

LARUE VILLAGE COUNCIL

January 2021 MINUTES

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on January 5, 2021 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, David Stallsmith, John Howard and John Boyd.

Guests present: Sheriff Bayles and Diane Evans

Mayor Dustin Ford swore John Howard into the vacant Council seat with term ending date 12/31/21.

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 Connie Kendall and a second by David Stallsmith, 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.

Ordinance 2021-1 was read for the 2021 appropriations with a motion to suspend the rules by David Stallsmith and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve the ordinance as written with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Council President - David Stallsmith made a motion that Connie Kendall continue as Council President for 2021 with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed by Council.

Resolution 2021-1 was read for the 2021 Blanket Purchase Orders with a motion by Melissa Shawver and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Diane Evans presented that everything at this point is on track for the water tower project. The BPA passed Resolution 2020-16 at the December 21st meeting for a rate increase to the water base rate for \$3.50.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to repeal Ordinance 2020-4 with a second John Howard, motion passed with all ayes.

Ordinance 2020-6 was read for the first reading for the proposed \$3.50 rate increase for the water base rate.

Tyler Howell presented that he was concerned with the construction crew for the water tower driving over the parking lot at the municipal building and tearing it up.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell presented that the back flow device has been installed, Christmas lights have been taken down, and some snow removal was done this past month. The dump truck was delivered on 1/5/21 for the bed replacement.

Tyler Howell presented that the molt board on the snow plow needs to be replaced because it is cracked and will cost between \$200-\$300. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to replace the molt board up to a \$300 budget with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Park & Pool – X

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Sheriff – Sheriff Bayles was present and went over that he is going to be out on patrol as the new sheriff and went over some of the programs he is going to implement. Furthermore, he stated he would like to see the deputies patrolling the small communities like La Rue and we would definitely see more coverage in our area.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall suggested looking at increasing the tree budget because there is a decent amount of tree trimming that needs to be completed this coming season.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell represented that Council is spending around \$1,000 on stone each year and he would like to propose a new piece of equipment that will regrade the alley to cut down on stone costs. The cost of the regrading equipment would be \$1,500 - \$2,000. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to allow a budget up to \$2,000 for the purchase of an alley grader with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

New Business:

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver at 7:55pm to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed by council.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver at 8:55pm to exit executive session with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed by council.

Dustin Ford presented to Tyler Howell that he got a good review and the main area to work on is communication with project status and when tasks are completed.

A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve a 5% pay raise because that is what was set in 2019 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to change the yearly 5% raise to a Federal cost of living raise each year with a satisfactory review and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer