

La Rue Village Council Meeting July 12, 2023

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on July 12, 2023 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, John Howard, and Connie Kendall.

Guests present: Richard Holcomb

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 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 John Howard motion passed.

Mayor – Dustin Ford was contacted by a representative of Tillman infrastructure and they want to inquire about installing a telecommunication tower. Council all agreed to continue investigation into the matter.

Mayor Ford is going to contact Access Engineering to get a status on the St Rt 95 if there is anything still remaining and if the backflow replacement has been ordered.

BPA – Dustin Ford reported that addresses have been assigned to the pump stations so now Columbia Gas will set up an account for the generators. Once the pump station generators are up and running then Council is ok with Tyler Howell listing the generator in the garage on Gov Deals.

Tyler Howell reported that Aqua has been following him around a lot at the plant and reading meters.

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported he started vacuuming out catch basins, trims trees at the park, and spent time preparing for the Oorang Bang.

Tyler Howell going to talk to Richard about the repair of the tile at Greg Fields, that Dick has not addressed at this point.

Park – X

Sheriff – Connie Kendall asked about the sheriff's contract and the new rate so Mayor Ford is going to follow up with the sheriff. The contract was mailed and they never received it so Mayor Ford is going to request that they just email a copy.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – There is a tree in front of the duplex that Johnson owns on Front Street that needs attention.

Budget – X

Street and Alley – Tyler Howell is going to contact little Richard about the road repair at Front & Vine Street and the 400 block N High Street.

John Howard asked if a stop sign at Price and Swain Street could be moved back because it is too close to the road for vehicles to turn.

In front of Diane Evans property along the road there is an issue that needs to be investigated with potential of a blown-out tile. Council approved for Tyler to investigate the issue.

Fire & Safety – X

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

Resolution 2023-2 was read for the 3rd reading to increase the sewer base rate to \$27.50 and the usage to \$6.00 per thousand gallons. A motion was made by John Howard to table the resolution at this time with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

New Business:

Andrew Trihaft is interested in purchasing the vacant lots beside the property he purchased at 9362 North Street. Council wants to make sure that in the purchase agreement it outlines that nothing can be done with the ditch area.

Resolution 2023-7 was read to approve spending \$21,000 of the ARPA money on the tile and backflow project at the intersection of Front and School Street. A motion to suspend the rules was made by John Howard with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed (3 yes, 2 absent, and 1 vacant seat). A motion was then made by John Howard to approve the resolution as written with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed (3 yes, 2 absent, and 1 vacant seat).

Connie Kendall suggested that Council looks into looking into another supplier for the AEP bill due to the increase in cost.

A motion to adjourn by Connie Kendall and a second by John Howard motion passed. Next meeting will be August 7, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer