

LaRue Village Council Meeting September 15, 2026

The LaRue Village Council met in regular session on September 15, 2026 in the Village Council Room. Present were Mayor Dustin Ford, Clerk Mary Price, and Council Members: Connie Kendall, Andrew Trihaft, David Stallsmith, and Maria Ford.

Guests present: Dillion Wyatt from Mckeever & Associates, Amanda Klugh, Tom Ford, Herbert Oney and wife.

Opening: Mayor Dustin 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 Andrew Trihaft and a second by Connie Kendall, motion passed.

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

Variance Hearing:

The LaRue Council held a variance hearing for parcel #220010002100. The proposed dwelling is 360 square feet and per the zoning code it requires at least 700 sq feet for a house. Herbert Oney was present as a neighboring property and he did not object to the variance. A motion was made by Connie Kendall to approve the variance for parcel #220010002100 with a second by Maria Ford, motion passed.

Maintenance – Mayor Ford reported the dump truck had to have the starter and tires replaced.

<u>Buildings & Grounds</u> – X	<u>Budget</u> – X	<u>Commission</u> – X	<u>Street and Alley</u> – X	
<u>BPA</u> – X	<u>Sheriff</u> - X	<u>Park</u> – X	<u>Zoning</u> – X	<u>Tree</u> – X

Fire & Safety – Andrew Trihaft reported at the last meeting a contract was signed to purchase a Rosenbauer engine and it won't be ready until 2029. The chief has been working on a ton of grants.

Old Business:

Dillion Wyatt was present to discuss phase #2 for the High Street project. A map and financial documentation were presented to Council for review. Application for CDBG money is not until spring 2028 so that means potential construction wouldn't be until July 2029. Additionally, OPWC funds don't release until July of the following year of obtaining the CDBG funds. Mr. Wyatt reported he has been in contact with Eric Petee from ODOT to schedule a site visit to see the condition of the state highway along with the District Representative Tony.

Clerk Mary Price is going to contact Jesse Allen to get an update on the list of junk vehicles that the sheriffs office is supposed to be addressing. Additionally, 520 N High Street is going to be added to the list for a junk vehicle.

Mayor Ford updated Council on some additional information regarding the mosquito fogging and the Department of Agriculture reported they did not take any animals from 160 School Street.

New Business:

Dustin Ford presented a quote from RUE General Contracting to finish the sidewalk and install the electric from Kent Wyse property to the corner on Vine Street for \$9,584. Council would like to have another quote obtained. Dustin Ford is going to contact Evie Cummings @Regional Planning to see if there are any safety grants available.

Several members from Council may be attending the Fire Board Meeting on October 14th @7:00pm to meet an attorney as a potential candidate for Village solicitor.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026 (Date Change)