

## La Rue Village Council Meeting May 1, 2023

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on May 1, 2023 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price and Council Members: David Stallsmith, John Boyd, Lance Roberts, Jed Doss, John Howard, and Connie Kendall.

**Guests present:** Mary Snyder

**Opening:** Mayor 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 David Stallsmith 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 Ford swore in Jed Doss as the new Village Council member.

**Mayor** – X

**BPA** – X

**Maintenance** – Council would like Mayor Ford to let Bob Howell know that he does not need to mow the vacant triangle shape lot along Front Street that Lance Roberts owns. Council would also like Bob Howell to use gas cans to get gas for the mowers rather than driving the mower out to the gas station.

Council would like Tyler Howell to get a schedule of catch basins and lines that need cleaned or jetted.

**Park** – X

**Sheriff** – Council discussed how many hours they would like coverage and how much they want to set the rate. There were concerns expressed about 4-wheelers and dirt bikes driving all around town. Council would like the sheriff to patrol the town during the following windows:

Monday – Saturday 3-11pm

Sunday 12-6pm

A motion was made by John Howard to approve 10 hours per week with a pay rate of \$40 total (\$35 deputy & \$5 for the county) with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed. Council would like to receive a report after each deputy patrols the area. Mayor Ford is going to contact the Sheriff to coordinate the coverage times that Council would like.

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – X

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – Council would like Tyler Howell to repair the hole located at N High Street (around 453 N High St) and look into repairing the area where the gas line was torn up on Market & McCormick Street.

**Fire & Safety** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Council discussed the burnt building up town and Mayor Ford reported that the land bank is just focusing on the hardware project at this time. Regional Planning recommended that if someone

wanted to do something to clean up the property the first step would be hiring a structural engineer to get a Scope of Project and then funds can be look for. Council would like Mr. Bibler to advise on what legally the Village Council should be doing to make sure this property is cleaned up. Council also wants to know who we need to put pressure on to get the demolition of these two buildings completed as quickly as possible.

Mayor Ford brought up that he mentioned at the last meeting investing some of the general fund into a CD and he would like to have Council decide. Council is going to research to make sure what legally the Village can do with investing.

**New Business:**

John Howard brought up the concrete lid at Fields catch basin needs to be put back in place. The cost is roughly \$300-\$500 to purchase a new lid and put it back in place. A motion was made by Lance Roberts to put a new lid on the Fields catch basin up to \$500 with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

Council approved the 2023 insurance policy with a motion by Connie Kendall and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

**Ordinance 2023-2** was read to raise the sewer base to \$27.50 and the usage to \$6.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

New solicitor will be attending the next meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Council would like him to come ready to discuss how to handle properties with junk and the Village's responsibility regarding the burnt property.

Connie Kendall requested that Mayor Ford put in a request to have the road closed during the Oorang Bang. Street needs to be closed June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

The LCA is planning to run electric to the garage building at 350 High Street and they will be putting the box into their name.

Connie Kendall would like Council to look into a tax levy for the park.

A motion to adjourn by Connie Kendall and a second by Jed Doss motion passed. Next meeting will be June 5, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer