

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

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

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

New Business:

Budget - Mayor Ferguson said that the only item on the agenda is the 2021 budget. He said that everyone can look over it and he will try his best to answer any questions. He said that the only audit related item in the budget for next year is the potential grant from the Land & Water Conservation Fund and our potential outlay for the track around the park. These are both in General and the grant is represented on the income side and our outlay is on the expense side. Other than that, there is nothing majorly different from this year. Juanita Baker asked if we applied for the Tillotson grant. Mayor Ferguson said that we did not apply for Tillotson since we just got it. He felt like it would be bad form. Juanita Baker said that it would be since we didn't give them credit. She said that Tillotson isn't on the thank you board up there at the playground.

Shirley Davis asked if they have the security cameras up and going. Mayor Ferguson said yes. He said that we are missing one of the cameras at the community center and they have to finish the ones at the sewer ponds. Phil Brooks asked if they seem to be good people to work with. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Juanita Baker asked if he has seen anything going on that shouldn't be. Mayor Ferguson said not yet. He said that when he calls Sally and she doesn't answer, he can look and see what she is doing. Everyone laughed.

Phil Brooks made a motion to accept the 2021 budget. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:04pm.

Jim Gilliland said that he would like to see a raise for the council next year. Juanita Baker said that we can't do one for ourselves. We will have to do one for the next ones elected. Mayor Ferguson said that it would take place after the next election. Jim Gilliland made a motion to raise mayor and council pay. Mayor Ferguson said that we need a number. He asked Jim Gilliland what he was thinking. Jim Gilliland said that we can raise the council from \$20 to \$25 per meeting. Phil Brooks said that is 25% so the mayor would go from \$50 to \$60. Mayor Ferguson said that it is up to the council. Jim Gilliland said that we can make it even money and do \$50 and \$75. Juanita Baker said that the Mayor does do more work than the council does. She said so \$25 and \$75? Jim Gilliland said \$50 and \$75. Juanita Baker said oh, us \$50? Jim Gilliland said that it is \$20 now so we could do \$45. He just said that even money

would be \$50 and \$75. Shirley Davis asked what the town can afford. Mayor Ferguson said that it isn't that much money so it would be ok if they went to \$50 and \$75. Juanita Baker said that this \$50 will be for a long time for whoever is in office. Shirley Davis said that she thinks it is worth it because we have to come over here. Jim Gilliland said that if there is a problem in town, the Mayor and council is going to hear about it. Sally Kerce asked when the new pay would take effect. Mayor Ferguson said that everyone would have to be re-elected. Sally Kerce said that the mayor and two council seats are up this year so their pay would increase in January 2022 and the other two in two more years. Jim Gilliland made a motion to raise the mayor and council pay to \$50 and \$75 per meeting. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk