

**LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**MARCH 2019 minutes**

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session March 18, 2019. Present were board members Wendy Crabtree, Justin Wall, and Doug Shawver. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, Mayor Lightfoot, Tyler Howell, and a representatives from GPD Engineering Firm.

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** – 510 E Market Street is having issues with sediment coming through the water lines. Tyler Howell stated he would make contact with the resident to check the situation out.

**Old Business-**

Core & Main will be in town on March 28<sup>th</sup> to bring the tool to repair the hydrant in front of the Methodist Church. There are two other hydrants that are leaking and Tyler Howell reported he would keep the tool to repair those hydrants.

OWDA loan was approved and the well has been repaired along with the RO membranes have been ordered. The north well repairs and cleaning have been completed with a new motor installed because the pump had a hole in it. Currently both wells are operational and EPA has been notified. The new RO membranes have been ordered and should arrive any day so once they arrive the board will get together to install.

Mayor Lightfoot reported that the CDBG grant that was discussed at the February meeting could not have the scope changed. Tyler Howell mentioned that phase 3 of projects stated valves and water line replacement along Price Street but he feels replacing other valves is higher priority than the water line.

GPD Engineering firm was present to go over replacing the tower and rough estimates of what the cost would be. A new tower will approximately cost between \$750,000 – 1,000,000 which was higher than originally thought. At this point all numbers are estimates based off other projects that have been completed in other towns. The Board could fill out an application for the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Grant. An application can be submitted for funding and the agencies all meet to review what is available to cover the project. All discussion on a new tower has been tabled until Pittsburg Tank does the tower repairs and the Board finds out the condition of the tower.

Pittsburg Tank will be in town the week of March 25<sup>th</sup> to repair the water tower. The board would like to have them inspect the tower while inside and maybe get a quote if rehabbing is possible. The tower pressure has been decreased to 43-48 psi to decrease the pressure on the leaks and typically, the pressure is 48-53 psi. EPA has required the chlorine levels to be increased to 1ppm since the pressure has been lowered and the typical level is .22 ppm. Mayor Lightfoot will be meeting with Regional Planning to discuss emergency funding options for the tower repair and replacement of the tower.

Mayor Lightfoot has a meeting scheduled with the solicitor on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Fassler's property and the request the board has received about a neighbor tearing it down if delinquent utilities are forgiven.

**New Business –**

Tyler Howell mentioned that he thought purchasing a backflow device for a hydrant might be a good idea with everything that is going on. The cost for the backflow device would be \$400 and the board all agreed that it would be useful to have. With the backflow device, the board could now legally sell bulk water.

The next regular meeting will be April 15, 2018 in the Village Council Room.