

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, January 5, 2026,

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 5, 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.

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

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

Councilmember Story made the motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025, Council Meeting. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Under New Business, a Proclamation for Human Trafficking Prevention Month was presented by Councilmember Charles Bagley and presented to Adrian Carpenter with the Circle of Care. Carpenter thanked the city for this proclamation.

Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Bagley and seconded by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Denise Zachery had no report on Police and School, the committees that she chairs. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked EMS Chief Matt Shiver for having Santa go out in the city on Christmas Eve. She issued a challenge to the mayor and other Council members. Zachery stated that the city of Lanett is filthy and embarrassing and we need an ordinance and form a committee. She also stated that she will get with the Code Enforcement Officer to get this done as well as some abandoned houses on Cherry Drive. Mayor Heard stated that Councilmember Bagley is working on an Ordinance for this. Bagley stated that he has given a draft copy to the attorney for review.

Councilmember Krisse Story wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that she met with the departments that she is the Chairperson, which includes Streets, Sewer, Water, Cemetery and Grounds. She made note that the water department had gotten some big meters replaced and that they were working on a meter leak on 17th Street giving kudos to Richard Chapman and his department. She also congratulated

Rockey Bolt and the Street department stating that four employees of this department for attending Traffic Control classes. Story stated that they had also been scrubbing the curbs and picking up debris as well as working on asphalt. She thanked them for going out on Christmas Eve due a fallen tree. She made note that Bo Lauderdale and the Cemetery crew asked her to pass the word that the city is not responsible for picking up large items. This is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Council Member Brad Lynn, Chair of Finance and Airport stated that the ramp work at the airport had been completed and due to the holidays, things were slow there. As for the Finance department, the audit is still ongoing.

Council Member Charles Bagley, Chair of Fire, EMS, and Recreation thanked both of these departments for their dedication, professionalism and continued service to our city. He recognized that there are areas of opportunities before and places where we could better serve our citizens without criticism. He asked for a new commitment to work together and shared purpose.

Council Member Kim Roberts, Chair of Electric and Gas asked everyone to be careful and slow down on South Fifth Street where the Gas lines were currently being replaced with new lines. She mentioned a mechanic operating in his yard. She stated that this person had been given a citation and a copy of the ordinance in Spanish. She also stated that she received a phone call from a citizen who felt that she was mistreated by one of our employees. She stated that this employee had been written up four times and wanted to know the criteria for utilities to be cut off. She stated that she had called the city attorney who suggested that the council not be involved in personnel issues so the only alternative that she has is that, if you have personnel issues, to contact the mayor or our attorney. Mayor Heard stated that as far as the mechanic, today was his last day so we would be looking into it tomorrow. Councilmember Roberts announced a plan for sponsorship for Recreation Basketball.

Mayor Heard congratulated Councilmembers Story and Bagley for representing Lanett in the Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. He congratulated Story on her new grandchild and Bagley for receiving a promotion on his job. Heard stated that we had discussed a consultant agreement at our last meeting, but the consultant has since sent in a non-renewal letter. He notified the council that we have a conference call scheduled tomorrow with a grant writer to apply for a \$25 million grant for street resurfacing, transportation, construction and other planning projects. Also, on Wednesday we have another conference call with a grant writer for a CDBG grant. Heard recognized Rev. Henson to announce the next Neighborhood Watch meeting which will be held on the 16th at 6:00. Mayor Heard stated that our next meeting would be Tuesday, January 20th due to the city being closed on the 19th for MLK day. He announced that Dollar Tree is coming to Lanett and should be open by the second week of February.

Heard asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Council member Lynn and seconded by Council member Bagley.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer