

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor James Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Jim Gilliland
Juanita Baker

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

Mayor Ferguson said that Shane Hurley should be starting on the Ragland building in the next few weeks. Once we get those done, we can see about getting it painted and see about the plumbing. At some point we will have to talk to someone about the concrete floor inside.

Mayor Ferguson said that we have trunk or treat coming up. Sally Kerce said that if they talk to anyone that wants to hand out candy, send them on. She doesn't have anyone yet. Shirley Davis and Juanita Baker said that they plan to come. Sally Kerce said that we will have hot dogs, chips and drinks just need people to hand out candy.

Jim Gilliland asked about the progress on the extension of the town limits. Mayor Ferguson said that he is still waiting on new maps. Jim Gilliland then asked if Smith Ironworks has said anything about adding on across the street. Mayor Ferguson said no but as far as he knows, it is still planned. Jim Gilliland asked when they would receive tax bills. Mayor Ferguson said that he isn't sure but not this year and probably not next year. We are waiting on the maps. Phil Brooks said that we may make a few people mad. Mayor Ferguson said that it shouldn't be too bad. He said that Smith Ironworks, Try-Con and Hannah Solar will receive the largest tax bills but they know it's coming. Juanita Baker asked if it would end close to railroad tracks. Mayor Ferguson said that it ends at the railroad tracks. Jim Gilliland asked why we didn't take in Mohawk. Mayor Ferguson said that we just didn't go that far. He said he wasn't trying to take too much. When he was talking about it, it was mentioned to start at the center and draw a big circle and take it all.

Shirley Davis said that we are getting more and more people using the park for the day and we don't charge. She asked if we shouldn't start charging since they use the power and water. Mayor Ferguson asked if she was talking about the churches. Shirley Davis said yes but they have vendors and they use the power and we should get some of our money back on that. If they don't have vendors and don't use utilities, then we won't charge. Mayor Ferguson said he wouldn't know how to differentiate. Juanita Baker said that they do pay for birthday parties. Sally Kerce said yes and they pay extra if they have inflatables. Shirley Davis asked what we get on that. Sally Kerce said that to use the pavilion is \$15 for four hours or \$30 for all day and \$20 more for inflatables. Shirley Davis said she was thinking that at the first of next year, we could say that if you are going to be there all day using the utilities, then we should charge a certain charge. Mayor Ferguson said that we do, it's \$50. Sally Kerce said that she hasn't been charging the churches. Shirley Davis said that she was just thinking that if it's all the time, we should get reimbursed for some of that expense. Mayor Ferguson said that is up to the council. We charge everyone except churches. Shirley Davis asked if a group wants to use it that isn't a church, will we charge them. Juanita Baker said that we would charge for that. Mayor Ferguson asked that if someone pays the \$30, is that just for the pavilion? Sally Kerce said yes. We can't block people from coming into

the park. It is a public park. Mayor Ferguson said that if it gets crazy and out of hand, we can talk about it but he wants it to be accessible. Shirley Davis said that she just wanted to bring it up.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:18pm.

Jim Gilliland made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk