

# City of Lanett

## Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Monday, October 21, 2024,

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

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### **Regular Session -**

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Tamalita Autry, Ronnie Tucker and Angelia Finley Thomas. Mayor Jamie Heard presided over the meeting.

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

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Thomas made the motion which was seconded by Tucker. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Malone made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion unanimously carried.

A Proclamation was presented to Jaquarius Barnes, who at 17 years old made his first solo flight from Atlanta, Georgia to his hometown of Lanett, Alabama to the Lanett Regional Airport. Mayor Heard asked for his parents and family to stand.

Mayor Heard presented the Second Reading of Ordinance 10-24-01 to Zone the old Lanett Mill Site. The Ordinance was put in motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. The Ordinance unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-03 Granting Easement Access for City owned property was motioned by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-04 Use of ARP Funds for Waste Treatment Plant Repairs was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-24-05 Approve Job Description Airport Assistant was motioned by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. After discussion about the job description, it was motioned by Thomas to table this resolution and seconded by Tucker. Mayor Heard announced that we would have a special called meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 12:00 noon to vote on this tabled item.

Resolution 10-24-06 Imposing Lien on property owned by Smith was motioned by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Code Enforcement officer Johnny Wood discussed Resolutions 6-14.

Resolution 10-24-07 Imposing Lien on property owned by Roberts was motioned by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-08 Imposing Lien on property owned by Darden c/o Wells was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-09 Imposing Lien on property owned by Gue was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-10 Imposing Lien on property owned by Welch c/o Davis was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-11 Imposing Lien on property owned by Patton was motioned by Councilmember Malone. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-12 Imposing Lien on property owned by Bailey was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-13 Imposing Lien on property owned by Roberts was motioned by Councilmember Malone. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 10-24-14 Imposing Lien on property owned by Kyles was motioned by Councilmember Tucker. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Council Member Malone had no committee report. He thanked Jay Barnes for his courage and determination. He also stated that Chambers County announced the amount anticipated from police jurisdiction funds.

Council Member Autry had no committee report. She also wished Barnes well and stated that she was very proud of him.

Council Member Tucker had no committee report. He also congratulated Barnes. He announced that he would be holding a District 3 neighborhood watch meeting and offered flyers to anyone that needed one.

Council member Thomas had no committee report. She recognized former Lanett High School alumni Trikweze Bridges and Ken Story who both currently play football at the University of Kentucky and recently made outstanding plays on television.

Council Member Dobbs was absent.

Mayor Heard recognized Henry Jacobs, the Deputy Director of the non-profit organization Chattahoochee River Keepers. They are currently celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Their job is to protect and preserve the Chattahoochee River to the Flint River.

Electric Superintendent Allen Summers gave an update stating that we are currently doing a conductor change out making system improvements. He also stated that we are currently in the design phase regarding the PHYMSA gas grant. Summers stated that we are in good shape on transformers.

Recreation Director Trent McCants reminded everyone of the upcoming Fall Festival, Movie night and haunted house. He also gave an update of Rec Football.

Cemetery Department Head Bo Lauderdale gave an update stating they are winding down on the grass from the interstate to Hillcrest and are caught up on roadside pickup.

Street Department Head Rockey Bolt gave an update on the fence on Cherry Drive at Tanyard Creek and his department had done 27 dig-outs, replaced storm drains on South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, replaced 210 feet of sidewalk demos.

Water Department Head Richard Chapman gave an update on the project replacing sewer lines behind Sara Jay's at Tanyard Creek. He stated that sewer lines were being replaced from Highway 29 to North Lanier Ave. He also stated that on the water side, we are in pretty good shape.

Matt Shiver spoke on behalf of the Fire Department stating that this month they had 201 calls with 190 of those being EMS calls and that the morale was good despite being without the late chief Johnny Allen.

Richard Casner gave an update on the Police Department. He stated that we currently have one new hire who was preparing to go to the Academy and one that will soon graduate from the Academy. He also gave July, August and September numbers which are 1802 calls, 173 misdemeanor arrests, 16 felonies, 136 tickets and 37 accidents.

Mayor Heard congratulated Jay Barnes and thanked the department heads for their reports. He also read a letter of appreciation to our Police department from M.W. Lee Mortuary. He reminded everyone to go out and vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>, stating that Mount Hermon Church was offering free rides to the poles. He also thanked the Restoration Committee. Heard announced that the new Airport Manager would report to work on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also announced that he would be one of the feature speakers at a Groundswell conference in November, speaking on home improvements. Additionally, he thanked Rev. Henson and Mrs. Denise Zachary. He announced that City Hall will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day but will have a Veterans program at 11:00 and the speaker will be Brad Lynn.

Mayor Heard appointed John T. Woody to the Mental Health Board.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to adjourn. Tucker made the motion and Thomas seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer