

LaRue Village Council Meeting February 7, 2024

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on February 7, 2024 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, Maintenance Supervisor Tyler Howell, and Council Members: David Stallsmith, Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, John Boyd, Maria Ford, and John Hickman.

Guests present: BPA representatives Diane Evans, Mary Snyder, Maria Ford, Craig Mescher, and Amanda Hickman.

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 Connie Kendall and a second by David Stallsmith, motion passed.

The financial report was presented and a motion was made Connie Kendall to approve the bills with a second by Andrew Trihaft, motion passed.

- Mayor Dustin Ford announced that John Howard submitted his resignation from Council as of 2/7/24.
- Maria Ford was sworn into office to fill the vacant seat with term end date 12/31/25

Mayor – X

BPA –

Maintenance – Tyler Howell reported that they plowed 2 times this past month. A pre-construction meeting will be held February 13th @ 1:30pm in the County Building for the demo of the hardware store. Demo quote was \$64,000.

Tyler Howell reported he spoke with John Slauderback about the situation in the road by Diane Evan's house and the lagoons. No quote for the work has been received back yet.

Tyler Howell reported he is having trouble getting stone for the alleys. The alley behind the hatchery to the fire station was completed. Until more stone can be obtained no more alleys will be completed.

Tyler Howell reported he has been working with AEP mapping lines.

Park – Tyler Howell reported that will be installing poles and some chain that will be installed along the walking path to prevent vehicles and 4 wheelers. Some signs also need to be installed that 4 wheelers are not permitted.

Sheriff – 2024 contract was presented and Council discussed the number of hours and pay rate for the deputy. John Boyd made a motion to approve the 2024 contract with a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

Zoning – X

Tree Commission – X

Budget – X

Street and Alley –

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported that a fire department awards banquet was held.

Buildings & Grounds – X

Regional Planning – X

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Craig Mescher was present to hold a public meeting for CDBG revitalization Program funding. Reports were presented with funding of \$750,000 that will be available for the upcoming projects. Mr. Mescher recommended that Council gets as many improvement surveys filled out because that will help with funding. Surveys need to be returned by March 1st.

John Boyd brought up that he would like to see if Council could designate the street parking outside the Methodist Church as handicap parking. Council discussed painting the curb and marking the street for handicap.

Letter needs to be sent to 9476 North St regarding burning of construction supplies.

A motion to adjourn by Connie Kendall.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 4, 2024.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer