

## La Rue Village Council Meeting October 4, 2021

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on October 4, 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, and John Boyd.

**Guests present:** Diane (Board of Public Affairs representative)

**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 John Howard and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

**The financial report** was presented and a motion was made John Howard to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall motion passed.

**Mayor** – Reported that Barb Stofcheck contacted him about spraying for the bees up town for the upcoming LCA. Tyler Howell located a bee trap that he found online for \$10 so Council approved the purchase of 10 to place around up town during the event.

Mayor Ford granted approval for the beer garden to be held in the parking spaces in front of Coonies on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> for the LCA Event.

**BPA** – Tyler Howell reported the new tower has been filled and will be monitored before it is put online with water testing. October 11<sup>th</sup> they should be back in town to finish grading and begin working on the old tower.

Tyler Howell reported that the plant had an issue with sand showing up in the filters so the BPA approved purchasing a chemical to clean the ROs. At this point it was a one-time occurrence with the sand but the situation is still being monitored.

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported the leaf box is completed and the only material cost was \$450 for the tarp. The residents need to bring the leaves out to the road edge. The new leaf vac has arrived. Tyler Howell is going to get a quote for a replacement impeller to have for backup.

Tyler Howell reported that he needs tools so several quotes were presented for Council to review. Connie Kendall made a motion to approve a budget of \$600 for hand tools with a second by John Howard, motion passed. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve a budget of \$1,500 for power tools with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Connie Kendall made a motion a tool budget of \$500 is set each year with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

John Howard made a motion to approve a budget of \$750 for Christmas decorations and lights with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

**Park & Pool** – X

**Sheriff** – X

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – The Arbor Day tree is going to be planted on October 8<sup>th</sup> out front of the Municipal Building in honor of Kenneth Bookman. Mayor Ford made a Proclamation in memory of Kenneth Bookman for the tree that will be planted.

Arbor Day Proclamation was read and approved with a motion by Melissa Shawver and second by John Howard, motion passed.

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – X

**Fire & Safety** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Connie Kendall made a motion to enter into agreement with OWDA for the refinancing of the two sewer loans with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Family Dollar will be starting construction this week and should have the store completed in March.

Tyler Howell reported that the Village has 7 barricades and wanted to know if the Board wanted to purchase wood to build more?

A motion was by John Howard to increase Brad Albert's pay by \$1.00 per hour with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Trick or Treat will be held October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm.

A motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. Next meeting will be November 1, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer