



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, June 6, 2016

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

The roll was taken and the following were found to be present: Council members Stanley Roberts, Jamie Heard, Charles Looser, Becky Looser and Shirley Motley. Mayor Kyle McCoy presided over the meeting.

Mr. Bobby Williams said the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Kyle McCoy welcomed everybody.

The Agenda was approved through a motion by Council member Rebecca Looser and seconded by Council member Shirley Motley. Motion unanimously carried.

The Minutes were approved through a Motion by Council member Shirley Motley and seconded by Council member Jamie Heard. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy gave notice of Election and announcement of qualifying dates, beginning Tuesday, July 5, 2016 through 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2016. Voting will be held at L. B. Sykes Gymnasium.

Mayor Kyle McCoy reappointed Phyllis Stiggers to the Lanett Housing Authority Board. Mayor McCoy thanked her doing a great job in the past.

Under New Business Mayor Kyle McCoy asked for a motion for Approval of Invoices. Council member Shirley Motley made the motion for Approval of Invoices. Council member Rebecca Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 06-16-01 Petition to Appoint Clerk to uphold Municipal Elections by Council member Rebecca Looser. Council member Jamie Heard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 06-16-02 Renaming Jane K. Farrar Senior Center to Jane K. Farrar Event Center by Council member Shirley Motley. Council member Rebecca Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Mayor McCoy reminded everyone that the Senior Center participants had moved to the LB Sykes Community Center and that renovations had been done to the building on Lanier Avenue making it possible for this building to be rented by the public for events.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 06-16-03 Petition to Declaring buildings at five locations as a public nuisance including properties at 721 N. Lanier Ave, 407 N. 5th Ave., 1706 24th St. S.W., 405 N. 12th Ave., and 1210 S. 7th St., Lanett, Alabama. Councilmember Shirley Motley made the motion. Council member Rebecca Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 06-16-04 Declaring Properties owned by the city as surplus property by Council member Rebecca Looser. Council member Charles Looser seconded the motion. Councilman Roberts asked for discussion of where these properties were located. Councilwoman Looser replied that one is on Highway 50 and the other is on 1st Avenue and that these were houses that were donated by Wells Fargo to the city that and that one of these places was in really bad shape and not anything that anyone would want to spend money on. Councilman Roberts then asked if they were the same properties that The Fuller Center was interested in. Mayor McCoy replying to Mr. Roberts question stated that they were interested in both properties but after inspecting the one on 1st Avenue they backed away from that but it would still need to be declared surplus for us to do anything with it. After discussion Council member Stanley Roberts voted No to the approval of this resolution, with Council members Heard, R. Looser, Motley and C. Looser, all voting Yes.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Councilman Stanley Roberts- Thanked the department heads for getting answers to some things he had requested. Councilman Roberts also requested dates for work sessions. He stated that this was important because it would clear up issues and concerns such as one that he had earlier in regards to a check that could have been mistaken for bid law violations. He stated that he got with a department head and got clarification on this check. Councilman Roberts also made the statement that sending text messages could be a violation of the open meeting law.

Councilman Jamie Heard – Had no remarks for tonight.

Councilman Charles Looser- Stated that he was proud of the work still going on with the bridges. With this comment Mayor McCoy asked Chief Allen when we would open bids for the bridges. Chief Allen replied that it is currently being advertised that we would open bids at 10:00 a.m. EST on Thursday June 16th.

Councilwoman Rebecca Looser- Asked for a status of the Audit. Councilwoman Looser remarked that once the audit results are received, the department heads need to start working on budgets. She also stated that we are still waiting to hear from the grant proposal for the playground. She stated that Councilwoman Motley had brought in some good information on splash pads and other things and this grant was very important. . Councilwoman Looser also added that in regards to the check that Mr.

Roberts spoke of earlier the check backup documents showed these to be 2 separate invoices that were paid in one check.

Councilwoman Shirley Motley- Had no remarks for tonight.

Mayor McCoy- Recognized Mrs. Clementine Crawley, widow of the late Mayor Oscar Crawley, Commissioner Charlie Williams, Commissioner Henry Osborne and Mrs. Josephine Shirley, who regularly attended council meeting but had been absent due to illness.

Others to Appear Before Council:

Mayor McCoy introduced Attorney Skip McCoy, who was representing the Jack Morgan family and John Dye family. Mr. McCoy asked the council for consideration of closing of Martha Avenue and a portion of Lake Drive referencing Section 23-4-20 and Section 23-4-2. He explained that this petition came about due to heirs having the land surveyed which showed the road as never being constructed because of terrains and ditches. Mr. Mack Langley, who lives in the area wanted to make sure that the intersection not be closed which would limit access to his drive way. Mr. McCoy assured him that it would not be. Councilman Roberts asked if sewage would be a problem in this area and Councilwoman Motley asked why they were not requesting that the entire road on Lake Drive be closed.

Council member Stanley Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-16-05 for vacation of Lake Drive. Council member Shirley Motley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Council member Shirley Motley made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-16-06 for vacation of Martha Avenue. Council member Stanley Roberts seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Regeneration, LLC – Annexation Petition

Mayor McCoy introduced Valarie Gray of the Industrial Development Authority and again recognized Attorney McCoy who was representing the Chambers County Commission along with Commissioners Williams and Osborne. Attorney McCoy reported that the commissioners had met earlier in the evening where Regeneration, LLC had filed a petition to have the Lanett Mill property, which is 27 acres, removed from Industrial Park status and simultaneously have that property annexed into the city of Lanett. The commission has set a public hearing for Monday, June 20th in regards to that. Mrs. Gray spoke of the ongoing efforts and brought to the council's recollection that six or seven months ago she had met with them with information on this subject. Mrs. Gray stated that this project was detrimental to the city for the citizens and especially for visitors coming in to the city. She stated that Mayor McCoy came back to her a couple of months ago and said that we need to make this happen and wanted an update on the status. She stated that Commissioner Debbie Wood, Lanett Fire Chief Johnny Allen and her had been meeting on multiple occasions with the property owner, Mr. Grainger. The final solution that everyone could agree on was:

1. To remove it from Industrial Park status
2. Annex property into city limits
3. Give property owner incentive to do so.

- a. The Chambers Commission would assist with monetary effort for a grinder onsite for the next three months
- b. Chief Allen will monitor it daily for vegetation, obstructions, trash, etc.

According to the agreement this project would be complete by October 31, 2016. Mrs. Gray requested that the city council enter into a project agreement with Industrial Development Authority, the Chambers County Commission and Mr. Grainger's company Regeneration, LLC to enable the use money through 106 Fund of the county to pay the leasing company directly for the equipment. At this time Attorney McCoy, with the help of a visual display, explained all of the legal aspects of the project. McCoy then asked the Council to consider setting a public hearing for Monday, June 20th after the regular council meeting and the authorization for the Mayor to enter into a project agreement for this matter with the only obligation to the city being the acceptance of this property into the city of Lanett and having Chief Allen's assistance with monitoring.

Mayor McCoy thanked everyone for all of their hard work on this and other projects.

Council member Rebecca Looser added that this had been ongoing for about 8 years. Councilman Roberts echoed the thanks to Commissioners Williams and Osborne and Mrs. Valarie Gray.

Mayor McCoy asked for approval of Resolution 06-16-07 to set Public Hearing. Council member Rebecca Looser made the motion. Council member Stanley Roberts seconded the motion. When asked by Mayor McCoy if there was any discussion Councilman Charles Looser asked about soil testing concerns, which Chief Allen addressed. Councilman Roberts added that in the future there are grants such as Brownfields that can be used to clean up that site. Councilwoman Looser stated that it is important now that we look at that area as a whole and begin to work on dilapidated properties and expressed her excitement over this project. After no further discussion motion unanimously carried.

Council member Rebecca Looser made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-16-08 to execute Project Agreement Council member Jamie Heard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy said that there being no further business to come before this Council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Attest:

Kyle McCoy, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, Interim City Clerk