

## LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL November 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on November 4, 2019 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, Lisa Howard, John Howard, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Kenny Bookman, and Dustin Ford.

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 financial report** was given and bills presented for payment. David Stallsmith moved to pay the bills with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Connie Kendall asked about payroll for Brad Albert and Bob Howell with how much the Village could afford to pay them both. Tyler Howell reported that with leaf season, the extra help is needed and once leaf season is over then we will not need as much help.

**Mayor** – The Fassler property has all been cleaned up from the fire and the garage was demolished. David Fassler gave permission to the Health Department to have the property cleaned with a grant that the Health Department had available. David Fassler still owns the property.

The Villages property on High and Vine Street had the chemicals placed into the ground and the EPA will monitor everything every quarter. The test well that was previously completed with the chemicals was successful and the company will be back to clean everything up.

Mayor Lightfoot reported he spoke with Mark Poling and there will be a Christmas in the Village on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Connie Kendall requested that Christmas lights be put up for the event and flags will be taken down. Tyler Howell reported that all the flags would need to be replaced next year because they are all in rough shape. Kenny Bookman asked if he could have all the flags when they are taken down. The committee would like High Street closed on December 5<sup>th</sup> for Christmas in the Village so Melissa Shawver made a motion to close the street with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

A motion was made by Lisa Howard to approve the contract extension with the Dollar Store for the vacant property up town with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor Lightfoot read a letter that was received from Medicare Ambulance Service asking what services they would like since the Village has a contract with them. The Village signed a contract in 2013 with Medicare and looking over the contract it was only for 1 year. John Howard stated that the Fire Board decided to suspend a decision regarding the letter from Medicare until after the election. The Council decided to table a decision to the letter that was received from Medicare as well.

**BPA** – Tyler Howell reported that the deadline for the CDBG grant and the EPA design loan was the end of October and no word has been received if either funds were approved.

**Park & Pool** – Swimming pool was drained and winterized along with everything else put away for the winter at the park. The new swing set for the park was delivered and will not be installed until next season.

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There has been no response to the lifeguard and manager job posting. John Boyd expressed his concern with operating the pool and even with staff, there needs to be another funding source to support it. Council discussed donating the park to the Marion County Park District and what options were available if the pool is closed again this coming year.

**Sheriff** – X

**Maintenance** –

Tyler Howell reported that Red Roof Automotive quoted \$3,100 to have the transmission rebuilt and fix the oil leak issues in the Ranger. Council decided to wait until the spring to replace the dump truck bed and discussion on the repairs to the Ranger have been tabled. Council is concerned with putting more money into the Ranger than what it is worth.

Tyler Howell reported the floors have been cleaned at the municipal building and focusing on leaf pickup.

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – X

**Fire & Safety** – John Howard reported at the last meeting topics of discussion were the Halloween party, new generator, and upcoming levy.

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Cable** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Discussion was held regarding the south street alley and what Council would like done to complete that project. Fox Surveying performed a survey that was presented to Council and it cost \$400. It was requested that the dirt that was dumped down by Joann Rauscher's property be leveled out and Tyler Howell reported he would get that done.

John Howard asked if the Kiwanis meter has been read yet and what a month showed for usage. Tyler Howell reported that he read the meter and it should 64,000 since the installation, which was one month. Kiwanis Village had previously been charged an estimated 35,000 gallons monthly before the new meter was installed.

**New Business:**

Council rescheduled several meetings as follows:

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

February 4<sup>th</sup>

The next regular meeting will be held on December 3, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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