



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, November 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, November 16, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 5:30 P.M.

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

Mayor McCoy opened the work session and announced that each Department head along with representatives from some departments would give an update about their particular area.

Police Chief Johnny Wood gave the first report. Wood gave an update about a 50/50 bullet-proof vest grant. He stated that his department has applied for a \$24,000 equipment grant with ADECCA for additional body cameras and handheld radios. He also stated that with vehicle grants the city will purchase 2 replacement vehicles. Wood stated that the police department had 2 officers currently deployed and others have completed training classes. Councilman Tony Malone questioned if these were new purchases or replacements.

Fire Chief Johnny Allen stated that all was well in the Fire Department. This department received a total of 3,500 calls this year with 92% of them being EMS calls with an 8% call volume increase and on track to receive over \$600,000 in revenue for EMS billing. Allen stated that there is a replacement plan for EMS trucks for every 3 years and they are purchasing 2 new heart monitors that were mandated by the federal government to replace. He also stated that the department has ordered new Stryker stretchers. Chief Allen stated that the Covid-19 numbers for Chambers County were averaging 4-6 new cases daily. Councilman Dobbs asked if the city offered CPR classes for local churches. Allen stated yes.

Utility Superintendent Tony Chandler reported the work was completed on poles on North Lanier Avenue and an RFP for construction was currently out for construction of new poles and lines. New 55 ft poles would be placed from Tanyard Creek to Cherry Drive. Public Works was in the process of doing inspection on meters that

were on large buildings because some were only picking up a percentage of usage. He stated that the gas department had some issues with an inspection back in September and stated that street department was working on sidewalk projects. The funds from the .10 gas tax would be used for street signage and had to be used by December 31st. He stated that the cemetery books were currently being moved to electronic format. Chandler stated that he had taken 9 department in Public Works and moved them into 1 department. He stated that they had started a Fleet Service, asking Jason Abernathy to explain it.

Abernathy stated that his department was doing some maintenance on vehicles such as oil changes, moving parts from non- operational vehicles to others that were running, making flat beds for vehicles, replaced engine on 3 trucks and painted 5. They ordered a lift that will pick cars up off of the ground. He stated that the plan was to take over maintenance for the Fire and Police department and all of Public Works.

Rocky Bolt explained work on sidewalk project on Jennings Avenue.

Councilman Malone stated that we should not try to cut out the local mechanics. Councilman Dobbs had questions about the CT meters. Fred Clark, Tony Chandler and Mayor McCoy answered questions.

Jody Lowery gave an update on the Airport Terminal project. He stated that the building is complete with the exception of camera installs. Chris Clark is currently working on the sidewalks with completion scheduled by Wednesday. Asphalt for parking area would start the following day. The runway itself is about 15% complete.

Mayor McCoy stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Attest:

Kyle McCoy, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer