Still issues with Medicare not responding.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Cindy Price had the letters for the sign in front of the municipal building that Jennifer Tucker returned so someone needs to be responsible for updating the sign.

New Business:

Sara James, Senior Hydrologist from the National Weather sent an email to Clarence Greer regarding the last high water the Village experienced. The high water peaked at 13.87 ft and at 13.25 river water flows across the floodgate road. Clarence replied to the email on the evaluations he has gathered on the last flood. Everything at this point has shown the improvements that have been made are working.

Cindy Price had a concern because she received some complaints about the ditch work along Market St and recent tile work that the two projects were working against each other. She continued to express the Village is too small of a town for Council and residents to not communicate with each other. Mayor Lightfoot expressed he does not feel the ditch work had anything to do with the tile work that was being completed. John Howard wanted to know what kind of expense the ditch/alley work along Market is going to run? Lightfoot stated the majority of expense has been paid. Council had concerns with this project moving forward without proper discussion. Richard Spracklin expressed he thought tile could have been used to cut down on cost verses hauling in stone. The future of this project would need to be installing a tile on South St with a backflow device. A meeting is going to be scheduled to discuss the future of ditch/alley project and the next steps to be taken. Council discussed grants options and going after the funding that was received for the recent tile project. John Howard will look into the ditch/alley project along with possible grants and have more information at the December meeting.

Ron James has requested that the lot he owns on the corner of Vine and McCormick have the corner stake replaced.

Steve Dashner asked what ever came of the Army Core of Engineer project with the flooding and Mayor Lightfoot stated it was a cost issue and the project was going to be millions of dollars.

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

Mayor

Clerk