

# City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026,

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, January 20, 2026 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.

Councilmember Story said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Councilmember Zachery made the motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2025, Council Meeting. Story seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Under New Business, Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Lynn and seconded by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Denise Zachery, Chairman of Police and School, presented a Proclamation to Police Chief Denise McCain. This proclamation was presented for National Night Out, Rookie of the Year. She also thanked the street department for the work that they had done on Cherry Drive.

Councilmember Krisse Story, Chairman of Streets, Sewer, Water, Cemetery and Grounds had no report but thanked them for always doing a fantastic job. She also thanked The Children of West Shawmut and Lambda Zeta Omega Sorority for putting on a great MLK Celebration event.

Council Member Brad Lynn, Chair of Finance and Airport stated the airport lease is in its final stages and the ground lease will be ready soon. He also mentioned that he had also attended the MLK events. He thanked both churches for having these services, stating that the youth presentation at Mt. Hermon was one of the most impactful events that he had ever been to in recognition of Dr. King's Life. He also thanked Airport Manager, who had recently turned in his resignation, for all of the work that he had done.

Council Member Charles Bagley, Chair of Fire, EMS, and Recreation mentioned that the Rec had games on Saturday and thanked the Fire/Ems department realizing that they had a super high call volume. He also thanked the Electric department for working on the lights that were out, especially in District 4. He gave special thanks to Building/Code Enforcement employee for the hard work he had been doing.

Council Member Kim Roberts, Chair of Electric and Gas reminded everyone that the gas department was still working around 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and asked for everyone to be careful. She stated that the mechanic was cleaning up his yard, stating that she is in full support of updating our ordinances. She thanked the Fuller Center for donation of Valentine toys. She said that she had a meeting planned for Thursday with the Electric and Gas department.

Fire/EMS Chief Shiver stated that our new ambulance has been delayed for about 2 weeks. They are fully staffed and their call volume is up. Shiver warned everyone about possible bad weather.

Building Inspector Mark Crowder stated that he had issued citations to several houses and we are working on cleaning up, even though it is a slow process.

Michael Sides with the water department stated that we have been in contact with GMC in hopes of getting a grant for sewage. They have been doing a lot of replacing lines and new hydrants.

Rockey Bolt with the Street Department stated that the weather has slowed them down some but if we have ice on the main highways, we are prepared for it. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Chris Clark about some paving.

Bo Lauderdale with the Cemetery and Grounds department mentioned that the grass crew was picking up trash and that the brush truck had finally caught up. He reminded everyone that the brush truck is for yard debris and not for house cleanouts.

Allen Summers with the Electric/Gas department that the PYMSA gas project was still moving along, finishing up 5<sup>th</sup> Street and moving to S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that the Electric department was ready if we had some impactful weather.

Airport Manager Craig Stapleton stated that he had turned in his resignation effective at the end of February. He thanked the Mayor for their continued support. He said that the couple that is doing the marketing for the T Hanger has 6 sold already so as soon as we get the Ground Lease agreement approved and signed the process can move forward. He stated that Jet A tank had been delayed until first of second week in February.

Maki Potts gave a report for Recreation. He stated that we hosted games this weekend thanking Councilmembers Zachery and Bagley for attending some of their events. He also said that we are getting ready for District tournaments that we are hosting.

Mayor Heard recognized Carrie Wood, Director of the Greater Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. She gave a quarterly report of what has been done and what is coming up with the Chamber. She stated that there are 13 Board members, 17 ambassadors and 47 Junior Ambassadors. She announced that on March 14<sup>th</sup> they would be hosting a BBQ cook off between area First Responders. This will be held at the Shawmut Airport.

Mayor Heard congratulated the Police Department for being recognized for National Night Out. He announced that the next community cleanup date is February 7<sup>th</sup>. Heard thanked Councilmember Roberts for providing coats for a family of 5 kids.

At 6:31 Mayor Heard asked to go into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bagley. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Zachery = yes, Story = yes, Roberts = yes, Bagley = yes, Lynn = yes, and Heard = yes.

At 6:42 Mayor Heard asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bagley. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Zachery = yes, Story = yes, Roberts = yes, Bagley = yes, Lynn = yes, and Heard = yes.

At 6:43 Mayor 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 6:43

Attest:

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer