

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 2019 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 3, 2019 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Milton Lightfoot, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Melissa Shawver, Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, Lisa Howard, John Howard, and John Boyd.

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

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 John Howard and a second by Connie Kendall.

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

Mayor –

Mayor Lightfoot reported a woman contacted him that is interested in purchasing 131 Chestnut Street (Scott Steele property) and wanted to know about the alley behind the house that is not accessible. The alley behind the property is not accessible because it is in the middle of a drainage project that was stopped so Council could decide what to do. A motion was made by John Boyd to finish the repair with tiling and filling in with stone with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. The project should not run over \$1000 with 40 foot of tile and 2-3 truckloads of stone.

GPD Engineering firm's contract has run out so Council has the option to renew the contract for another year with the same terms as the original contract. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to extend the GPD Engineering contract for 1 year with a second by Lisa Howard, motion passed.

Environmental group working on the vacant lot up town will be in this week and will be taking some samples and they are hoping this is the final test if the chemicals show they are working.

BPA – Repaired two service lines in front of the Methodist Church and in front of the old Fassler House on School Street. The water tower replacement project has no updates on the funding status.

Park & Pool – Still no interest expressed in the manager and lifeguard positions.

Sheriff – X

Maintenance – Council reported that uptown looked great with all the Christmas decorations. Connie Kendall donated lights for uptown to add to the Villages decorations.

The fascia on the west of the garage behind the municipal building needs repaired along with a sheet of ply wood under the shingles that can be repaired on the inside of the building.

Tyler Howell reported they picked up 28 loads of leaves and the box was removed so leaf pickup is done.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported they started cleaning the curbs on Vine Street, High Street, Front Street, and a section of School St. Vine Street had all the stone push to the edge of the road from

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the chip and seal so Tyler Howell reported he pushed the stone to the middle of the road. Signs around town have all be fixed and straightened.

Fire & Safety – John Howard reported the levy was successful and they will start having 12-hour coverage with eventually moving to 24 hrs. The chief requested a vehicle but it was denied and he was to use the vehicle that was already available at the station. The station is making updates to sleeping quarters and laundry facilities. New EMS equipment and squad is being researched because the current unit is used so in a couple years they will need to upgrade.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Cable – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Connie Kendall asked when the streets would be closed for Christmas in the Village with the buses needing to access the streets and semi-trucks. Council decided that closing the streets at 2pm would be fine and someone will be contacting the chicken farm so they are aware with their trucks.

New Business:

Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation was read by John Howard to thank Mayor P. Milton Lightfoot for his 28 + years of service to the Village. A motion was made by Lisa Howard to approve the resolution with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor Lightfoot thanked Council and wished Dustin Ford the best with the Mayor Positon and if he needed anything, he would be glad to help.

Lisa Howard reported that she would be resigning from Council.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 2, 2019 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer