

The Lyerly Town Council held a phone conference call meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those on the call were:

Jim Ferguson, Mayor  
Phil Brooks  
Juanita Baker  
Shirley Davis  
Jim Gilliland

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Mayor Ferguson began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have financial reports to look at before next week and minutes to read before next week.

Mayor Ferguson said that he would like to go ahead and resurface the track despite the fact that we didn't receive the grant we put in for. He wants the council to be thinking about it between now and next week. He added that it should cost around the same amount as our match for entire grant. Shirley Davis asked how much was it was. Mayor Ferguson said it was around \$45,000. That is for concrete, not asphalt. Shirley Davis asked if we could use SPLOST. Mayor Ferguson said yes. That is how we would fund it. Juanita Baker asked why we are using concrete. Mayor Ferguson said that concrete will last longer and it will be easier to repair with our own staff. If part of it cracks, we can just cut that out and pour a new section. It isn't that easy with asphalt. Phil Brooks asked if it will have relief cuts every so many feet. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Juanita Baker said so it will be like a sidewalk. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Jim Gilliland asked if we have received any bids on it. Mayor Ferguson said that we haven't bid it out. The council would have to vote to do so. He said that he got a ball park price to have when putting in for the grant. Jim Gilliland asked who gave the mayor the price. Mayor Ferguson said that it was BJ Gambill. Juanita Baker asked if this is for just the track. Mayor Ferguson said yes. The chert for the back park of the track would be an additional \$15,000. The extra path into the playground that we had discussed, we can bid out the track and try to work out a deal for that little addition after. Juanita Baker asked if this doesn't include the parking lot at all. Mayor Ferguson said it does not. The parking lot would be an additional \$25,000-\$28,000. Shirley Davis asked how our budget can take this. Mayor Ferguson said that we had already budgeted to spend SPLOST to match the grant funds that we ask for and that was going to be about \$45,000. So that money can be used to resurface the track. At the end of the year, we may have the money to do the parking lot but we'll just have to wait and see. He said that he doesn't think that we should commit to that so early in the year. Phil Brooks agreed. Mayor Ferguson said that we can absorb the cost of the track easily. Shirley Davis asked if it will be beveled off on the edges so no one will step off and hurt their selves. Mayor Ferguson said that it will be about four inches high. Someone could step off and twist their ankle. He said that if we add that to the plans, the price would increase a lot. Shirley Davis said that maybe we can chert beside it. Mayor Ferguson said that if we don't allow it higher than the grass, before we know it, the grass will take over the concrete. It will over time build up to the edge of the concrete. Jim Gilliland said that we need to keep it sprayed with weed killer. Mayor Ferguson said that he would like to see the parking lot get done later in the year. It looks terrible. Michael Cabe said that most of that is caused by the garbage truck. We may want to think of a better place to out the dumpster. Mayor Ferguson said that we could put it in the gravel parking lot. Shirley Davis said that everyone would put their garbage in there. Mayor Ferguson said that we would keep it locked. Phil Brooks said that the concession's people would be responsible for that garbage. Mayor Ferguson said that they would just have to take it over to the dumpster. That would be a hassle but better than the garbage truck tearing up a brand new parking lot. Jim Gilliland said that we could put it on a concrete pad. Michael Cabe said that the trouble is when the truck picks up the dumpster and when he turns his wheels real sharp but we could do a large concrete pad about eight to ten inches thick and that should work. Shirley Davis said that we can worry about that when we do the parking lot. Juanita Baker said that moving it to the gravel parking lot is another option. Mayor

Ferguson said that it would be nice to have it out of the parking lot. It is an eye sore. Juanita Baker said that we can use the SPLOST money for that this year. Mayor Ferguson said yes, assuming that the dam doesn't break.

Mayor Ferguson said that he would like for the council to pick a date for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Shirley Davis asked what the options are. Juanita Baker asked how the mayor though Easter went. Mayor Ferguson said that he thought it went great. Shirley Davis said that he hands were tried the next day from stuffing hot dogs. Mayor Ferguson said that we probably had 200 kids. Juanita Baker then asked if the mayor feels good going forward with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday is the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Summerville is planning to have theirs on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Juanita Baker said that we should have ours the week before. Mayor Ferguson said that he was thinking the same thing. The Saturday before is June 26<sup>th</sup>. Juanita Baker asked what time. Mayor Ferguson said that we can hash out the details later. He just wanted to set a date so we could get the word out to vendors. He also wants to try and have the car show again. Juanita Baker asked if we can put the cars in the new parking lot. Mayor Ferguson said that he wants people to be able to park down there. He was going to put it on the big ball field again. As long as it's dry, they can go on the big ball field. If it's wet, they will have to go around the track. Shirley Davis asked if the track will be done by then. Mayor Ferguson said hopefully yes. Juanita Baker asked how wide the walking track will be. Mayor Ferguson said eight feet. Juanita asked if that is wide enough to put a car on. Mayor Ferguson said yes.

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone else has anything. Shirley Davis said that she would like to thank the fire department for coming out and helping with Easter. Doing all of the cooking and pitching in. Juanita Baker said that she thought everyone pitched in and did well. We had lots of eggs. Mayor Ferguson said that we had 2,700 eggs. Jim Gilliland said that someone on Cemetery Road was having an egg hunt at the same time.

Sally Kerce asked about vendors for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Will it be like Down Home Day and cost \$15 per space? Mayor Ferguson said yes.

Jim Gilliland asked about the camera app. Mayor Ferguson said that it is not working but the cameras have also quit recording. He said that he has come close to telling them to come and get their stuff. Jim Gilliland said that they are breaking the contract. Shirley Davis said that she thought they would be good. She said that if it isn't working, we shouldn't have to make the monthly payment. Mayor Ferguson told Sally Kerce that we aren't making another payment until they are fixed.

Juanita Baker said that the park looked great. Mayor Ferguson said that we couldn't mow because it was so wet. Shirley Davis asked who drove across the open field and made the ruts. Michael Cabe said that it was JR. They had been working on the back side and had gone around the track all day and at the end of the day, he cut across by accident. Shirley Davis said that she was glad that it was one of our guys and not someone out there playing. Mayor Ferguson said that Michael went and bought a couple push mowers that way they can mow even when it's wet.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk