

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 accomidation; and

Mayor Ferguson turned the meeting over to the Fire Department.

Kenneth Thompson

Sally Kerce said that Pentecostal Power Ministries wants to use the park to have a fundraiser to raise money to build their fellowship hall. They were asking for the park on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and they are asking for permission to have vendors set up and a car show. Mayor Ferguson said that it is fine with him and then ask the council what they thought. Juanita Baker said that she doesn't see a problem with it since we will be done with Down Home Day. Everyone else agreed.

Shirley Davis asked if the guys can try to trim the crepe myrtles out front. Juanita Baker said that it isn't the right time of the year. Michael said that he has trimmed them several times already. Shirley Davis said another thing, who puts the flag up at the park? Mayor Ferguson said that we do. Shirley Davis said that it is looking kind of rough. Mayor Ferguson asked if she was talking about the one on the pavilion. Shirley Davis said yes. Mayor Ferguson agreed and said that he noticed that the other day. He asked Michael Cabe if we have another one. Michael Cabe said that it came down today. Juanita Baker asked why we have more flags on the other side of the street than on this side. Michael Cabe said that there are different things that dictate where the flags go. We have plenty of holders but will need to get more flags. Juanita Baker said that we need to put more on this side of the street.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:09pm.

Mayor Ferguson asked if the council has anything else. Jim Gilliland made a motion to go into executive session to discuss an employee. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.

Executive Session started at 7:10pm and was exited at 7:21p.m.

Phil Brooks said that we are supposed to have animal control but we don't. Shirley Davis said that we are supposed to. Phil Brooks said that we are supposed to but we don't. Mayor Ferguson said that for all intensive purposes, we don't. It is a nonfunctioning system. Phil Brooks said that he has called the commissioner's office and they are trying to hire someone for animal control. They act like they are still

providing the service but they are not. Mayor Ferguson asked how many they are down to. Phil Brooks said that he doesn't know if they have any. Jim Gilliland said that they don't have the person in charge. Mayor Ferguson said that he would ask Blake. Jim Gilliland said that the last time they were here they trapped five dogs in the cemetery and sold them to someone in Dekalb County. He said that they left two in the trap for about six or seven hours and they looked like they were dying so he turned them loose. Shirley Davis said that she doesn't know that they are selling them to anyone. Mayor Ferguson said that he's never heard that. Phil Brooks said he hasn't either but.... Jim Gilliland said that they do sell them to people. He and Butch Gardner worked there after they retired from the prison; especially labs. Juanita Baker said that they were doing it on the side and not turning it in. Shirley Davis asked Phil why he has a problem with animal control. Phil Brooks said that he has had several people and he has paid attention himself and there are two big white dogs that venture from the upper end to the lower end during the middle of the night and that causes his dogs to bark and it makes his dogs a nuisance. He said that his dogs don't bark for no reason. Mayor Ferguson said that he has a good sized live trap if Phil wants to borrow it. Shirley Davis said that the only big white dogs over there belong to the people in the double wide. Phil Brooks said right.

Juanita Baker made the motion to adjourn. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk