

La Rue Village Council Meeting August 9, 2021

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on August 9, 2021 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Melissa Shawver, John Howard, David Stallsmith, Lance Roberts, and John Boyd.

Guests present: Mary Snyder, Richard Spracklen, Diane Evans (Board of Public Affairs Rep), Tom Ford, Craig from Access Engineering

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

Minutes: 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 John Boyd to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall motion passed.

Mayor – X

BPA – Diane Evans provided a brief update on the water tower that they are still waiting on the resolution for the paint issues, Tacketts has been contacted to install the fencing, and lastly a ladder safety guard needs to be installed.

Resolution 2021-4 was read to authorize the Mayor to submit the application to refinance the sewer loan with OWDA. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the resolution with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported this month they have finished painting the Village building up town, installed the swing set at the park, pressure washed the shelter houses, painted and repaired the picnic tables in the shelters, and finished pot hole patching.

Park & Pool – Mayor Dustin Ford presented that some residents have expressed some concerns with all the park money being spent at the municipal building area and the Village should keep up the other park outside of town. Council discussed several options of things that could be accomplished at the park with putting chemicals in the pond to change the color, fountain in the pond, disk gulf, concession stand bathrooms need repairs, and dock. The Board has already approved a dock to be installed at the pond and has been ordered but is on back order with an estimate presented by Tyler Howell of \$3,400. James Doss quoted \$2,500 to replace all 3 door frames on the concession stand. A motion was made by John Howard to approve a budget of \$3,000 for door frame repairs, bathroom ceiling replacement, and repainting the cart with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. Council tabled putting chemicals in the pond at this time since its late in the season and look at it in the spring. The pool still needs to be filled in and Tyler Howell brought up that Josh Daniels gave a rough estimate of \$12,000 which included filling in with the pool buildings and sledding hill. Council tabled all the other projects and will look at them in them spring.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Arbor day tree needs to be purchased and LCA is going to provide a plaque to dedicate the tree to Kenny Bookman.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – Lance Roberts presented that a meeting will be held on August 11th to review everything with the Fire Chief.

Buildings & Grounds – John Howard asked about the status of the old library building. Mayor Ford presented that the one wall will need to be inspected so see if its low bearing, new flooring needs to be installed, and lastly quotes could be gathered for all the repairs.

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Ordinance 2021-3 was read for junk motor vehicles with a motion to suspend the rules by Melissa Shawver and a second by Lance Roberts, motion passed. A motion was then made to pass the ordinance as written by John Howard and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

New Business:

Craig Messer from Access Engineering was present to talk with Council about the upcoming Market Street Project. Access Engineering needs locations of the water lines for the upcoming projects so Tyler Howell is going to get them access to the digital copy that was produced recently. All the physical stuff has been documented around town and then finish design will begin soon so everything can be presented to the Council. A copy of the storm drains lines where requested. The end of the year everything would be advertised. Access Engineering is going to assist the Village with some State Grant Money that was just released to use on some items at the water plant. Mary Price is going to provide Access Engineering with some financial numbers they need in order to fill out the application. Separate money the village is getting is ARPA federal money and will come directly to the Village and can be used on the Market Street project with additional water & sewer items. So, the Village will be working with State and Federal grant money that can be used strictly for water & sewer projects.

The Masonic Lodge has requested use of the Village's internet at the municipal building and John Howard stated that he is concerned with opening the Village's internet up due to security concerns. Council all agreed that opening the Village's internet would be a security risk and decided to not allow the Masonic Lodge to use the service.

A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the insurance policy with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. The policy renewal is \$11,930.

A motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Next meeting will be September 6, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer