



# City of Lanett

## Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Tuesday January 20, 2026,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

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### **Work Session -**

The Lanett City Council met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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 Zachery, Story, Lynn, Bagley, and Roberts. Mayor Heard presided over the meeting.

Mayor Heard stated that the first thing on the agenda was Charter Spectrum and WOW Franchise Consultant Agreement. Mr. Greg Fender from Local Government called in to give an overview of what the city needs to address and how his company could assist us. He discussed the Charter Communications (Spectrum) Franchise agreement and an assignment to transfer service between WOW and Bandit (Southern Light). Also mentioned was a situation where Uniti Fiber received a previous permit but had not signed a Franchise agreement with the city. Fender stated that he has worked for Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and South Carolina Municipal Leagues for over 30 years. He provided the city with a draft of a letter to Uniti to advise them to reach out to the city to obtain an agreement before proceeding with the work. His suggestion was for the city to do an audit to evaluate whether the city was being paid correctly. Councilmember Lynn asked about the maximum cost for the city if there \$23,000 would cover Charter, WOW, Unity, Right Away Permit Ordinance and Audit, but most likely less than that with reimbursements. Fender stated that the Permit ordinance and Pole attachment agreement needs to be looked at as well as fees. Councilmember Story stated that she was concerned with how other cities our size were doing their franchise agreements.

The next discussion was concerning an Ordinance for garbage rules. Councilmember Bagley stated that he was working on updating this Ordinance, but it was not yet ready for presentation to the council. Attorney Gray stated that he was looking at these ordinances as well.

An Agreement with Chambers County Sheriff Jeff Nelson was presented to the council regarding inmate housing. Chief McCain stated that this was the first time an agreement was initiated. Councilmember Zachery asked if we could utilize the inmates to work with the city. Councilmember Lynn said that if we could come to an agreement where we could use the inmates that would be good.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Story gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Lynn. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Jamie Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer