

La Rue Village Council Meeting May 11, 2022

(Meeting rescheduled because on May 2nd not enough Council Members present)

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on May 11, 2022 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, John Howard, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: David Conklin

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 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 –

Mayor Ford reported a meeting was held with Access Engineering on April 7th to discuss cutting the budget for the St RT 95 project. The Village's responsibility will now be \$12,000 per year for 30 years with an OWDA loan. Council would like to appropriate money towards the St Rt 95 loan each year around \$1,000 per month.

BPA – X

Maintenance – Tyler Howell report catch basins have been cleaned out. Brush has begun to be picked up, but an issue he has is getting the loads back to the lagoons with the wet farm ground.

Tyler Howell reported that he repaired the down spout behind the grocery store because the water from it was running straight into the Village building basement and flooding the area. Additionally, a new sump pump had to be purchased because the old one burnt up. The grocery store was notified of the issue and nothing was done to correct the issue so Tyler Howell just relocated the down spout so it was draining away from the building.

Tyler Howell reported he purchased flags and hardware for \$739.

Tyler Howell reported the Village has used his personal mower for a sprayer but it is no longer available so the Village needs to locate a mower that can be used to spray. Dustin Ford stated he saw one for sale outside of town so he will inquire about the cost. The mower does not need to have a deck and a budget of less than \$1,000 should be adequate.

Tyler Howell discussed the museum area in the municipal building and Council has approved a budget of \$500 towards getting pictures framed with a motion by Connie Kendall and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. All the pieces should be available before the Oorang Bang so it can be open for viewing. Tyler Howell has collected many pieces to have on display to complete the museum area and Council is on board with this project.

Park & Pool – Park is open, all the water is on, and the pond has been treated a couple times. Tyler Howell reported he got a couple loads of stone for the walking path and still needs for stone for the parking lot. LCA made a donation towards the stone of \$500. A motion was made by Melissa Shawver to approve \$500 towards stone with a second by John Howard, motion passed.

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall is going to contact JT Tree Service regarding this year's tree work.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Alleys have been graded and stone was added to the alley beside Marian Bosart’s property. Pot holes have been filled and another one needs filled on St Rt 95.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Council reviewed all the properties that received junk letters and the status:

Chris Lowry 861 N Section Street – Cleaned up

Holloway 83 Section Street – Cleaned up

Spracklen (Lumber Mill) 172 Vine Street – No progress

Pendelton 61 Chestnut Street – Cleaned up slightly but still needs attention

Andrae Williams 148 Chestnut Street – No progress

Bradshaw 44 Vine Street – No progress and didn’t pick up certified letter

Cody Lowe 285 N High Street – No progress and didn’t pick up certified letter

Demoris Brown 61 Vine Street – No progress and did pick up certified letter

Denise Potts 41 S Front Street – Slight progress

Carmicheal 79 Market Street – Cleaned up

Patterson 193 School Street – Cleaned up

Mayor Ford is going to contact the sheriff’s office regarding Cody Lowe’s property at 285 High Street regarding several junk cars and junk on the property.

Council discussed the driveway issue with Steve Dashner at 414 High Street and no new updates available because nothing has been done. Mr. Dashner has not followed up or made any contact with the Village regarding his plans to correct the issue. Clerk Mary Price is going to contact Mr. Dashner to let him know that Council would either like him to lease the adjoining property or he has 7 days to move the driveway and seed the ground.

LCA wants to lease the modulars for the remainder of the year and Council needs to get a lease document to them or some type of agreement. The agreement would outline that LCA will be maintaining the building and any maintenance/repairs that needs to be done. The LCA will make a donation to the Village each month to cover the utilities and the Village will continue to mow the grass. Council is in the process of obtaining a new solicitor so once that is completed a lease or agreement will be obtained from the solicitor.

New Business:

Council discussed holding a cleanup day on May 21st from 9am – 12 and the backup date will be June 4th. John Howard is going to contact Sims to schedule the event.

Land bank is going to be tearing down the old hardware store and then the property will be turned over to the Village. Some concern was raised because bricks are still falling from the building so some type or barricade will be placed in that area for the Oorang Bang.

Council summer schedule:

Thursday June 2nd

Wednesday July 13th

Monday August 1st

A letter was received from Deborah Spencer at 174 McCormick Street with a request to abandon the alley/right away beside her property. Council would like to talk with the Village’s solicitor to find out the proper steps that would need to be taken.

Michael Swartz has resigned as the Village's solicitor and Bailey Higgins has been recommended to take over. Clerk Mary Price will be contacting Bailey Higgins to find out if she's interested and seeing if she can attend the June 2nd meeting.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be June 2, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer