

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

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

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferguson at 7:00 pm.

New Business:

Minutes - Mayor Ferguson said that everyone has minutes in front of them. Juanita Baker said that she hasn't had time to read them. Mayor Ferguson said that we can wait until next month to approve them so everyone has time to read them. Everyone agreed.

Mayor Ferguson said that he wanted to say that he thinks it is time that we paint the inside of Town Hall and get the floor stripped and waxed. Phil Brooks said that it hasn't been done has it. Mayor Ferguson said that it has been done but he isn't sure when. Michael Cabe said that it was before his time. Juanita Baker said that she didn't know it had been that long. Mayor Ferguson said that he meant to put it in the budget for this year but he forgot to. Juanita Baker asked what color we are going to paint it. Mayor Ferguson said that we haven't gotten that far. Juanita Baker then asked if we are going to have a committee. Mayor Ferguson said yes, and she will be in charge. Juanita Baker said no thank you. Mayor Ferguson said that he needs permission from the council to bid out the painting and stripping and waxing the floors. Juanita Baker made a motion to allow the mayor to get bids for painting and stripping and waxing the floors. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:02pm.

Juanita Baker asked what happened to the Welcome to Lyerly signs that we were going to have made. Mayor Ferguson said that they are more complicated than the ones we had made for Town Hall and the Community Center because they have to be DOT compatible. In other words, they have to be able to be hit by a car with killing anyone so it is going to require more research that he hasn't done yet. Juanita Baker said that she loves the signs at the Community Center.

Mayor Ferguson said that he does have one more thing. He wants to add a few cameras after we have had them for a month or two. He would like to put some on the highway; one by the liquor store and one by the park with enough resolution to read license plates. Juanita Baker asked why. Mayor Ferguson said that we had an incident last week and it would have helped a lot. The cameras that we have were no help to the Sheriff's department. Jim Gilliland asked what the incident was. Mayor Ferguson said that someone pulled up across from the park and stole that mans trailer and welding equipment about 2 in the afternoon. Jim Gilliland asked if we are talking about the tree trimmers. Sally

Kerce said no, it was Will Short. Juanita Baker said that someone did that to the city one time. We had a trailer across the street at Ragland's building and one Sunday afternoon, they came in, cut it lose and took off. Michael Cabe said that Harold went and found it himself. It is the trailer that we still have now. Shirley Davis asked how much more would the other cameras be. Mayor Ferguson said that he thinks it was \$50 more a month per camera. Juanita Baker asked wouldn't they cost extra if they can read a license plate. Sally Kerce said that the regular cameras are only \$30 per month per camera. Michael Cabe said that we may be able to work something out because we have two cameras at the park viewing the exact same thing and two at the community center that are viewing the exact same thing. Jim Gilliland asked if we got all of the camera working yet. Mayor Ferguson said that there is still one that doesn't and the ones at the sewer pond aren't set up yet. Jim Gilliland said that he wants the password. Mayor Ferguson said that he doesn't have it. He said that the app on his phone quit working. Jim Gilliland said to give him the app, he knows how to download it. Mayor Ferguson said that the IT guy for the cameras put it on there but he has broken his phone so he doesn't have it anymore. Sally Kerce said that we have to get the IT guy to come back. Mayor Ferguson said that when he does, he'll get everything for Jim Gilliland. Shirley Davis said that she thinks that it will be good to have the ones that can read license plates. Jim Gilliland asked why the mayor wants one at the liquor store. Mayor Ferguson said that would be one on each end of town. Juanita Baker said that she wishes we could put it down one more street. Mayor Ferguson said that would be fine, we just have to have line of sight to town hall and he don't think that we would there. Michael Cabe said that we have to use a pole that already has an outlet on it, like for the Christmas lights. Juanita Baker said that we have to be able to put the angels up. Michael Cabe said that the poles have double outlets so it will be fine.

Shirley Davis said that if we can get a grant or something, she would like for us to consider us paving some city streets because they are getting bad over in her area. Juanita Baker said that she would like for us to go ahead with the track at the park. It is bad. Mayor Ferguson said that he has applied for a grant for all of the paving at the park. Shirley Davis said that she doesn't know how to go about getting a grant for paving. Mayor Ferguson said that we would have to use LMIG. Shirley Davis asked what that is. Mayor Ferguson said that it is a grant that we get every year for paving streets. Shirley Davis said that her street is getting bad. No because she is a councilwoman but a lot of people go up and down that road. She said that it is buckling in some places. Phil Brooks asked how much the "Slow children at play" signs would cost. He said that there are three streets that need them. He then asked Michael Cabe if he knows the cost. Michael Cabe said they would probably be about \$25 or \$30 each. Shirley Davis said that we need some close to her house. Phil Brooks that we need them on that road, his road and Reynolds road too. Jim Gilliland asked if the county still has a sign shop. Michael Cabe said that they use the department of corrections. Shirley Davis said that she knows of four or five kids that play right at her house. Phil Brooks said that it's like a race track. Juanita Baker asked what they think about coming down the main highway. She said that it is amazing how fast people drive down Lyerly highway. Phil Brooks said that it is. Sally Kerce said that we have called the state before about lowering the speed limit and they said that if they came, they would probably raise the speed limit. Michael Cabe said that he thinks that the school has been complaining too and that may be why DOT has put those new signs up. Juanita Baker said that Lyerly has always been an open racetrack to get to the lake. Jim Gilliland said that people are just wide open going through here; nothing to slow them down. He said that there hasn't been a red light since he used to operate. Shirley Davis said that she wouldn't want a red light. Juanita Baker said that we used to have one and they said that we didn't need it. Shirley Davis said that is the

only concern that she has for this year is maybe getting some road paved. Jim Gilliland said that he thinks we do need a caution light. Juanita Baker said that she had everyone down here at one time and they said that we didn't need one. They said that the traffic on this road was not enough to warrant a light. Michael Cabe said that Josh Wyatt tried again later. He also tried to get a crosswalk for the school and they wouldn't do that either. He said that the state told Josh that if they come out and 30% of the traffic is speeding, then they will increase the speed limit. That is why Josh didn't go any further with it. Jim Gilliland said that he really does think that we could use a caution light. Someone is going to get killed. Juanita Baker said that we have had several bad wrecks.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk