

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, December 15, 2025, 6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Denise Zachery, Krisse Story, Brad Lynn, Charles Bagley, and Kim Roberts. Mayor Jamie Heard presided over the meeting. Chaplain Rodney Jones said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Zachery made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Story seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Bagley made the motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025, Work Session and Council Meeting. Story seconded the motion. Motion Unanimously carried.

Under New Business, Councilmember Bagley motioned approval of invoices and was seconded by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Zachery stated that the Annual Budget shows \$60,000 for a consultant. She also stated that the proposed invoices show a quarterly consultant invoice in the amount of \$7,500. She wanted to know why we needed a consultant and why they had not been to a meeting. Mayor Heard stated that the consultant was brought in by the former mayor to assist with the Streetscape. He also assists with the Budget and Financials. Councilmember Lynn asked if it is normal to pay in advance. The Clerk stated that he had an agreement that she could provide for the council. Zachery stated that she felt that it would be better to have a City Manager. Zachery asked why we are paying Amwaste for the school system garbage. It was explained that this amount is passed on their monthly utility bill. Councilmember Roberts asked if the invoices were paid once approved. Gilbert stated that yes, they would be paid tomorrow. Councilmember Lynn asked and made a motion to approve all other invoices and table Invoice number 43935 for consultant. Zachery seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-25-01 authorization for Mayor to execute agreement with Local Government Services for Cable Franchise Renewals were put into motion to table. by Councilmember Lynn and seconded by Councilmember Zachery. Motion to table carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-25-02 Approval of letter of Intent for Airport Hangar Development was motioned by Councilmember Zachery and seconded by Councilmember Bagley. Council member Lynn had some concerns about the terms of the agreement portion

of LOI, specifically the lease and commencement time. Attorney Gray pointed out that it may be better to get a correct LOI before approving. Councilmember Bagley made a motion to withdraw initial motion and table. Councilmember Story seconded it Motion to table carried.

Resolution 12-25-03 Approval of Ground Lease agreement for new Hangar Building was motioned by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Lynn had some concerns about the agreement, specifically the second paragraph on page 20 regarding assignment and sublease duplication. After further discussion, Councilmember Roberts made a motion to table. Councilmember Zachery seconded it. Motion to table carried.

Councilmember Denise Zachery, Chair of the Police and School stated that at the December 1st meeting she stated that she had spoken with West Point Mayor Trammell about paving. She stated that she had received a call from Dave Shirley stating that it was being done. Thanking the Mayor of West Point and their street department, she was excited for this to be done. She stated that Councilmember Roberts, who is also on the Police committee, had met with the Police and would give a report. She also congratulated Lanett High School team, coaches, and staff on a great football season. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Krisse Story, Chair of Streets, Sewer, Water, Cemetery and Grounds thanked all the staff of these committees. She recognized them for keeping her updated on the progress of the work they are doing. She congratulated Lanett High School on a great Football season.

Council Member Brad Lynn, Chair of Finance and Airport stated that the Taxiway work was ongoing and should be completed soon. He thanked the mayor for responding to a street that needed repairs. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Charles Bagley, Chair of Fire, EMS, and Recreation congratulated Lanett High School for making it to the State Championship and was happy to have attended the game in Birmingham. He also stated that eight-five kids had signed up for Recreation Basketball, doubling last year's count and that they desperately needed more volunteers. He thanked Chief Shiver for supporting Lanett Congregation Church and the Corp of Engineers for participating in their activities. He also announced that the Lanett Nazarene Church and Pastor Henson on 1206 South Jennings Avenue are opening a warming station for homeless people during the wintry weather. He wished everyone Happy Ner Year.

Council Member Roberts, Chair of Electric and Gas stated that she had visited citizens in District 5. She announced that a citizen on South 8th Street had received a new roof courtesy of the Fuller Center. She stated that she had met

with the Police Department on December 1st stating that they need body cameras and car computers. She would be meeting with them again concerning grants. She stated that she met with the Electric Department as well as Fred Clark of Energy Southeast, adding that there are some upcoming positive things coming to Lanett. The Electric Department needs a boom truck and a backyard machine, hopefully we will cut where we need it and work it out to get these items. Roberts recognized Keith Lowery and Tyler Clark on Linemen Certification. Roberts stated that on April 26, 27 and 28, 2026 she would be attending an Energy Southeast Power Supply conference in Orange Beach.

Richard Chapman, Water Superintendent, stated that they are up to date on changing out the water meters. He thanked and introduced Clearwater representatives present tonight. Brian Combs, Area Manager of East Alabama, said that it was his honor to serve the City of Lanett and looked forward to continuing working with the mayor and engineering group.

Matt Shiver, Fire and EMS Chief stated that the call volume is down a little, running about 290 calls per month. The new ambulance should arrive around the first of January. They have one employee who completed paramedic training.

Trent McCants, Recreation Director, announced that the gym will begin opening on Saturday starting in January and he would be giving the council a schedule of basketball games. He also stated that Lanett will be hosting the District Tournament this year.

Rocky Bolt, Street Department Head, stated that his crews have been cleaning up and scraping curbs on the North side of Lanett. He said that his department is scheduled for a free Traffic Control Class.

Bo Lauderdale, Cemetery and Grounds Head, notified the council that his crew had been working on Saturdays to stay caught up. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Craig Stapler, Airport Manager, stated that the two paving projects were complete and the Jet Fuel tanks are on track to be here in mid-January.

Allen Summers, Electric and Gas Superintendent, congratulated his two employees on their certification. He stated that upgrades were ongoing on First Street, North 11th, and Cherry Drive.

Denise McCain, Police Chief, thanked G.E. Aerospace, Councilmember Story, and Masonic Lodge Number 65 for providing food for the department. The department received recognition for National Night Out First Year participation. She also offered condolences and prayers to the Greenwood family.

Mayor Heard read a thank you card from citizen Deborah Abernathy for repairing storm drain in her yard on North 17th Court. He stated that Lanett has the best group of people, stating that each department head submits a report to him each day. He announced that the next Neighborhood Watch would be January 13th. He recognized Restoration Committee members present. Heard congratulated Lanett football team and asked everyone to support the basketball team as well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Clerk congratulated Chief Denise McCain for being selected as Employee of the Year. Heard asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Council member Roberts and seconded by Council member Bagley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer