

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 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 he has a resolution for the update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Basically, it's our cooperative agreement between us and the other fire departments and municipalities in the county so we all support each other. Phil Brooks made a motion to accept the resolution. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.

Enclosing Storage Area at Town Hall – Mayor Ferguson said that we bid out the concrete work separately. We had two bids. BJ Gamble bid \$8,540 and Villeda & Sons Concrete bid \$9,000. Michael Cabe said that BJ's includes the doorway. Mayor Ferguson said yes, the \$9,000 is just concrete and the \$8,540 is concrete and also includes cutting the doorway into the shop. Mayor Ferguson asked Michael if we are going to do a rollup door or a regular door. Michael Cabe said that we will just leave it open. Phil Brooks made a motion to accept BJ Gambles bid for the concrete. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.

Ragland Building – Mayor Ferguson said that we had one bid for the Ragland building. He said it was from Hurley Construction and then he read what the bid said. "This price consists of demo of old windows and doors, install new treated wood framing, installing windows and doors. Price includes hauling off debris and trash; also installing a roll up door in the front and back of building. This price includes the roll up doors; adding a walk in door beside the front roll up door. Labor price only for windows and walk in doors. Mayor Ferguson then said that the bid is for \$11,000 and that does not include the price for the windows. The reason is because the price of the windows is changing so frequently that they don't want to nail their selves down to a price. Juanita Baker said that it says for labor only. Mayor Ferguson said that it says this price includes roll up doors. Michael Cabe said that the reason the roll up door is included is because he had someone come out and give him a quote for the roll up doors because he doesn't do that. Shirley Davis asked if that's for two doors or just one. Mayor Ferguson said that he thought it was just for one. He said that this bid is for \$11,000 plus the cost of the windows. Shirley Davis asked if we have idea of a ballpark cost of the windows. Phil Brooks asked how many windows are there. Mayor Ferguson asked Michael Cabe. Michael said that there are 19 windows but would be 20 if we convert the door upstairs into a window. Phil Brooks said that if you go with a good quality window it'll probably be \$400 or \$500 each. Mayor Ferguson said that he probably won't have the windows for six months. He said it will probably be \$8,000-\$10,000 for the windows. Jim

Gilliland said that he would have to get a quote from the manufacturer or whoever is going to build the windows before he orders them. Mayor Ferguson said that we would know a price before he put the order in so we can revisit this when he knows what that price is going to be. That would put our total around \$16,000 and that would be before paint and that will be about \$4,500 just to be on the safe side. He said that he thinks it will be less than \$20,000 to do the whole thing. He said that they were talking about it last year and were talking about \$35,000. Shirley Davis said that if we have it budgeted; we should go ahead and do it. Juanita Baker said that we need to fix that eye sore. Phil Brooks made a motion to go ahead with the \$11,000 bid from Hurley Construction. Jim Gilliland asked what we are going for. Mayor Ferguson said that we will accept this bid as long as the price of the windows isn't something ridiculous, like \$1,000 per window. This will be contingent upon the price of the windows being something that we can live with. Jim Gilliland asked if we are going to accept this, why not go ahead and accept the roll up door to fix the hole in the back of the building. Mayor Ferguson said that this quote includes the roll up door. Shirley Davis asked if this bid includes him paying for the wood to redo the windows. Mayor Ferguson said no. Shirley Davis said so we would have to buy the lumber for that too. That price doesn't include the framing? Mayor Ferguson said that this bid is only for the labor, no materials. Jim Gilliland asked why we wouldn't accept the one for the door in the front. That door is in bad shape. Mayor Ferguson said that we will replace that door as well. Juanita Baker said but it won't be a roll up door. Mayor Ferguson said no. He thinks that would be ugly. Jim Gilliland and Phil Brooks agreed. Shirley Davis asked since we are bringing the building up to code to use it or lease it or whatever, will we have to use the most expensive windows. Can we not just put windows in that will be satisfactory? Juanita Baker said no because then we will have to do it again. Mayor Ferguson said that if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right. He then asked if someone would make a motion to give him free reign up to \$20,000 and if it goes beyond that, he will come back to the council. Juanita Baker asked on what, the windows? Mayor Ferguson said on the whole job. Phil Brooks made a motion to let the mayor spend up to \$20,000. Jim Gilliland seconded. All in favor.

Shirley Davis said that she thinks that we had a really good Easter egg hunt. She said that she would also like to thank the Methodist Church for coming to help and everyone who came out and Kasia for her decorations. Mayor Ferguson said that he wants to thank Kasia, Annie, Tasha Walker and her daughter. They helped a lot.

Juanita Baker said that she has a request. She is president of the civic club and they have always had a quilt or something to raffle off to raise money. This year, they have had two rummage sales and haven't made much so she is asking either for donations or something. Mayor Ferguson asked how much they need. Juanita Baker said that she would like to have \$200. Mayor Ferguson asked why the town has never given money to the civic club. Juanita Baker said because they have never asked before and that's why she is asking. Mayor Ferguson said that is up to the council but there is no reason that the town can't do it. Shirley Davis said that it is for a college scholarship. Juanita Baker explained that you have to have attended Lyerly School to receive it and college is the only way you can use it. Jim Gilliland made a motion for the town to donate \$500 to the civic club. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor. Shirley Davis said that will help them so much. They have been working hard to raise what they have. Tillotson gives them some but they have to match what they give. Juanita Baker said that if we don't match them, it would be a Tillotson scholarship.

Shirley Davis said that the mayor had brought up before, when we have this thing in the park, about the city doing something. She asked if he has changed his mind. Mayor Ferguson asked what event she is talking about. Shirley Davis said River Fest. Is the city going to open the concession stand or something? Mayor Ferguson said that he thought he asked Destiny about it. He said that he'll ask Sally about it. Shirley Davis said she was just wondering what the city is going to do. Mayor Ferguson said that this event is pretty hands off for us. Shirley Davis said that she just asked if the city was doing anything. Mayor Ferguson said that if we do, we will just get someone to do the concession stand. She won't have to do anything. It won't be a major undertaking. The county is taking care of everything. Shirley Davis said she is asking if the Town of Lyerly is going to have something at River Fest to make money for the Rec or something. She said that if the town does something, they would need to help, wouldn't they? Mayor Ferguson said no.

Jim Gilliland asked if we are going to allow riding bicycles in the park or are we not. Mayor Ferguson said that he thinks we do but it's up to the council. Shirley Davis asked on the track? Jim Gilliland said that he says we don't. Shirley Davis said that people walking don't want to have to dodge bicycles. Mayor Ferguson said that he doesn't have a problem with a sign that says no bicycles on the track but he doesn't think that we should say no bicycles, period, end of discussion because people let the kids ride while they walk. Shirley Davis said that they don't need to be on the track. Jim Gilliland asked when someone gets hit with a bicycle, who is going to get sued. Not the person on the bicycle but the Town of Lyerly. Mayor Ferguson said that people drive cars in that parking lot. Jim Gilliland said not on the track. Mayor Ferguson said that he just said he doesn't have a problem with a sign that says no bicycles on the track. Jim Gilliland asked if the mayor looked up the ordinance he told him about. Mayor Ferguson said no. Juanita Baker said that we used to have a sign. Mayor Ferguson said that we'll get another one. Jim Gilliland said that he told someone that they can't ride bicycles on the track and someone called the mayor about it. He said that he looked afterwards and there isn't a sign. They asked how they would know when there isn't a sign. Mayor Ferguson asked if they want a sign that says no bicycles on track. Juanita Baker said that we can just get the old sign and put it back up. Michael Cabe said that the old sign said No bicycles, skateboards or rollerblading. Shirley Davis said that would be good. Phil Brooks agreed. Juanita Baker asked what everyone wants it to say. Everyone agreed to no bicycles, skateboards or rollerblading.

Jim Gilliland said he has one other thing. Someone said something to him about the fire department getting a refrigerator and then someone borrowed it. Are we in the loaning business? Mayor Ferguson said that he has already addressed that a couple months ago. It was a poor decision on the fire chief's part. He was just trying to help one of his guys. He made a bad decision and it has been rectified. Shirley Davis asked if we still have the security people. Mayor Ferguson said yes we do. Shirley Davis said that they need to ride through her neighborhood. There have been people playing an awful lot of loud music. Mayor Ferguson said ok.

Jim Gilliland made the motion to adjourn. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk