

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2021, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

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

Rev. Rodney Jones said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to adopt the prepared agenda. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Dobbs made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilmember Malone seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Jamie Heard relinquished the chair to Attorney Stanley Gray.

Attorney Stanley Gray stated on October 4, 2021 the position of Council representative for District 2 was vacated due to Jamie Heard being appointed as Mayor. Attorney Stanley Gray opened the floor for nominations.

Mayor Jamie Heard made the motion to nominate Tamalita Dunn Autry for the position of Council representative.

Attorney Gray asked if there were any other nominations and none were recorded.

Attorney Stanley Gray closed the floor for nomination with Tamalita Dunn Autry being the only one from the floor.

Attorney Stanley Gray requested a roll call vote on the nomination of Tamalita Autry to fill the unexpired term of office for District 2. Roll call vote as follows: Councilmember Malone - Yea, Looser - Yea, Thomas - Yea, Dobbs - Yea, and Heard - Yea. Motion carried with Autry being the Council member to finish the unexpired term.

Mrs. Autry was sworn in by Attorney Gray with her husband the Rev. Leonard Autry standing with her.

A Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness was presented to Narfunda Ross of Team WHIP from Councilmember Angelia Thomas. Ross thanked the city for always supporting this group.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion for approval of Invoices. Councilmember Malone made the motion for approval of Invoices. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-21-04 a resolution to approve the change of vendor (previous resolution number 08-21-01) in the purchase of a new ambulance from American Rescue Funds was put into motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Looser. Motion unanimously carried. Chief Johnny Allen explained the need for this change.

Resolution 10-21-5 a resolution to approve Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday was put in motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Malone had no committee report.

Councilman Looser had no committee report. He thanked crews for working during bad weather.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She also thanked crews for working during bad weather and road closings. She also congratulated Mrs. Autry.

Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He also congratulated Mrs. Autry. He additionally thanked the crews for working during the bad weather. Dobbs also stated that since Mayor Heard was installed, we now have a more open-door policy and he is sure he will do the very best job for the city.

Councilwoman Autry stated that she is excited to serve the City of Lanett and looks forward to working with the City Council members. She thanked Mayor Heard for all he has done and will continue to do. She stated that she is committed to “planning her work and working her plan”.

Mayor Heard recognized Carmen Davis, a property owner in the city who first made a correction of her name on the Agenda from Harris to Davis. She gave recognition to Team WHIP for their efforts, stating that she too was a breast cancer survivor. She thanked the council for allowing her to speak. She stated that she is the sole owner of the building on first street, which according to her the building has not had water for some time as well as not being included in the sidewalk upgrade. Ms. Davis stated that she looked forward to hearing something on this matter.

Mayor Heard recognized Chris Busby with the Chambers County Development Authority. Busby followed up on a request from Guthrie’s stating that he was not looking for action tonight but wanted to pass out some additional information and take questions.

Mayor Heard stated that there was a vacancy in the Lanett Nutrition/Senior Center due to the retirement of manager Tammy Hollis. He then appointed Sandra Thornton to this position.

Mayor Heard recognized Superintendent Jennifer Boyd, School board President Gwen Harris Brooks, Mayor Oscar Crawley's widow, Clementine, Mrs. Autry's family and her father Coach Arthur Dunn, who were all in attendance.

Council woman Thomas reminded everyone that Team WHIP would have a Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 23rd starting at the fountain in downtown.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to dismiss. Thomas motioned and Dobbs seconded.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer