The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 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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Gwen Fisher was not in attendance. Clerk Sally Kerce called her and she is on her way so everyone decide to wait on her. Juanita Baker said that she wasn’t here last month when the Mayor discussed all of the things that we were going to sell. Shirley Davis said that she was here at the last meeting. Clerk Sally Kerce said that Juanita Baker missed October. Juanita Baker said that she came by and talked with the Mayor about it later but now wants to know if we are still selling everything. Mayor Ferguson said that we are only selling the lawnmower. Juanita Baker then asked about the truck and the back hoe. Mayor Ferguson said that we are trading the truck but not the back hoe. Shirley Davis asked if we are selling the back hoe. Mayor Ferguson said that we are going to keep it. Juanita Baker asked when we purchased the truck. Mayor Ferguson said we bought it in 2018. Juanita Baker said so we’ve had it a year and your ready to trade it. She then asked how many set s of tires we have put on it. Mayor Ferguson said that we are on the fourth set. Juanita Baker said that has to be the way that the guys drive. Mayor Ferguson said that in 20,000 miles there is no way, no matter how they drive. He added that we carried it to Tony White to make sure that it isn’t out of line or anything and nothing is wrong. Gwen Fisher came in at 7:04.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferguson at 7:04 pm.

***New Business:***

*Minutes–* Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have a copy of the minutes they were given last week to review. Phil Brooks made a motion to approve the October 8th. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.

*Budget –* Mayor Ferguson said that everyone should have the budgets. The only thing that he changed from last week was moving the lawnmower to come from General instead of Water. Phil Brooks made a motion to accept the budgets as proposed. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:06pm.

Juanita Baker asked about the Christmas party. Mayor Ferguson said that we will have our Christmas Party after our regular meeting in December. We will not have a work session. We will meet at 7:00 on December 10th and then after the meeting, we will go across the street to the community center. Shirley Davis asked if the new council member Jim Gilliland is invited. Mayor Ferguson said that of course he is. Shirley Davis added that we are having dirty Santa. Bring a $20 gift.

Jim Gilliland said that he wanted to asked about the night watchman and if he is no longer here. Mayor Ferguson said that he is not. Jim Gilliland then asked if there is a specific reason that he isn’t. Mayor Ferguson said that he received a lot of complaints. Jim Gilliland said that he had some things stolen from his garage. He said that he has all kinds of cameras, alarms and weapons. He added that occasionally you do see a deputy come by but not very often. Shirley Davis asked didn’t we had decided to put up cameras in town to cover that. Not the back streets but in the main town. Jim Gilliland said that it won’t help in his area but that would help in town where the stores are. Shirley Davis said that she has suggested that we have a neighborhood watch. Gwen Fisher asked if there are cameras around the school. Jim Gilliland said that Tony Patel has cameras, Pure Stop has some and the liquor store has some inside but not sure about the outside. Mayor Ferguson said that it’s the same two or three people out walking around at all hours of the night. He said that he called the law on them last week. He was walking down the road at 2am with a backpack blower on his back. Gwen Fisher asked what the age group of these people is. Mayor Ferguson said 20’s or early 30’s. Jim Gilliland said that one got caught last week on a ladies camera. Shirley Davis asked if Mayor Ferguson is looking into us having security again. Mayor Ferguson said yes, He wants an actual police officer. Jim Gilliland said that we need someone post certified so they can arrest someone if they need to. Mayor Ferguson said that he hasn’t had a lot of takers but he hopes to have some soon. Shirley Davis said that the best thing for now would be to have a neighborhood watch and if you see someone messing around late at night, call someone.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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 Mayor Town Clerk