

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Jim Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Juanita Baker
Jim Gilliland (via telephone)

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

Millage Rate – Mayor Ferguson said that basically if we leave the millage rate the same as last year, we will have to have three public meetings. Juanita Baker said that she thought we had to have those if we go up. Mayor Ferguson said that leaving the millage rate the same as last year is going up because they offered a rollback. He said that the rollback is 5.536 and our current millage rate is 7.833. We wouldn't be changing anything but since property values have gone up, so will tax bills. Mayor Ferguson said that he has started on the budget for next year and his recommendation is to leave the millage rate the same. People's taxes will go up slightly but inflation isn't going to stop anytime soon so everything is costing us more. Our operating cost went up this year and he is sure it will do the same next year. He feels like the town needs the money that the 7.833 would bring in. He asked if anyone has any thoughts. Phil Brooks agreed and made a motion to leave the millage rate for 2023 at 7.833. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor. Phil Brooks said that we will probably catch it but he had already thought about it and that was going to be his suggestion. Sally Kerce said that she can't advertise for the public meetings until next Thursday so she will advertise then, we will have a public meeting seven days later and then wait 5 more days and have two meeting on that day.

Juanita Baker asked if we have heard anything about our water. Mayor Ferguson asked her pertaining to what, the infiltration? Juanita Baker said yes. Mayor Ferguson said that it hasn't rained. Michael Cabe said that they have it narrowed down to two lines. Mayor Ferguson said that we need a good soaking rain to track it down. Mayor Ferguson said as far as the PFAS, we have done our documentation and turned it into the attorney for the lawsuit. The attorney's that were handling it were a part of one firm and have gone out on their own. He said that he allowed them to take our lawsuit with them so it's the same attorneys, just a different firm, so, nothing new.

Shirley Davis said that there was something else that we were going to get the lawyer to do. Mayor Ferguson said that he is also waiting in the "Clean it or Lean It" ordinance.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk