



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday November 17, 2025, 5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The Lanett City Council met on Monday, November 17, 2025, 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 recognized Danz Frazier with the Chattahoochee Valley Humane Society. Contracts from October to December. The only change to new contract is additional requirements for aggressive or injured animals. These requirements require that the city take them to a vet to access if the animal needs to be euthanized. They take 16 animals per month from the City of Lanett. This number equal Chambers County. He asked that we go ahead and sign the new agreement and invited everyone to visit the shelter.

Airport Manager Craig Stapleton came before the council to discuss updating a 2022 ground lease agreement, proposing some changes. Stapleton proposed a new 40-year term and a .40 cent per square foot proposal. Councilmember Lynn asked about a construction timeframe. Stapleton answered between 12 and 18 months. The amount of the liability insurance was also discussed with Attorney Stanley Gray stating that a million dollars' worth of insurance may not go very far in some cases. He stated that the 2022 lease that was previously passed by the council was more of a model.

The next discussion was for a Letter of Intent for Hangar Development Ground Lease at Airport. The previous council had approved a similar agreement, which is non-binding box hangar and not a ground lease.

Lanett citizen Sherry Potts asked if the Code Enforcement Officer handled the duties of animal control. Mayor Heard stated that animal control handles this. Potts stated that she has seen lots of dogs as well as roosters and chickens. Councilmember Story stated that she recently called the animal control officer and had a very quick response. Heard stated that there is a pending Ordinance for animal control.

Mayor Heard stated that the Code Enforcement Officer had resigned from this position and he recommends that this position not be filled at this time. He proposed to have the Building Inspector take over those duties right now. He explained that the Inspector was not very busy right now because not a lot of houses are being built

right now and he is already handling the Code duties. The Council decided to do this for 90 days to see how it worked.

The next item of discussion concerns the Simplified Sellers Use Tax pending litigation. Heard explained that this tax relates to online sales tax. The state passed a law for 8% but a lawsuit was filed by the City of Tuscaloosa where they are asking for 10% and we would possibly get less. If we decide to participate and intervene, we are stating that the City of Lanett wishes to stay with 8%. Story stated that she would be attending a conference on the next day regarding this issue and would bring more information back.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Lynn gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Bagley. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer