The Lyerly Town Council met for their agenda planning meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Jim Ferguson, Mayor

Gwen Fisher

Phil Brooks

Juanita Baker

Shirley Davis

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Mayor Ferguson began the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson said that Shirley Davis is not in attendance yet. He passed around a copy of the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Chattooga, Lyerly, Menlo, Summerville and Trion. It basically outlines the goals for each community. We will be having a public hearing about it in twenty minutes. Shirley Davis came in at 7:18. Mayor Ferguson told Shirley Davis that they were talking about the Comprehensive Plan. Town Clerk Sally Kerce made copies of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan for all of the council members. Mayor Ferguson said that we will talk about that during the 7:30 meeting.

Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have a copy of last month’s work session and meeting minutes to review and approve next week. .

Mayor Ferguson said that the 2017 millage rate was 10.142. The proposed rollback rate is 10.151. That is the amount that we can increase it to without having to hold any public hearings. He added that if we did go to the rollback rate, that it would only be an increase of a few dollars on the higher valued properties. Shirley Davis said that she thinks that we should leave it the same because we have a lot of people on social security. Juanita Baker said that she doesn’t mind going up a little bit because we will have to go up sooner or later and we don’t want to go up a lot at once. Mayor Ferguson said that we will vote on this next week.

Mayor Ferguson said that the advertisement for us accepting bids for the concession stand is now running in the paper. He showed everyone the drawing for it that Ladd Engineering drew up. He explained that it will have wood siding and a shingle roof. There will be two bathrooms, a storage area, a concession stand with a serving window and then there will be a covered porch area with picnic tables. There will be steel doors that open out on the storage area so maybe people won’t try to break in. Shirley Davis said that she thought we were going to do a metal building. Mayor Ferguson said that this isn’t going to cost much more and this will last longer. The metal building would have been covered with dents and easier to break into. Juanita Baker asked if we are going to have cameras. Mayor Ferguson said that we will have cameras and we are going to put the air conditioner on the inside, that way no one can steal it. He said that we purposely put the storage doors facing Michael’s house so he can keep an eye on it. We will also have lights around it. Shirley Davis asked if this would be paid for with SPLOST funds. Mayor Ferguson said yes.

Town Clerk Sally Kerce said that the Down Home Day signs have been sent to have the date changed on them to Saturday, September 29th. She also checked and Sloppy Floyd’s event is the week before so that won’t be in conflict with ours.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting ended at 7:31 p.m.

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Mayor Town Clerk