

The Lyerly Town Council met for their agenda planning meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2022 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

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

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Mayor Ferguson began the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Ferguson said that this is a work session. The council won't have to vote on anything tonight. He said that everyone has minutes to read over and approve at next week's meeting. He said that they need to discuss the millage rate. He said, in a nut shell, the property value digest went up from 5,598,000 to 7,230,000 so nearly two million dollars in value increase. Currently the millage rate is 9.788 and if we leave it there, every ones property taxes will go up 24.96%. If we go with the rollback, which is 7.833, taxes will go up 8%. Juanita Baker said that last year we left it the same so we would have more income and no one showed up for the three meetings. Phil Brooks said that they would show up for this. Mayor Ferguson said that the digest didn't increase two million dollars last year. That is an insane amount. He said that this is the assessed value that the county assigns. Phil Brooks asked Juanita didn't hers go up 20%. Mayor Ferguson said that his value went up 30%. Juanita Baker said since we left it the same and got extra money last year, why don't we go with the rollback this year. Mayor Ferguson said that's the way he feels about it. He said if we left it the same, we would bring in about \$18,000 more but if we go with the rollback, we'll still bring in about \$4,000 more. Jim Gilliland agreed to go with the rollback. Mayor Ferguson said that this is happening all over the country. Next year values may go way down. Juanita Baker said that then we can keep the millage rate the same. Sally Kerce said that she thinks the rollback rate will be higher next year. Shirley Davis asked if this will make peoples taxes higher. Mayor Ferguson said it will 8%. Juanita Baker said that the first year that Josh was mayor, she got so mad because he said the other people in office before him had always went with the rollback when they should have went up and because of that, they were going to have to go way up. She told him that we didn't need to go way up. Josh then told her that Chrysan said that the council never did anything that she told them to do. Juanita said that she went to Chrysan's office the next day and Chrysan said that she didn't tell Josh that. Shirley Davis asked if we will have to have the three meetings. Juanita Baker said we won't if we go with the rollback rate. Phil Brooks said that we would have three real good meeting if we don't go with it. Jim Gilliland said that it would affect everyone on the council too.

Shirley Davis told Phil Brooks that she asked her neighbor if their big white dog had been roaming around at night. They told her no. They have been keeping it in the house. They also told her that the two dogs that Phil talked about last week are coming from across the river. They play in her yard and she watches them leave and make their rounds and then they go back across the river.

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk