

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 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.

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone had a problem with the minutes. Juanita Baker said that she didn't and made a motion to approve the December 20th, January 10th, February 7th, March 8th & May 9th Meeting minutes. Phil Brooked seconded.

Mayor Ferguson said that Down Home Day will be Saturday, September 30th. He needs to know what time everyone wants to do it. He said that he and Sally were thinking 10am – 2pm. He said last year we did it later and it didn't work out too well. Phil Brooks said that would be good. Everyone agreed on 10am – 2pm. Shirley Davis said that the mayor mentioned a while back about having a lady help plan Down Home Day. Sally Kerce said that the lady was going to have her own event in the park and then help with ours but she hasn't heard anything else from her. Mayor Ferguson said that everyone loves bingo so we will make it a little bigger this time. Michael Cabe asked about trying to get camel rides. He thinks it would be about \$2,500 dollars but that to let the kids ride for free. Mayor Ferguson said that would be great.

Mayor Ferguson said that everyone knows that we had the flow monitors installed by ADS Environmental and then it didn't rain for like three weeks and then it finally rained and what we found out was not good. Instead of narrowing down infiltration to one section of the sewer system, there is infiltration coming from all sections of the sewer system and the amounts were roughly equal. Juanita Baker asked what we need to do about that. Mayor Ferguson said that we will let the study run its course and when the 90 days is up, he will be curious as to what ADS will have to offer as the next step. Phil Brooks said maybe we could get some type of grant or something. Mayor Ferguson said that it is possibly it is because of the installation itself. If that's the case, we are looking at having to spend a whole lot of money to fix it. Shirley Davis asked for a reminder of why we are doing this. She asked if it is putting too much water in the sewer system. Mayor Ferguson said yes. When it rains, the volume goes up and it shouldn't. It always will to a certain degree but not like what we have.

Phil Brooks asked if the mayor has heard anything from the state on where they repaired Cemetery Road and Lyerly Dam Road or if they are just going to leave it with what is done. Mayor Ferguson said that he thinks what is done is done. Jim Gilliland said that on Cemetery Road there is an issue with the railroad tracks. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Where the water comes under the railroad tracks, it is a weird angle.

Shirley Davis asked if they are about to paint the Ragland building. Mayor Ferguson said yes. He has to get Shane Hurley to come back and fix a few things that Carols needs fixed and then they will paint it. Shirley Davis asked if they are going to weed eat around it before it's painted. Mayor Ferguson said yes.

Michael Cabe said it would have already been done but hasn't due to the rain. Shirley Davis said that she just knows it wouldn't do any good to paint it with all of the grass there.

Jim Gilliland asked if we have done anything about zoning. Mayor Ferguson said that he wanted Jason Winters to help us out with that but he hasn't heard back from him. He thinks we may have to find someone else. Shirley Davis said that Summerville and Trion are having a hard time finding someone to do theirs to. Sally Kerce said, on a similar note, one of the customers on Mill Village Road came by again complaining about the end of their road. He said that if we would send him to school to be our code enforcer and pay for the schooling, he would do it for free. Phil Brooks asked what is being built on Cemetery Road. Sally Kerce said that it's supposed to be a house. Juanita Baker said that it looks like barracks. Jim Gilliland said, or apartments. That is why he was asking about the zoning. Mayor said that he hasn't been over there. Phil Brooks said that it isn't regular block, it's faced. Shirley Davis said she hopes it's on 1/2 acre. Michael Cabe said that have closer to one acre. Sally Kerce said that they have more than enough to build. Juanita Baker confirmed that they can only build the one residence. Mayor Ferguson said yes, just the one. Shirley Davis said that she had someone call her and complain that you have to have 1/2 acre to build. She said that she told them to buy two lots.

Phil Brooks said that in front of the liquor store, there is a terrible hole in the road. Is that our responsibility or the county? Sally Kerce said that it is on us and Delbert is supposed to be getting us a price and it will be paved using LMIG funds.

Shirley Davis made the motion to adjourn. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk