

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor James Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Juanita Baker
Shirley Davis
Jim Gilliland

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

Mayor Ferguson said that this is not a work session; this will be our regular monthly meeting. He will be out of town next week. Juanita Baker said that since they let her off last month, she'll let it slide. She also told everyone thank you for letting her take off last month.

Minutes – Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have copies of minutes. He asked if anyone has any questions. Phil Brooks asked if we got the money moved over into its own account. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Jim Gilliland asked what money is that. Mayor Ferguson said that it's the money that we received for COVID relief. Juanita Baker said that we still can't use it. Jim Gilliland said that we need to get a copy of the stipulations for everyone. Mayor Ferguson said that it is like 100 pages but Sally can still get everyone a copy. Shirley Davis said that she will wait for the mayor to go through it and find something that we can use it for.

Juanita Baker asked if we had talked with Carlos about painting the Ragland building. Mayor Ferguson said that we haven't talked with him again. Juanita Baker made a motion to approve August 3rd, August 12th, August 31st, September 15th, October 12th, November 16th and December 7th minutes. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor. Mayor Ferguson said that as far as the Ragland building, it is going to get done. He said that we already have a drawing to bid out enclosing the back of city hall so we are going to bid that out first. He said that he is wanting to get a cost for painting the Ragland building and then he may get Ladd Engineering to come out and look at it since it is so old. Juanita Baker asked if Carlos could do the windows and doors too. Mayor Ferguson said no. He is just a painter. We will have to get someone else for all of that. Jim Gilliland asked if that was coming out of the same funds as the back of city hall. Mayor Ferguson said yes. It is all coming out of SPLOST. Jim Gilliland said that whoever gets the bid on the back of city hall may be able to give us an idea on the Ragland building. Shirley Davis said we need to see if it's safe enough to do anything to first. Mayor Ferguson said that he wants to make sure that there isn't anything structural that needs to be done before we go too far.

Mayor Ferguson said that one thing we can use some of the money that we got from COVID relief for is to give the employees a bonus. The county did it for their employees. Shirley Davis asked if the employees didn't just get a bonus at Christmas. Mayor Ferguson said yes but not out of that money. The County gave \$1,500 to every employee. Jim Gilliland said that he doesn't necessarily agree with that right now. Shirley Davis said that she doesn't either. If they were out, they got paid, didn't they? Mayor

Ferguson said that they weren't out, they worked through it. That's the point. Shirley Davis said that she sees what he is saying. Jim Gilliland asked worked through what? Mayor Ferguson said COVID. Shirley Davis said that she thought one of them had it. Mayor Ferguson said that JR did have it and he was out two weeks. Shirley Davis asked if he got paid for it. Mayor Ferguson said that he used his sick time. He added that he thinks the point is that they worked through COVID and we can use the money for that. Jim Gilliland said that he thinks that we should think about it. Shirley Davis said she agrees and maybe not that much; maybe \$1,000. Mayor Ferguson said that it is up to the council, he was just putting it out there. The county and he thinks Summerville gave their employees bonuses. Shirley Davis said that COVID isn't over with yet so we don't know what we may get into.

Shirley Davis asked what all of the yellow flags are for in the subdivision. Jim Gilliland said that he thinks it may be something to do with internet for rural cities. Mayor Ferguson said that they weren't put there per our request. Shirley Davis said that it doesn't have anything to do with the city then? Mayor Ferguson said no. Jim Gilliland asked what the white V is for on the highway. Sally Kerce said that DOT has been talking about replacing the culvert right there at Foster Street.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk