

La Rue Village Council Meeting December 5, 2022

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on December 5, 2022 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Tyler Howell, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, David Stallsmith, John Howard, John Boyd, and Melissa Shawver.

Guests present: Diane Evans and Doug Shawver representing the Board of Public Affairs. Craig Mescher from Access Engineering.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the last regular meeting and November Special meeting were read and approved with a motion by Melissa Shawver and a second by John Howard, 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 – Next meeting will be Tuesday December 20th @7pm.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that he hung Christmas lights and replaced the RO filters at the water plant this past month.

Tyler Howell reported that the property at 285 High Street is being invested by Bailey Higgins with what can be done with cleanup. According to Mrs. Higgins the property owner needs to handle the situation. Additionally, Council wants to proceed with the prosecutor's office as well because the property is delinquent on taxes.

Tyler Howell discussed his next history project with signage at the old school properties around the area with signage.

Council discussed the Christmas tree and fence at 47 S High Street because the owner wants to remove the tree and fencing. There's potential that the Village and some of the non-profits in the area could work something out the prevent the tree and fence being removed.

Park – X

Sheriff – X

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley – X

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Craig Mescher was present from Access Engineering to discuss the Market Street project wrap-up. See the attached sheets for the project funding breakdown. The area along Market Street was seeded because it was required to finish the project but the construction crew will be back to reseed it since it was done so late in the season. The backflow was brought up and a new piece is going to be installed by Dirt Dawg and the current piece of equipment is going to be given to the Village. Craig talked with Council about using the ARPA money on the St Rt 37 rather than using it on Market Street. Council all agreed to wait and use the ARPA money on the upcoming St Rt 37 project. John Boyd brought up that he felt that the North end of St Rt 37 needed more attention than the South side that is currently the first section that is going for funding. Craig mentioned that after the funding is awarded then a discussion can be held about switching the section of the street that is completed first.

New Business:

Mayor Ford read a letter that was received from Richard Hoover @ 149 S Chestnut Street regarding a letter he received from his insurance company that needs trimmed. Connie Kendall suggested looking at the tree right now with all the leaves off to see the condition of the tree if its healthy. Council agreed to respond to the letter by telling Mr. Hoover that he has permission to trim the tree that his insurance has an issue with.

The LCA has approached the Village about getting internet service at 350 High Street and then LCA would reimburse the Village for the cost. A motion was made by John Boyd to provide internet service @350 High Street and a second by Melissa Shawver, motion passed with 4 yes votes and Connie Kendall Abstained.

John Howard would like to install a street light on pole #1059-C3 in the middle of school street beside the modular building.

A motion to adjourn by Melissa Shawver, motion passed. Next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer