



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Tuesday, July 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Regular Session -

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

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

The Invocation and pledge of allegiance was given by Reverend Leonard Autry.

Mayor McCoy welcomed everyone.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Councilman Malone made the motion and Councilwoman Thomas seconded the motion. A motion was then made by Councilman Heard to amend the agenda to add Resolution 07-21-02, a resolution for Alabama Power to add street lights on 18th and 19th Street SW in West Shawmut. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion to amend the agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

The Minutes from June 22, 2021 Council meeting were approved through a motion by council member Heard and seconded by council member Malone. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor McCoy recognized Councilman Jamie Heard who presented a Proclamation for "A Day of Prayer in Chambers County" to organizer Diane Perry. Ms. Perry thanked the mayor and council and also invited everyone to attend this prayer ceremony that will be held on the square of the courthouse on August 6, 2021.

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. Mrs. Thomas had questions about automobile vendors and why there were so many.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 07-21-01 for authorization of advertising the position of City Manager and was read by Councilman Malone and seconded

by Councilwoman Thomas. Councilman Dobbs stated that he would like the council to submit questions to be asked before the interview process begins.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 07-21-01 for authorization for Alabama Power to add street lights at 1916 18th Street SW and 816 19th Street SW by Councilman Heard and seconded by Councilwoman Thomas.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Councilman Tony Malone- Councilman Malone had no committee report. He thanked new Recreation Director Trent McCants for doing a good job thus far. He also thanked Tony Chandler and the street department for street work.

Councilman Jamie Heard- Councilman Heard had no committee report. He asked Tony Chandler to give a brief report of the work being performed in the West Shawmut area stating that he wanted the people in his district to know that he was doing his job.

Councilman Charles Looser- Councilman Looser had no committee report. He thanked the employees and people involved in making the city look better.

Councilwoman Angelia Thomas- Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She stated that she had gotten a phone call from citizens near Tractor Supply where gas lines were being installed. She asked Mr. Chandler to address this.

Councilman Tifton Dobbs – Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He stated that he had received calls from citizens concerned that their area was being overlooked while some areas were receiving preferential treatment when it came to road repairs. He said that he had talked to Mr. Chandler about this and asked Chandler to explain. Chandler explained that certain streets were able to be paved first because of better water and gas lines. Mr. Dobbs also stated that he had previously had some medical issues, which turned out to be anxiety and stress due to him needing to do the right thing about some issues that were troubling him. The first issue was the unfairness in pay grades of the department heads. He pointed out that the three male department heads were in pay grade 16 and the only female department head is in pay grade 14. He asked his fellow councilmembers and mayor to do the right thing by correcting this. He also addressed a house located at 422 51st Ave SW that the city owned. The house was eventually torn down but the city had invested in repairs to the house totaling \$31,500. Dobbs stated that he was concerned about the bid law. Additionally, he expressed concerns about a recent invoice to Chambley's Fireworks Display for a firework show. He stated that we

are violating our own resolution by paying this invoice before obtaining council approval as well as the bid laws by submitting his invoice in two installments.

Mayor McCoy acknowledged Carmen McCoy and Brittany Simmons from the Greater Valley Area Juneteenth committee who presented the city with a plaque for being the first local city to make Juneteenth a city holiday.

Parks and Recreation Director **Trent McCants** gave an update on what was going on in the Recreation Department. McCants stated that the number of participants in basketball had doubled, the game room and athletic halls were now open. Two job fairs were scheduled in the coming weeks as well as a Back-to-School drive.

Chief Johnny Allen gave an update on the Fire and EMS department. He stated that all three ambulances have had mechanical issues. Mayor McCoy stated that we would look into purchasing a new ambulance with the Cares Act funds.

Chief Johnny Wood gave an update on the Police Department. He stated that the police department will have a Youth Police Academy starting today.

Utility Superintendent **Tony Chandler** stated that we have approximately 15 job openings.

Jody Lowery gave an update on the airport. He stated that we were hopefully looking at a December opening.

Mayor McCoy thanked Commissioner Sam Bradford for his presence.

Councilman Heard asked is the questions that Mr. Dobbs had would be addressed tonight. Mayor McCoy stated that he would have to look at them again.

Mayor McCoy stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Attest:

Kyle McCoy, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer