

## **La Rue Village Council Meeting November 6, 2023**

The La Rue Village Council met in regular session on October 2, 2023 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, John Howard, and John Boyd.

**Guests present:** Mary Snyder, Craig Mescher, and Diane Evans (Representing the BPA).

**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 David Stallsmith, motion passed.

**The financial report** was presented and a motion was made John Howard to approve the bills with a second by Connie Kendall motion passed.

**Mayor** – X

**BPA** –

**Maintenance** – Tyler Howell reported that he has been working on picking up leaves. An AEP work ticket has been received and a new light will be installed at 350 High Street by the new playground.

Council agreed to allot \$500 for Christmas light expenses with a motion by Connie Kendall and a second by John Howard, motion passed.

**Park** – Tyler Howell reported the park has been winterized and closed. Inmates painted the dugouts and the pergola has been painted as well.

Tyler Howell is still waiting on additional quotes for the fence repairs at the park.

**Sheriff** –

**Zoning** – X

**Tree Commission** – A motion was made by John Howard to approve the quote to remove the trees at 375 Third St with a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed. JT tree service quote \$2,300.

**Budget** – X

**Street and Alley** – X

**Fire & Safety** – X

**Buildings & Grounds** – X

**Regional Planning** – X

**Old Business:**

Craig Mescher reported on St Rt 37 project that the Village has secured the \$500,000 in OPWC grant and now the Village will be seeking \$720,000 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization money. The critical infrastructure money will not be awarded to the Village. Spreadsheet attached from Access Engineering for the proposed financing. Some requirements for the CDBG Revitalization money will be the board needs to complete several upcoming public meetings and Village Improvement Survey completed by the residents of the town.

**New Business:**

Mayor Ford reported that Joann Boles and Clarence Greer both passed away. The Board will be getting a plaque to go along with the tree that was already planted for Joann Boles at the old school property. A new tree and plaque will be planted in the spring in memory of Clarence Greer and possible a bench with a plaque to place uptown by the barbershop.

Tyler Howell presented a resident at 9460 North St has expressed concerns with her neighbors having livestock on there property @9476 North Street. Council looked at the zoning and property card and it is zoned residential.

A motion was made Connie Kendall to increase the Council, Board of Public Affairs, and Mayor's pay by \$50 per month with a second by John Howard, motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 nay. The solicitor will be contacted to find out what the proper procedure will be to complete this.

A motion to adjourn by John Howard and a second by Connie Kendall motion passed. Next meeting will be December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer