

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on October 5, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, Lance Roberts, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Derek and Tiffany Starcher and George Bailey

Mayor Dustin Ford opened the Meeting with a pledge to the American flag.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved with a motion by Melissa Shawver and a second by David St, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor –

The prosecutor's office contacted Mayor Ford about the James Monk property and he will start working on the foreclosure.

BPA –

The water tower had the footers poured and most of the work moving forward will be done off site.

Tyler Howell reported that he received a letter of violation from the EPA and one item was requiring the Hatchery install a backflow. The Hatchery contacted Tyler Howell and showed that they installed a backflow device and the EPA will be notified.

Maintenance –

Tyler Howell reported that he started working on hauling in and grading dirt on the furthest south alley/tree line that the Village owns. The work is to build an earthen levy to slow flood waters.

Clarence Greer emailed council about the lower Davis does not have a back flow device, would cost \$1800, and would be a good idea to install. A motion was made by Lance Roberts to move forward with installing the backflow device with a maximum of \$2,500 for the project with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Connie Kendall will look into purchasing the device through the LCA and the Village can reimburse them.

Tyler Howell ended up rebuilding the catch basin on the South end of High Street and that project has been completed.

Tyler Howell reported that he hauled 14 loads of brush since the last Council meeting. Truck bed is being replaced by a steel bed, but new bed will be undercoated, have holders for shovels, and will include painting the frame and adding fenders. \$5135.00 will come from general funds, \$1000.00 from Park Fund and \$2000.00 from each Streets and State Highway Funds.

Tyler Howell is going to get the leaf vac set up.

Park & Pool –

Tiffany Starcher was present from Baseball for Youth and brought a copy of an electric bill that they have been paying for the concession stand and field lights. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to transfer the electric bill to the Village to pay going forward with a second by John Boyd, motion passed. Council mentioned having Baseball for Youth to make a donation after the baseball season for the usage of the facility. Baseball for Youth is going to get Tyler Howell a key to have access to the bathrooms since they

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changed the locks. Council brought up that they would like to have been notified that the bleachers were loaned to Elgin to help with seating capacity and they will be returned this month. Council also discussed replacing the doors on the concession stand restroom at the park in the spring.

The park is now being locked at night to prevent vandalism.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Alan Barnes property on the corner of High and Market Street has a tree that needs trimmed because it is leaning on the building. Connie Kendall is going to get a quote for the tree trim.

Arbor Day ceremony will be held on November 2nd at 6:30pm.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety –X

Buildings & Grounds –. Jerry Lee is requesting a letter regarding 36 N High Street that it is zoned business and a Family Dollar is an acceptable use of the property. The Village is still waiting on final approval from Phoenix that the property has been released so the Family Dollar can begin building.

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution 2020-14 was read to approve the Cares ACT money with a motion by Melissa Shawver and a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Resolution 2020-15 was read to approve the allocation to set back \$2,000 for businesses with a maximum of \$250 per business and the remaining to go to the Fire Department. Any remaining funds after the businesses apply will then be disbursed to the Fire Department. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the Resolution with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

John Boyd brought up that he was notified by the property at 236 Marsh Street that the fire chief has been down and trying to inspect the property. The property has been caught burning at least 3 times and the Fire Department has warned them that he is not to burn so it has been turned over to the prosecutor's office.

Trick or treat will be October 31st from 5-6:30 if residents would like to pass out candy.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 2, 2020 in the Council Room (350 N High Street) at 7:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer