

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Jim Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Juanita Baker
Jim Gilliland

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

Financial Reports - Mayor Ferguson said that the council should have a copy of the financial reports. If they have any questions, let him know.

Audit Letters – Mayor Ferguson said that ADS Environmental came and spoke with him and Michael Cabe two weeks ago because our storm water infiltration has gotten beyond out of control.

Mill Village Road – There have been complaints about the junk at two houses on Mill Village Road. Juanita Baker asked what we can do about it. Mayor Ferguson said that he talked with our attorney and he is going to send the mayor an ordinance for them to look at, adjust and pass and that will give us the ability to issue what is called “clean it or lean it”. We give them a certain amount of time to clean their property and if they don’t, we have it cleaned up and place a lean on their property to recoup the cost. If they don’t pay the lean off after a certain amount of time, we can foreclose. Jim Gilliland said that we have an ordinance about how many vehicles are allowed on a property and he has a bunch. Mayor Ferguson said that he has several violations. Shirley Davis said that we have several places that need to be checked.

Appoint Someone to Library Board – Clerk Sally Kerce said that the library called last week and said that Kasia was our representative for Lyerly on the library board but her term has expired and we need to appoint someone ASAP. They meet once a year in October and it’s a three year term. Juanita Baker nominates Gwen Fisher. If she doesn’t want to, then she would do it. Sally Kerce said that she would ask her.

Down Home Day – Mayor Ferguson said that we have 31 vendors signed up for DHD. Juanita Baker said that the civic club will have a booth so they can’t help at the town booth the entire time. Shirley Davis said that she is going to help the town for two hours and the Juanita Baker will help the other two hours. Juanita Baker said that the Civic Club needs to raise some money. Speaking of that, she asked the town for a donation. Mayor Ferguson said yes. He then asked how much the town gave them last year. Sally Kerce said \$500. Mayor Ferguson asked the council if they want to make a recommendation on how much to give them this year. Phil Brooks made a motion to give the civic club \$500. Jim Gilliland seconded. All in favor.

Halloween – Mayor Ferguson asked if they want to have trunk or treat again. Juanita Baker said that she doesn’t see why not. Shirley Davis asked what day Halloween falls on. Sally Kerce said Tuesday. Summerville is having theirs Saturday during the day and Menlo is doing theirs the day of Halloween 5-7. Juanita Baker said that the Baptist church is doing theirs Sunday afternoon. Mayor Ferguson said that we

could do it Saturday evening. Shirley Davis asked if we are going to have hot dogs, chips and drinks. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Shirley Davis then asked if we will have a movie. Mayor Ferguson said yes, if the weather cooperates. Juanita Baker said she thinks we should do it Saturday evening. Juanita Baker suggested 6:30 or 7:00. Mayor Ferguson said we'll do 6:30 on Saturday, October 28th.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:15pm.

Jim Gilliland said that the city workers don't get insurance or anything like that. He said he would like to give them a cost of living. Sally Kerce said that everyone does get a yearly raise on their anniversary. Depending on how long you have worked here is the percentage raise you get. (2%, 3% or 4%) Mayor Ferguson said that it isn't labeled a cost of living but they do get something every year, except for Michael Cabe. Mayor Ferguson asked who gets what. Sally Kerce said that she and JR get 4% and she thinks that Jason just got his last 3% and will get 4% next year. Jim Gilliland said that he makes the suggestions that we compare their salary and the jobs they do to the City of Summerville and see what we can do about that. Shirley Davis said that we don't have the same amount coming in as the City of Summerville. Phil Brooks said that per capita, it's close. Jim Gilliland said that our workers do the same work as the workers at Summerville. Mayor Ferguson said that we can take into consideration the difference in size but we could at least find out if they are even playing the same sport.

Shirley Davis asked if we can have something where there is no panhandling. Mayor Ferguson said that she will call the sheriff's department. That's something they deal with. Shirley Davis said that we do have one man that was hanging around town. Michael Cabe said that he was arrested for criminal trespass.

Juanita Baker made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk