

The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Mayor Jim Ferguson
Phil Brooks
Shirley Davis
Juanita Baker

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

Mayor Ferguson said that on the agenda, it mentions some pot holes on Church Street. Michael Cabe said that he turned in Church Street and Cemetery Road to LMIG to get funds for paving.

Resolution to join PFAS lawsuit - Mayor Ferguson told the council that he has a resolution to join a lawsuit that is suing several manufacturers who are potentially liable for the contamination of water with PFAS. We will be the fifth municipality that has signed on. Juanita Baker asked if that is like the rug mill and other places. Mayor Ferguson said that it is 3M Company, Daikin America, Inc., Huntsman International, LLC, Pulcra Chemicals, LLC, DuPont de Nemours, Inc., and other carpet or textile manufacturers. He said that assumes that it is probably going to include Mohawk but he doesn't know for sure. Juanita Baker asked how much this is going to cost us. Mayor Ferguson said that it isn't going to cost us anything. Shirley Davis asked who the other four are that signed on. Is it other different towns in the county? Mayor Ferguson said that it is different towns in northwest Georgia. Phil Brooks made a motion to join the lawsuit. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor. Shirley said that it is damaging our water and we are going to have to pay to get it fixed and they aren't paying anything. Everyone agreed. Mayor Ferguson said that it is definitely putting a cost on to us.

ADS Environmental Proposal – Mayor Ferguson said that ADS Environmental came and spoke with him and Michael Cabe two weeks ago because our storm water infiltration has gotten beyond out of control. Michael Cabe has done everything that he can to track it down. He has been trying since he came to work here trying to track it down. He said that we have not been able to find a meaningful source to account for the huge volume of every rain event that we have so he called ADS to have them come and explain what they can do to help us track down which section of the system and then which part of that section is causing the infiltration or if it is system wide. If it is system wide, we will cross that bridge when we get to it. Mayor Ferguson said that they will divide the sewer system into four 10,000 linear foot sections. They will put a flow monitor between there and the sewer pond on each section and wait for the rain and see what happens. Shirley Davis said that she thought we have done something like this before. Mayor Ferguson said that we tried a flow monitor but it wasn't enough. Mayor Ferguson said that the cost for this is \$32,000. Juanita Baker asked for over how long. Mayor Ferguson said that is for two months. Phil Brooks asked if we could use COVID money. Mayor Ferguson said that we can use SPLOST. Phil Brooks made a motion to hire ADS Environmental. Shirley Davis asked if this would tear up the roads or anything. Mayor Ferguson said no. This is completely non-evasive. They will use the existing manholes. Phil Brooks said that he realizes it is a lot of money but..... Mayor Ferguson said that he doesn't bring this to them lightly but he doesn't see another option. Phil Brooks said that he totally agrees. Mayor Ferguson said that this is beyond our man power and technical abilities. Shirley Davis asked what happens if it's not taken care of. Mayor Ferguson said that eventually you could get a rain event that overwhelms our sewer pond and have an over flow and then there would be fines. He said

that we could face fines or we could be forced to replace massive parts of the sewer system. He added that there is no guarantee that this will work in two months. It has to rain and it has to be a significant enough rain event to get the data we need. Juanita Baker said in other words, we needed this two months ago. Mayor Ferguson said correct. We are a little behind. We needed this in February and we may have to go back and do this again, for the same amount of money, in the fall. Shirley Davis asked when the best time to do it is. Mayor Ferguson said that we need to do it now.

Shirley Davis said that she doesn't know where all of the water is coming from but that bottom behind her house is just solid water. Phil Brooks said that when we get to the zoning, we'll have to address places like where they are going to build the storage buildings and they built that up and it's causing water problems. Phil Brooks said again that he makes a motion that we hire ADS. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor.

Juanita Baker asked when will the garage be painted. Mayor Ferguson said that he has to call Carlos. He was giving the new post out front time to dry so he can paint them too. Shirley Davis said that since a business is going in there, it needs to be a neutral color or off white.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:10pm.

Shirley Davis said that she was upset with animal control but they finally came and got the dog so she's ok now.

Juanita Baker asked the mayor if he went to egg hunt. Mayor Ferguson said yes. Shirley Davis said that she didn't think many came. Mayor Ferguson said that there wasn't a huge turnout but we had about 50 or 60. All of the kids had a good time and it was very stress free. Juanita Baker asked if anyone said anything about getting a gold dollar in an egg. No one did.

Shirley Davis said that she has a suggestion for when we are going to have big events like that. She suggests we either need someone to come in and hire someone in and help with them. Mayor Ferguson said that he is way ahead of her. There is a lady that is going to be having an event in our park soon that is unrelated to us and he wants to see what it looks like and if it looks good, he is going to ask her to do some of ours. Juanita Baker asked if we ran out of anything. Mayor Ferguson said we had plenty of everything. Shirley Davis said that she was just saying that we need to get more people to help with events. Mayor Ferguson said good luck.

Juanita Baker made the motion to adjourn. Shirley Davis seconded. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Mayor

Town Clerk