

La Rue Village Council Meeting July 13, 2022

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on July 13, 2022 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, John Boyd, John Howard, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: Mary Snyder

Opening: President Connie Kendall 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 Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by Melissa Shawver motion passed. 2022 Budget was available for viewing and approved by Council.

Mayor – The St Rt 95 project should begin sometime in July and the contractor is waiting on materials that still need to be delivered.

BPA – A water break occurred by the railroad and it was a difficult repair because it was a 2-inch line that parts were very difficult to locate.

The lagoons were mowed.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that the museum is completed in the municipal building.

Tyler Howell reported that cleanup day was very slow this year and only 4 dumpsters were used.

Tyler Howell reported that a new air conditioner was installed in the municipal building.

Tyler Howell would like to install tenting to the front door on the municipal building to block the sun from coming into the building to prevent damage to the items in the display case.

Park & Pool – Tyler Howell reported that the picnic tables continue to be thrown in the pond. One picnic table sunk and was never located. A suggestion was made to install more lights at park so Clerk Mary Price is going to contact AEP to see if they can install more lights.

A couple trees were removed by the pond so a suggestion was made to install some benches to place in that area. Tyler Howell presented to council that he found a form that can be used with bagged concrete to create benches. A motion was made by John Howard to purchase the molds for the benches with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed.

Sheriff – Mayor Ford reported he talked with the sheriff about 285 High Street and the vehicles have all been registered and tires have been blown up. The property is now in compliance with all the vehicles on the property according to the sheriff. The remaining violation is all the junk that still remains and has not been cleaned up.

Zoning – Mayor Dustin Ford reported that the property at 131 Chestnut Street is requesting a variance hearing for a garage he has converted into living space. A variance application along with the \$200 application fee have been received so letters will be mailed to the adjoining properties with a variance hearing date.

Tree Commission – Connie Kendall reported that there are two more trees that need attention from the storms and will cost \$4,100 with removal and stump grinding. A motion was made by John Howard to remove the 2 trees along with stump grinding with a second by John Boyd, motion passed.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell reported that he will be filling pot holes on Vine, Swain, and Front Street.

Fire & Safety – The repaving of the alley beside the fire station may have some other municipalities pitching with the expense.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Council approved notices to be placed in the newspaper for the following properties that need cleaned up and did not pick up certified letters:

- 1.) Bradshaw - 44 Vine Street
- 2.) Cody Lowe - 285 High Street
- 3.) Demoris Brown - 61 Vine Street

Mayor Ford is going to contact Steve Dashner about the driveway at 414 High Street and what his final decision is with leasing or removing the driveway that was installed on the Village's lot. A certified letter was sent regarding the matter and it was signed and received on 6/13/22 by Mr. Dashner with no response.

Tyler Howell still needs to contact a masonry place about the municipal building issues and the coating will be completed by Village employees.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-4 was read to allow Mayor Ford to enter into a lease agreement between the LCA and Village Council for 350 High Street. A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Howard with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. A motion by Melissa Shawver to approve the Resolution as written with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

A proclamation was read to officially outline the pronunciation and spelling of LaRue by Norma Joan (LaRue) Boles.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard with a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be August 1, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer