

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Jim Ferguson
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:

Mayor Ferguson said that we only have one thing to talk about. Tammy Lea that lives on Reynolds Street has two lots. Together they make $\frac{1}{2}$ acre but the one that is highlighted on the paper you each have is only .3 acre. They want to put a mobile home that meets our requirements on the highlighted lot. Phil Brooks said that they already have a camper behind the house that is being lived in. Mayor Ferguson said that the highlighted lot is not big enough according to the law that the council passed and if the council turns them down on this, then they will have to go to the county and combine the lots into one and then come back. Shirley Davis said that's what they'll have to do. Mayor Ferguson said that they actually won't need to come back then because they will meet the requirements. He said that they are asking for a variance to put a mobile home on the .3 acre lot. Shirley Davis said no because if they do that then everyone that comes along will be doing it. Phil Brooks asked if they hadn't already protected themselves from people who already had a house from putting something else there. Sally Kerce said that this is a separate lot. Phil Brooks said that if they combine them, it will be the same lot. Sally Kerce said that there is three lots total. There is Tammy's house and then two other lots. Juanita Baker said that they might as well go ahead and put those other lots together. Shirley Davis said that if we let one person do it on .3 acre then we'll have to let everyone else. Phil Brooks said to let them put the lots together and do it. Phil Brooks made a motion to deny the variance. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor. Juanita Baker said that we have had that happen in Lyerly and people had a fit. Phil Brooks said that we need to look at the tiny house situation. Shirley Davis said that she likes tiny houses but... Mayor Ferguson said that we have already addressed that. It is one dwelling per $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. Juanita Baker said that they aren't supposed to be living out of a camper either. Phil Brooks said that is very hard to prove. Dan Little said that in the county, the Commissioner is working on a distinction between them for Chattooga but the State of Georgia is kind of behind the curb because technically tiny houses fall under the same description as campers. Mayor Ferguson said that he ran into that when he was writing our ordinance. That is why he went out of the way to define what is considered a dwelling and what is a camper. He said that the tiny home community in Mentone is technically a RV park and the tiny homes are like RV's. Juanita Baker said that most of them are on wheels too. Phil Brooks said that he isn't against anyone having one, Lyerly just doesn't need to become a trailer park, as bad as that sounds. Shirley Davis said that she has a trailer but it isn't in the subdivision.

Juanita Baker asked what ever happened about the lawsuit against the people to clean up. Mayor Ferguson asked if she meant Tony. Juanita Baker said yes. Mayor Ferguson said that he would have to ask Louis, the attorney. Juanita Baker said to please do. The house down from her is getting all grown up and is just terrible. Of course all of the trucks are terrible too but she could live with that. Mayor Ferguson said that he doesn't care for him to park the truck out there but he needs to clean up and it not become a junk yard. If he has equipment that isn't serviceable anymore, he needs to find somewhere else for it. Juanita Baker asked if they had gone around back and seen all of those tires. Phil Brooks said that he was going to ask if there isn't an ordinance for that. The tires lying on their sides are going to be a reservoir for water and that means mosquitoes. Shirley Davis said that we do have a new business in Lyerly. Someone ask what it is. Sally Kerce said that it's Live Edge Nutrition. They have nutritional teas and shakes. Mayor Ferguson said that the guy selling produce has moved into the building across from the community center.

Juanita Baker said that the flags look good. Phil Brooks said that the park looks good too. Mayor Ferguson said that they were going to get started on decorating for Down Home Day but the rain put a hold on their plans.

Shirley Davis made the motion to adjourn. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk