

The Lyerly Town Council met for their agenda planning meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Jim Ferguson, Mayor
Juanita Baker
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis

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Mayor Ferguson began the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Juanita Baker was not in attendance and Jim Gilliland was attending Newly Elected Official Training at UGA. Mayor Ferguson said that we skip to talking about the Line of Credit. He said that it is a temporary measure in place if we need it. For instance, if the new truck comes in and we don't have enough in the bank to pay for it, we can use this for a month or two. It has to be paid back by the end of the year. He said that he will pass the paper around and he just needs everyone's signature to approve it. Shirley Davis asked if Juanita Baker needed to sign it. Mayor Ferguson said that it would be ok because we have a quorum present.

Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have financial reports to review before next week. He said that if anyone has any questions next week, just ask. Clerk Sally Kerce said that everyone should have a copy of the minutes from January and February to review and approve next week.

Mayor Ferguson said that the Ford dealership called and told him that our new truck ready and then he said that they left the snow plow preparation package off which was the main priority for the truck because there wasn't enough weight in the front end of the 2018 truck with the work bed on the back. Juanita Baker asked if they are going to put it on. Mayor Ferguson said that it has to be done at the factory so they had to order us another one. It will be about ten more weeks. Juanita Baker asked if we are going to sell our truck or trade it on. Mayor Ferguson said that we will sell our truck when the new one is ready. He said that he will ask the Ford Dealer what they will give for a trade in but if it's not over \$35,000 he isn't going to trade because he is pretty sure that we can get that out of it. Juanita Baker asked how much the new one will cost. Mayor Ferguson said around \$36,000. We will owe around \$23,000 on ours when we get the new one.

Mayor Ferguson said that we have the sealed bids for leaning city hall and the community center. The lowest bid was from Robert Sumner and he bid \$50 for City hall & \$50 for the community center per cleaning. The next closest was Katie Kerce, then Tracie Chaney and then Brenda Simmons. Mayor Ferguson said that he likes Robert Sumner. Phil Brooks asked if he is a good cleaner. Juanita Baker said that he is. Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone had any questions on the cleaning bids. He told the council that they can vote to approve this next week. Phil Brooks asked how long the cleaning contract will be for. Mayor Ferguson said it will be for one year. At first it will be every other week and then we may go to every week. Shirley Davis said it will be \$400 per month. Mayor Ferguson said that is the most it will be. That will be if both places are cleaned every week.

Mayor Ferguson said that there will be a demonstration for the new voting machines held at the Community Center on Monday, March 9th from 9am – 11am.

Mayor Ferguson said that Kasia Ferguson wanted him to make sure that all of the local churches have been invited to Easter in the Park. Juanita Baker said that she has invited them but didn't know the

date. Sally Kerce said that Kasia had said that Saturday before Easter which is April 11th but she didn't say a time. Juanita Baker said that is a bad time. It needs to be done the week before that. Mayor Ferguson asked what time the others are. Juanita Baker said that Sloppy Floyd's is that day from 10:30-2:00. Shirley Davis asked how many people that go over there are actually going to come over here. Phil Brooks said that he thinks we will still do pretty good with that being so far away. Shirley Davis added that we have it for the people in our community anyway. Mayor Ferguson said that he thinks that we v=can have ours at the same time and we'll be ok, especially as big of a hit as ours was last year. Juanita Baker said so it will be Saturday, April 11th from 10:30am – 2:00pm. Shirley Davis asked what time we will start. Mayor Ferguson said that we can turn the kids loose at 11:00. We will still have hot dogs, chips and drinks. Juanita Baker asked what the churches need to bring. Mayor Ferguson said that they need to bring plastic eggs filled with something. Juanita Baker asked about cupcakes. Mayor Ferguson said that they can if they want to. He said that last year we hid 3,000 eggs and it wasn't enough. The bunny will be there too. Sally Kerce said that she and Kasia Ferguson had talked about giving Katlin Millican a little something for being the bunny. Mayor Ferguson said that we could give her a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart. He asked if everyone was ok with that. Everyone was. Shirley Davis asked if we will have prizes. Mayor Ferguson said that we will have a golden egg for each age group.

Mayor Ferguson said that they had discussed fireworks for the 4th of July and he has decided against that. He said that is a lot of money. Shirley Davis said that she would rather put that money toward the playground equipment. Mayor Ferguson said that if we weren't doing the playground, he would say yes to the fireworks. He added that he would like to have fireworks next year.

Mayor Ferguson asked if the concession stand is ready for ball season. Sally Kerce said that all of the equipment is up there except for the snow cone machine. Now all it needs is to be stocked.

Juanita Baker said that when she was at city hall the other day, Lee Henderson came in and said that there is a tree on city property that needs to be taken down before it falls. Sally Kerce said that it is across the road from his house at the Pullen's. Juanita Baker said that there is also a tree behind the Baptist Church that needs to be taken down too.

Leslie Bishop introduced herself to the Mayor and council. She said that she has recently opened the barber shop across from the Dollar Store and BJ's. She said that it is going good. She has had a lot of locals and her regular clients. She said that she has had to do a lot to the building and parking is a big issue right now. Behind the building is where the parking will be but it is too wet for it now. Juanita Baker said that they can park at the Community Center and walk down the sidewalk. Leslie Bishop said that most people prefer to park at the old Lucky's. Shirley Davis asked what the hours for the shop are. Leslie Bishop said that her regular hours are going to be 9am -5pm. Juanita Baker asked if she has all of her license and paperwork done. Leslie Bishop said that she does have all of that and she is waiting on the inspector t come. Mayor Ferguson said that the front of the building looks great and people can park out front alongside Highway 114. Leslie Bishop said that she parked there for a couple of days to show people that they can park there but they still park at Lucky's. She said that she talked to Tony and he didn't say that he doesn't want them to park there. She added that there is no more than three cars there at a time.

Mayor Ferguson asked Sally Kerce is she got the keys for the security car to t Josh Powell. Sally Kerce said no but Michael Cabe had mentioned putting the security car key in the fire hall and giving them the code to the fire hall. Mayor Ferguson said that we can put a hook right inside the door and

they can go in there to get the key. Shirley Davis asked if we have security now. Mayor Ferguson said yes. We have four off duty deputies going to run security.

Leslie Bishop added that she has the name for her shop as Lou's Fades and Shaves but she is waiting to make sure that it is not owned by someone else. She then asked what she has to do to get a permit to put a sign up. Mayor Ferguson said that we don't have permits. She can do whatever she wants as long as it isn't sticking out toward the highway. Leslie Bishop said that she just wants a vintage sign and she may paint barber shop on the side of the building. Mayor Ferguson said that we are glad that she is here and if she needs anything to let us know.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk