

The Lyerly Town Council met for their agenda planning meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Phil Brooks, Mayor Pro Tem
Juanita Baker
Shirley Davis
Jim Gilliland

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Mayor Prop Tem Phil Brooks began the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem said that we will not be voting on anything tonight.

Juanita Baker asked about the 2020 budget increase on building structures. Clerk Sally Kerce said that the 2020 Audit was just completed and the things listed is just a couple of things that need to be re-categorized. She said that she will amend the budget and they can approve it next week. Mayor Pro Tem Phil Brooks said that nothing really increased. The money didn't change.

Jim Gilliland asked what we had found out about the property. Shirley Davis said that we bought it. Clerk Sally Kerce said that everything is finished and we received the paperwork in the mail. They have went and started bush hogging and looking for the property line to start cleaning it up. Sally Kerce then explained to Jason Espy that this is the acre that we purchased at the Chattoogaville Kayak launch from Joyce Cook, so we could add more parking. Juanita Baker said that it was dangerous. We already have the restrooms and the kayak launch down there. Now we are gaining an acre for parking. Jim Gilliland asked how much it cost. Clerk Sally Kerce said that it was \$6,500. Shirley Davis said that will give us parking and people can picnic or whatever. Juanita Baker said that people can camp if they want to. Mayor Pro Tem Phil Brooks said that it also gives us room to take our equipment down there and do stuff and have room to turn around because now there isn't much access. Jason Espy asked where it's located. Clerk Sally Kerce said that if you turn left at the Last Chance Beer Store, it's at the bridge.

Juanita Baker said that she had already told everyone what she thinks about the millage rate. Clerk Sally Kerce said that she put on the agenda that last year we went the rollback rate of 9.788% which brought in \$48,700 and this year suggested rollback id 8.713% which is because property values have gone up so much and if you go with the rollback of 8.713%, that will bring in \$57 more than last year. If you keep the millage rate the same as 2020 at 9.788%, we will have to have three public hearings to approve it. Juanita Baker said that doesn't matter. Clerk Sally Kerce said that she is just letting them know that if they go any higher than the rollback, they will have to have three public hearings. Mayor Pro Tem Phil Brooks asked if that was the minimum. Clerk Sally Kerce said that is the suggested rollback rate. You could go lower than that but anything higher; we have to have the public hearings. She said that she looked at it today and if they stay with the 9.788% like 2020, we will bring in \$4,500 more than last year. Shirley Davis said that we can have the hearings and if people come they come and if they don't, they don't. Clerk Sally Kerce said that most people won't come but she will have to advertise in the paper that we want to raise property taxes and show that we are having public hearing. Juanita Baker said that actually, we aren't going up on the property taxes; it will be us keeping the same millage rate. Clerk Sally Kerce said that they can vote on that next week and if they choose to go up, we will have the hearings.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting ended at 12:05 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk