

LA RUE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
December 2018 minutes

The La Rue Board of Public Affairs met in regular session December 17, 2018. Present were board members Doug Shawver and Wendy Crabtree. Also present was Clerk Mary Price, Mayor Lightfoot, and Tyler Howell. Guest: Tom Ford and Paul Kerr

The regular meeting minutes were read and approved with a motion by Wendy Crabtree and second by Doug Shawver.

The financial report - was given and bills presented for payment. Doug Shawver moved to pay the bills and seconded by Wendy Crabtree, motion passed.

Complaints – No complaints.

Delinquent Bills- 25 shut off notices have been sent out with a shut off date of 12/31/18.

Old Business-

Tom Ford requested that his meter be estimated at zero usage and then read every other month for account #302.

Tom Ford would like to see the valve down by his house installed as soon as the board can get it done because he wants the hydrant flushed. Tyler Howell reported he has the valve and was just concerned with tearing up the yard with the ground being so wet. Tom Ford reported he was not cornered with the yard he wants the valve replaced. The water at the house down by that valve has a lot of iron build up in it and the line needs to be flushed but can't be done until the valve is replaced. Flushing hydrants the fire department was reporting they are noticing lots of iron and its running red for 15-20 minutes long. When using the hydrants Paul Kerr reported the pressure and flow makes them almost usable. The best flowing hydrant is on the alley along Front Street in front of Deckers property. Tyler Howell thought they could check hydrants and make sure valves are all open and see if that increases the flow. The water tower pressure is set at 54 psi, any more it runs water out of the tower, and Mr. Kerr reported 40 psi at the fire station. Tyler Howell is going to pull a sample from the Fire Station since Mr. Kerr was concerned with iron showing in the water.

Core and Main came to look at the hydrant on Market Street and they do not feel it needs replaced and it could be fixed with replacing the rubber seal. If the rubber seal is still good on the other side it can be flipped and if it is not then it will be replaced. The hydrant down by Bookman's property has the top/cap that is not on properly and needs to be fixed. There are two hydrants along River Street that are leaking and are going to be looked at also with the seals.

A company came it to take a paint sample from the water tower and inspection of the paint. The company reported that the green paint that is under the blue was not properly put on so that is why the current paint is peeling off. The tower would need to be sand blasted to start over or peeling would continue to be an issue. There is silver paint under the green layer and it probably has lead in it so that would require additional steps to take care of. If the silver layer has lead then it will be hard to find a grant to cover the cost to have it repainted so locating a grant to replace may be the easier route. Wendy Crabtree is going to contact the engineering group to have them help find a grant. If the board would try to repair the existing tower then other issues would need to be addressed like removing the air gap at the top and other items. If the tower were replaced then a new piece of land would need to be obtained.

Meter for Kiwanis has arrived.

Core & Main came and got everything with the auto reader set up with the billing software.

New Business –

EPA is now requiring Tyler Howell to record daily what he does at the plant with new requirements they have set up.

Tyler Howell reported he cleaned out the chlorine injection port.

The board reviewed sewer expenses and income for the past 4 years and it is clear that the sewer is not generating enough to cover expenses. The sewer fund has generated a negative balance in 2016 & 2017. The board has some upcoming projects that they need to start saving for and they need to start putting \$10,000 in the sewer reserve each year. The board decided to raise the base rate \$5 and the usage \$.75 with Resolution 2018-6. A motion was made by Doug Shawver and a second by Wendy Crabtree to pass the resolution to send the rate increase to Council.

The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2018 in the Village Council Room.

Chairman

Clerk