City of Lanett
Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6:00 PM Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -
The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present were Denise Zachery, Krisse Story, Brad Lynn, and Kim Roberts. Councilmember Charles Bagley was absent. Mayor Jamie Heard presided over the meeting.

Rev. Harold Henson 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 unanimously carried.

Councilmember Story made the motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2026, Work Session and Council Meeting. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Under New Business Approval of Invoices to be paid as submitted by the Clerk/Treasurer was first motioned by Councilmember Story and seconded by Councilmember Zachery. Motion unanimously carried.

Ordinance 09-26-01 Franchise Agreement with Point Broadband Fiber Holdings, LLC First Reading was read by Councilmember Story. This was the First Reading with no action being taken. Bryant McAfee with Point Broadband was present to thank the council for the opportunity for expansion into the Lanett community. McAfee stated that the name would be changing to Clearwave since the companies are in the process of merging.

Resolution 09-26-02 Determination of Public Nuisance and Authorization of Action for property owned by Adana Stiggers was put in motion by Councilmember Lynn and seconded by Councilmember Story. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Crowder stated that local carpenter Marvin Thompson, who has started a non-profit organization to train up and coming carpenters, plumbers and electricians, was assisting with the repairs on this property. The organization would use this house as a training site while also making repairs and cleaning up the property. This should take approximately 3 months to complete.

Resolution 09-26-03 Determination of Public Nuisance and Authorization of Action for property owned by Kenneth Lyons was put in motion by Councilmember Lynn and seconded by Councilmember Story.

Resolution 09-26-04 Adoption of Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan
was read by Councilmember Lynn and put in motion by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Lynn offered the second. Motion Unanimously carried.

Resolution 09-26-05 Application for state and federal matching funds for an airport improvement project for the Lanett Regional Airport during fiscal year 2027 was read by Councilmember Lynn and put in motion by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Lynn offered the second. Motion Unanimously carried. Caleb Williams with GMC was present to answer questions. He stated that there is a 5% city match of approximately $8500, with 90% from Federal and 5% from the State. The FAA amount of the grant is $150,000. The plan is for new fencing at airport.

Resolution 09-26-06 Conversion of Unused Sick Time Towards Retirement was read by Councilmember Story. Councilmember Lynn made a motion to table this resolution stating concerns about the cost. Councilmember Story seconded the motion. Motion to table unanimously carried.

Reports of Standing Committees:
Council Member Denise Zachery, Chairman of Police and School had no committee report. She thanked the Electric department for getting the power back on following recent storms. Zachery stated that instead of having a town hall meeting she wanted to have a District One cleanup with curbside service. She requested a meeting with Grounds Superintendent Bo Lauderdale, Mayor Heard and Clerk Deborah Gilbert to plan this cleanup.

Councilmember Krisse Story, Chairman of Streets, Sewer, Water, Cemetery and Grounds had no committee report. She thanked Mr. Crowder for his work on dilapidated houses in District Two, stating that she developed the list from phone calls, therefore asking citizens to continue reaching out to her. She also was thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Alabama League of Municipalities committee on Human Development, where she attended a meeting in Montgomery.

Council Member Brad Lynn, Chair of Finance and Airport, as for the airport for the month so far, there were 770 operations (making the top 10 list), 1100 gallons of fuel sold and 500 gallons of jet fuel. The ramp project is underway and will increase revenue with airport parking. Paving will start soon at the airport as well, which should be a three-week project.

Council Member Charles Bagley, Chair of Fire, EMS, and Recreation was absent due to a family emergency. He sent a written report that was read by Mayor Heard. Bagley thanked Mark Crowder for addressing and abating nuisance property in the mill village. He also recognized Rec Director Trent McCants for his support of the youth in the community. He thanked Josh Carter, Mayor Heard Officer T.J. Wood, Pastor Kelsey Barnes, and Lanett City School coaches for creating a safe space for the young men of Lanett and sharing a meal with them.

Council Member Kim Roberts, Chair of Electric and Gas stated that there were several pressing matters in District Five. The challenges include overgrown property and dilapidated property. She has communicated with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding this. 415 N. Gilmer Avenue has been one particular property of concern. She stated that Crowder gave her an update. Roberts stated that the Recreation Department and the Fuller Center would be hosting a Halloween Costume giveaway on October 17th at Lanett City Hall. She also stated that she was working with the ladies at the Lanett Housing Authority to form a committee to assist young girls. Roberts asked for a report of fines for overgrown lots. Crowder stated that we have not started collecting fines.

Mayor Heard recognized Katie Hill, Clearwater, who recently did a Water Rate Study for the city. She stated that the primary reason for this study was a full rate recovery. Her recommendation for 2027 is to increase the minimum rate from $14.25 to $18.81 (32%) and over 2000 gallons from $5.50 to $7.26. Her recommendation for sewage is to go from $12.50 to $13.50. As for Commercial Water should go from $26.00 to $30.45 and for over 2000 gallons to go from $8.25 to $10.89.

Mayor Heard appointed Rev. Harold Henson as the new City of Lanett Chaplain. Heard thanked him for all he currently does for the city. Heard also thanked Katie Hill for her work study as well as the department heads, especially the Electric department for getting service back on during the recent outages.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52

Attest:

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer