

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 2020 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 8, 2020 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Lance Roberts, David Stallsmith, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Tim Studer and April Russell

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 David Stallsmith and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

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

Mayor – X

BPA – The water plant is dealing with iron in the wells again and they were cleaned roughly 2 years ago. Jamison Well Drilling has been called in to look at the situation and come up with a solution. The BPA will talk over the situation at the next meeting and see what the best solution to pursue would be.

Two fire hydrants were donated to the Board and will be installed when the weather permits in front of the Methodist Church and on River Street.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported they collected 26 loads of leaves. The leaf box has been taken off and the dump truck is ready to go in for the bed repairs. The dump truck bed is 3 weeks out and it will be additional \$300 to have the old bed taken off because that was not on the original quote.

7,000 Christmas lights were installed uptown and donations were received from LCA, Connie Kendall, and Tyler Howell.

The water department purchased a van and shelves were installed in the back, some rust needs fixed, and James Doss completed maintenance on it.

Park & Pool – X

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall stated that she has been unable to reach the tree service that was going to trim the tree on the corner of High and Market Street by the apartment complex. Tyler Howell stated that he should be able to use the tractor to reach the limbs that need trimmed.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported they patched potholes around town and used 2 tons of mix. The salt spreader was attached to the tractor so it can be used while the truck bed is being replaced. Once the truck repair is completed, then the salt will be spread with the truck and the tractor will be used to plow.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

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Old Business:

Dustin Ford stated that he talked with the library and the board has not decided to close any branches at this point and they do plan to open it in the future.

The backflow device has arrived at J-Lenco and Tyler Howell is going to go look it over to see what supplies will be needed and get the device installed.

New Business:

Tim Studer was present to discuss with council about the Dollar Store coming to town and the financial burden it would take on the store. He would like to see something else be developed on the land like an apartment complex to draw more revenue to the Village. Dustin Ford presented that the property has been cleaned up and is ready to be sold. The realtor that the Village is working with is Jerry Lee. The Village is under a legal contract with Jerry Lee for the sale of the property and then will be sold to the Dollar Store. John Boyd asked Mr. Studer if he knew about the Dollar Store coming to town when he purchased the store and he said he was unaware. Mr. Studer presented that he has put a lot of money into the store to bring it up to health department code. Dustin Ford stated that he would send over the contract to the Village's solicitor to see what options the Village even has.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 5th, 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