



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday August 19, 2024,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The Lanett City Council met on Monday, August 19, 2024, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. Present at the work session were Councilmembers Malone, Autry, Dobbs and Tucker.

Mayor Heard called on Jim Marshall, Utility Consultant for Jackson Thornton, Inc. Mr. Marshall stated that the city had contracted with his accounting firm to do a rate study. This study was based off of data from 2022 that had been provided to him by the city. He stated that the first step was to determine how much money the city needed to operate and next was to set the customer rates needed to do this. Each council member was given a hand-out. At the conclusion Marshall stated that in his opinion, the city needs to consider an increase to the residential rates from \$10.00 to \$22.00 stating that this amount was still lower than the surrounding rates, but this was left up to the council to decide whether to do this or not. Citizen Denize Zachery asked why the recommendation was for Residential customers and not Commercial customers. It was explained that, based on the data, commercial customers were already paying their fair share.

Next on the agenda was the 4th Public Hearing and Presentation given by Shelby Peterson of the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission. She discussed the new City of Lanett Comprehensive Plan that would help guide officials in growth and development. Peterson discussed each chapter and stated that the council would need to approve the plan at a future meeting. Peterson was asked what the next steps were. She stated that the Planning Commission would adopt the plan and then recommend it to the City Council to adopt the plan as a policy that would then belong to the city. She stated that the plan was completely ready. Councilman Malone thanked the committee for working on this and asked that those in attendance stand.

Mayor Heard called on Code Enforcement officer Johnny Wood who presented to the council the cost for demolishing certain houses.

Residential customers Alezandria Darden addressed the council regarding an issue she had at her home several weeks prior to then and the police response.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Malone gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer