



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, April 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Jamie Heard, Angelia Thomas, Tifton Dobbs and Charles Looser. Mayor Kyle McCoy presided over the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Rodney Jones. Mayor McCoy led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas to approve the Agenda. Before a second motion could come before the council a motion was made by Council member Heard to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council member Dobbs. The Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following results:

Mr. Malone – Yes

Mr. Heard – Yes

Mrs. Thomas – Yes

Mr. Dobbs – Yes

Mr. Looser – Yes

Mayor McCoy – Yes

Councilman Dobbs stated that he had a motion to also amend the Agenda to discuss hiring a City Manager. He withdrew his motion after Mayor McCoy stated that he did not need to amend the Agenda in order to discuss this, unless he wanted to hire someone today.

The Amended Agenda was approved through a motion by council member Thomas and seconded by council member Heard. Motion unanimously carried.

The Minutes from March 15, 2021 Council meeting and April 12, 2021 Work Session were approved through a motion by council member Malone and seconded by council member Thomas. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy asked for a motion for approval of Invoices as submitted by the Clerk/Treasurer. Council member Malone made the motion and council member Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 04-21-01 a Resolution to observe and participate in the 2021 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday was motioned by council member Thomas. Council member Heard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 04-21-02 a Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention was motioned by council member Thomas. Council member Heard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 04-21-03 a Resolution officially making Juneteenth a City of Lanett Holiday. This Resolution was motioned by council member Malone. Council member Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Mayor McCoy stated that in 2020 this Holiday was observed but this year it was to be made official. He also recognized that City of Lanett employee Brittany Simmons was now the Juneteenth chairman.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 04-21-04 a Resolution recognizing National Lineman Appreciation Day was read and motioned by council member Thomas. Council member Malone seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Alabama Municipal Electric Authority 2021 Scholarship winners were recognized. Councilmember Jamie Heard presented a scholarship to Sabrya Davidson, Councilmember Angelia Thomas presented a scholarship to Courtney Easlick, and Councilmember Charles Looser presented a scholarship to Caroline Kambeitz. Kambeitz expressed appreciation for the recognition. Councilmember Tifton Dobbs presented a scholarship to Lucille Spivey.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Councilman Tony Malone- Councilman Malone had no committee report. He asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of 2 young mothers that passed this week. Both mothers, Naya Story Robinson and Amy Ransom had children in the Lanett City School system.

Councilman Jamie Heard- Councilman Heard had no committee report. He thanked the street department for allowing him to always call on them. Mr. Heard

addressed the crowd of hundreds of people who had gathered in the West Shawmut community the previous weekend and the handling of the situation.

Councilman Charles Looser- Councilman Looser had no committee report. He congratulated the scholarship winners.

Councilwoman Angelia Thomas- Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She congratulated the scholarship recipients as well. Mrs. Thomas stated that she wanted to make some clarifications about some comments she made in regards to the City Manager position at the previous meeting. She stated that she was not opposed to hiring a City Manager, that this would be a great addition but she was only opposed to the changing the name of the position. She said that when she stated that the everyday operations were going through the Mayor and a department head, she meant that we were already top-heavy in regards to salaries, therefore we might have to restructure some salaries. She also wanted to make sure that employees titles were correct when listed in the newspaper. Thomas also stated that sometimes District 4 is put on the back burner. She wanted the citizens to be mindful about putting trash cans away from the road and to help in keeping the city clean. She thanked Teddy Morris for a good job being done.

Councilman Tifton Dobbs – Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. Mr. Dobbs stated that he was sad and frustrated about being approached by citizens in regards to some recent arrests and accusation regarding city employees. He stated that he was also troubled by phone calls that he had received from the A.G. office. He stated that we (City Council) were not doing what we are supposed to be doing. He expressed the need to move forward in bringing in a City Manager to help with some of these concerns.

Mayor McCoy stated that everyone is presumed innocent until proven guilty. He feels that once someone has been accused, convicted and paid their debt to society that this not be held against them. McCoy stated that he had no problem in hiring them back.

At 6:33 Mayor McCoy entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilman Malone made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Heard. City Attorney Gray stated that the purpose was to discuss pending legal matters and possibly the good name and character of an individual. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Malone = Yes, Heard = Yes, Thomas = Yes, Looser = Yes, Dobbs = Yes, McCoy = Yes.

At 6:58 a motion was made by Councilman Malone and Seconded by Councilman Heard to come out of Executive Session.

Mayor McCoy stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Kyle McCoy, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer