

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Jim Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Gwen Fisher

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Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Ferguson reminded everyone not to forget to vote on November 4th.

Garbage Rate Increase – Mayor Ferguson said that we were notified by Wright’s that rates will be going from \$12 per can to \$18 per can. The increase is due to the rate increase at the transfer station. He said that his plan is to pass that extra \$6 on to the customers. We pay \$2 of the garbage now and they pay \$10. So now they will pay \$16 and us pay \$2. If the council would like to adjust those numbers, he would be glad to do the math. He asked how many cans we have out right now. Clerk Sally Kerce said we have approximately 220. Mayor Ferguson said that the town currently pays \$440 per month. If we took on \$2 more, that would put us at \$880 per month. He said that he doesn’t think we have room in our budget for it at this time. Mayor Ferguson said that the only alternative is to rebid the garbage service. Shirley Davis said that she thinks that we have good garbage service. Clerk Sally Kerce added that if anyone asks, if you live inside the city limits, you have to pay for garbage service. She said that she had had a couple of people in the past call and not want to pay that fee and carry their own garbage off. She is afraid with this increase, more people will call and want to not have a can. So, if anyone asks the council members, it is mandatory. Phil Brooks made a motion to adjust garbage rates to \$18 per month. \$16 that the customer pays and \$2 that the town pays. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.

Insurance – Clerk Sally Kerce said that Tony Jones with Flegal Insurance contacted her about quoting our insurance again this year. He got us quotes last year but the council voted to stay with GMA. Do they want it quoted again this year? Shirley Davis confirmed that we are happy with the insurance that we have now. Mayor Ferguson said yes. The council all agreed to stay with what we have right now.

Building on Empty Lot – Clerk Sally Kerce said that this was just to keep the council informed but someone called about putting a metal building on a lot on Reynolds Street. Shirley Davis asked if this would be a business. Clerk Sally Kerce said no. It would just be a metal building/shop. He did say that in the future, he may put a room in it to stay in, but she told him that shouldn’t be a problem. Mayor Ferguson asked if they would need a water meter. Clerk Sally Kerce said that there is already a meter for that property. They used to use it for their garden.

Amend 2024 Budget – Mayor Ferguson said that he has a resolution to amend the 2024 budget due to the audit. The amendments to the General budget would be: (Income) Tax Revenue + \$6,000, Grant Revenue + \$16,000 and Transfer In + \$16,500. Also, (Expenses) Highways & Streets Expense + \$16,000, Utilities + \$4,000 and Sanitation + \$2,000. Phil Brooks made a motion to amend the budget for these amounts. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.

Halloween – Mayor Ferguson asked if we are going to host trunk or treat. Clerk Sally Kerce said that the Fire Department asked if we are going to and if we are not, they would like to. Shirley Davis said to let them do it. Mayor Ferguson agreed. Mayor Ferguson said that Kasia is planning to decorate. Everyone agreed to let the fire department host trunk or treat.

Phil Brooks asked how things are going with the fire department since the changes. Mayor Ferguson said that things are going great. Clerk Sally Kerce said that she has had several compliments. Mayor Ferguson said that we have several certified fire fighters now. Clerk Sally Kerce said that Tim told her that they should all be certified by the end of November. Mayor Ferguson said that everything is good. They are doing a lot of training and collaborating with other departments.

Shirley Davis made a motion to adjourn. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk