

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 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 he would like to thank Michael and the guys for all of their hard work during the flood. He said that they got Cemetery Road open very fast. Phil Brooks made a motion to give them a letter of recognition; and Sally too.

Mayor Ferguson turned the meeting over to the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Kenneth Thompson introduced himself and said that he would like to thank everyone that came. He said that Adam Willingham has been on the fire department for over a year and he has done a great job and we are proud to have him. On July 8, 2022, there was a wreck on Lyerly Dam Road where a truck went over into the slough and Adam was the first one on scene and there were two occupants in the vehicle. They were unconscious and Adam jumped in without hesitation and did his duty. Tonight we would like to give him the life saving award. He was presented with a plaque and a pin for his uniform. Everyone congratulated him and the council thanked him and told him how proud we are to have him.

Mayor Ferguson Michael if we have anything left to fix. Michael Cabe said that we do now. We had two blowouts today. They fixed two today and one blew out again. There is some work needed on Chisolm trail also.

Juanita Baker asked if we had gotten in all of the fire hydrants that we had talked about. Sally Kerce said that we haven't because we were going to talk to Menlo about helping with the cost. Michael Cabe said that we have five that need repaired and he has ordered the parts to repair them and that was several months ago and we still haven't received them.

Juanita Baker asked about the ARPA money. Sally Kerce said that there is still \$185,000 in that account. That is the money we were using for the Ragland building, the enclosure out back and fire hydrants. Juanita Baker asked what has been done out back. Mayor Ferguson said that we are waiting on Smith Ironworks to get materials. The concrete pad has been poured. Jim Gilliland asked if we have heard anything on the windows. Mayor Ferguson said that we are still waiting.

Juanita Baker asked about Down Home Day. Sally Kerce said that we have several vendors signed up. BBQ guy came by today and said he'd be there. She has the pies ordered for the pie eating contest, inflatables are booked and the ponies are supposed to be there. Kona Ice is supposed to be coming to do Snow Cones. The truck that does funnel cakes and fried foods will be here. Jim Gilliland asked about a car show. Sally Kerce said that no one had gotten in touch with anyone about it. There will be a car show at the park two weekends after DHD. Michael Cabe said that they took cornstalks up there for decorations. Sally Kerce said that the mums will be here Saturday. She ordered them from the school to keep the money local. She said that everything should be taken care of except for decorating if they want to do that the week before DHD.

Sally Kerce also said that they can go ahead and look for a date for Trunk or Treat. Mayor Ferguson said that they decided before the meeting that it would be Monday, October 31st. Juanita Baker said that we could do it from 5-9 and then have the movie.

Michael Cabe said that the ranger is not going to hold up to shuttling people at DHD this year. He said they can barely make it to the sewer ponds without it running hot. He added that they have replaced everything on it as far as it running hot besides the fan. Mayor Ferguson said that we need to replace the ranger. Phil Brooks asked if we could use the ARPA funds to purchase that. Mayor Ferguson said that he don't see why not. Sally Kerce said that we also have SPLOST and it will cover equipment. Phil Brooks asked about the COVID side. Sally Kerce said that there aren't many restrictions but she isn't sure exactly what all it can be spent on. They keep updating it. Mayor Ferguson said that he doesn't have a problem with using APRA funds. Phil Brooks made a motion to purchase a new ranger using APRA funds. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor. Shirley Davis said that the ranger can be used to take food or supplies around to sick and elderly people so it would be covered under COVID funds. Shirley Davis asked what one would cost. Michael Cabe said that one with everything that we need is between \$17,000 and \$22,000.

Shirley Davis said that she is glad all of the roads are back open. Mayor Ferguson said that Cemetery Road is going to have to be torn up and redone but he thinks that DOT will help us with it.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:32pm.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk