

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at Lyerly Community Center. Those in attendance were:

James Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Juanita Baker
Gwen Fisher

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferguson at 7:00pm.

Mayor Ferguson said that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), is going to be building a new bridge on Highway 114 over Mosteller Creek. They will have to reroute traffic one set of lanes to the left. Phil Brooks said, so they won't shut it down. Mayor Ferguson said that traffic will work around it. We have to relocate a sewer line and a water line for this project. We are going to apply for utility assistance to help pay for that. We have to hire Ladd for the engineering so they can draw up plans and we then give them to GDOT so they can include that into their project. Sally Kerce asked if GDOT will be moving our lines, or we have to hire someone. Mayor Ferguson said we have to engineer it and hire a contractor. Juanita Baker asked if we are going to have to get permission from the property owners to move the lines over. Mayor Ferguson said that hopefully it's within our existing easement. Ladd will have to do a survey. If it isn't, we may have to pay someone.

Mayor Ferguson said that he just wants to let everyone know that we are going to have to buy two new lawnmowers next year. One of ours is really old and the other, we have had about six years. Phil Brooks asked if we would sell those at a public auction. Sally Kerce said that we put everything on GovDeals. Shirley Davis asked if we need a more commercial type of lawnmower than what we have. Mayor Ferguson said no, we have commercial type zero turn lawnmowers. They just don't make things like they used to and the last one we bought turned out to be a piece of junk. It should cost about \$25,000 to replace both. Mayor Ferguson said that Michael Cabe said that for every hour of mowing, they probably do 30 minutes of maintenance.

Millage Rate – Mayor Ferguson said that we have held the three public meetings about the millage rate and no one came. The millage rate for 2024 is now set at 6.75%.

Amendment to 2023 Budget for Audit – Mayor Ferguson said that we have to make an amendment to the 2023 budget. We were \$3,800 over on parks and rec. and \$3,000 on sanitation. They caught that in the audit. Phil Brooks made a motion to amend the 2023 budget. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.

Phil Brooks asked how Down Home Day was looking. Sally Kerce said that it is looking great. She was getting worried because we didn't have many vendors but the last couple of weeks, we have had a good many sign up. We have several new vendors signed up.

Halloween – Shirley Davis asked if we are going to do trunk or treat. Last year we didn't have it because the churches did their own thing, and we didn't have enough involvement. Phil Brooks said that we can get with the churches and see if they would like to be involved this year. Shirley Davis said she will ask the Lyerly Community Church. Juanita Baker said she would check with Lyerly First Baptist Church. Phil

Brooks said that he thinks we have done very good on community spirit and activities, and he would like for it to continue to grow.

Juanita Baker said that the Civic Club is about to disband because they have all gotten older. If anyone would like to put flowers in the pot along the highway, they can. Gwen Fisher asked if Summerville pays for the flowers that they put out. Sally Kerce said that they have a Summerville Mainstreet Committee with volunteers.

Gwen Fisher said that since you can no longer take your brush to dump on Highway 27, could we have a day to pick it up in Lyerly. Michael Cabe said that it is only temporary. The county is making a new place at public works to take brush. Mayor Ferguson said that we don't have the ability to pick up brush for residents.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk