The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Jim Ferguson, Mayor

Gwen Fisher

Phil Brooks

Juanita Baker

Shirley Davis

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferguson at 7:12 pm.

***New Business:***

Mayor Ferguson said that if no one has any objections, the tentative date for the Easter egg hunt will be Saturday, April 20th.

*Minutes–* Juanita Baker made a motion to approve the December 4th, December 11th, January 1st & January 8th meeting minutes. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.

Juanita Baker said that she has a few questions about the minutes. From the December 11th minutes, she asked if we got any money back from the old fire truck. Mayor Ferguson said that we haven’t sold the old fire truck. We have taken pictures to list it on GovDeals but there are some local people who have expressed interest in it also. Juanita Baker then asked if we had sold the two old work trucks. Mayor Ferguson said that we did sell one of them for $8,500. We won’t sell the other one until after we replace it. Juanita Baker then asked if the $8,500 will go toward the new truck. Mayor Ferguson said that we are putting that money aside just for the new truck. He added that we also sold the old tractor and they are coming to get it on Thursday. We got $4,500 for it. Juanita Baker then asked if we had gotten the monitoring system for the sewer. Mayor Ferguson said that we haven’t yet. We are waiting on their project manager to come back with dates that they can do training for it. Juanita Baker then asked if we got the new turn out gear for the fire department. Mayor Ferguson said that Fire Chief Ronnie Stephens said that he didn’t think that they need it right now. Juanita Baker then asked if we have gotten the fire truck back from Alabama. Mayor Ferguson said not yet. Juanita Baker then asked about where we are on making the road close to Shirley Davis’ a one way street like was mentioned. Mayor Ferguson said that he believes that there is a lot that goes into that. He said that he will look into it and see the requirements to do that. He thinks that we will need to talk to everyone that would be impacted by that change.

Shirley Davis asked when we are going to start on the ordinance about what people can put on what size property. Juanita Baker said that the mayor and council brought up going through the ordinances before but they never have. Mayor Ferguson said that it is still on his to-do list but other things have just kept coming up. He said that we also need a procurement policy and a policy for building code enforcement too. Shirley Davis said that we just let a trailer move in and if we keep letting them, we will be a whole town of trailers. Mayor Ferguson said that we made them meet the requirements that we have in place. Shirley Davis then said that she thought that it had to be brought before the council before a trailer could be moved in. Mayor Ferguson said that if it doesn’t meet our requirements, they have to come before the council and ask for a variance. Phil Brooks asked Juanita Baker if in the past they didn’t pass it to where you had to have an acre to put a trailer on. Clerk Sally Kerce said that the paperwork that she has says that you have to have an acre if it is public water and private sewage but in the city limits, there is no private sewage. Shirley Davis said that Mr. Cleveland put a trailer in and the last council made them move it. Sally Kerce said that they made him move it because he was going to use it as rental property. Juanita Baker said that it was also in the flood plain. Shirley Davis said that we had talked about setting a limit for what could be put on so much property. She said for instance ¼ or ½ acre for one house. Mayor Ferguson said that we have to start somewhere so if everyone wants to start with redoing the regulations for trailers, that’s a good place to start. Juanita Baker asked if the county still has an age limit. Sally Kerce said that the state did away with the age limit. She added that we used to have an age limit of 20 years but was told that we couldn’t have that limit anymore. Gwen Fisher said that it doesn’t sound like there are too many restrictions. Mayor Ferguson said that we do not allow single wide trailers. It has to be at least 16 feet wide and 15 feet from each property line. Shirley Davis said that she thinks that we need to get some regulations in place on how much can be on one property and how big the property has to be. She added that if we don’t people will be moving in whatever they want. She said that she isn’t against trailers because she lives in one. Phil Brooks said that when we get into the ordinances, it is going to be a lot of work but we do need to do it. Shirley Davis said that we need to start with the most important first. Juanita Baker added that we can update them as they come up. Clerk Sally Kerce gave each council member a list of the regulations for mobile homes that are in place now. She said that they can start with those and come up with the changes that they would like to make.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:24pm.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Mayor Town Clerk