City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday September 21, 2026, 5:00 PM Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The Lanett City Council held a Work Session on Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:05 P.M.

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. Present at the work session were Councilmembers Zachery, Story, Lynn, and Roberts. Mayor Heard presided over the meeting. Councilmember Bagley was absent.

The first item of discussion was Water Rate adjustments. Mayor Heard asked Councilmember Story to read a proposed Resolution to raise the Residential water rates from a minimum of $14.25 to $18.81 and the overage amount from $5.50 to $7.26. After discussions, everyone was satisfied with this. Next, there was much discussion concerning the Commercial water rates. After going through different scenarios and listening to suggestions from Katie Hill of Clearwater everyone was satisfied with changing the minimum rate from $26.00 to $35.00 and the overage from $8.25 to $10.89.

The next discussion was concerning Sewage rates. Mayor Heard asked Councilmember Lynn to read a proposed Resolution to raise the Residential sewer rates from a minimum of $12.50 to $13.50 and the overage amount from $2.50 to $2.97 everyone was agreeable. They were all fine with raising the Commercial sewage rates from $15.00 to $16.20 and the overage from $5.00 to $8.10.

The next item on the agenda was the Conversion of Employee Sick Leave to Employee Retirement. Councilmember Story read the proposed resolution. Councilmember Lynn stated that he had reached out to the Retirement System, who administers RSA. He felt that by doing the conversion, there would be better productivity, but we just needed to watch the minimum recommended amount in our Retirement Fund. Mayor Heard stated that this would keep employees from taking so many unnecessary sick days. Councilmember Zachery stated that she felt otherwise, that the employees should take their sick time as they accrue it. It was decided to take this one off of the Agenda for this meeting.

The 2026-2027 Proposed Budget was the next agenda item. A copy was distributed to the members of the council to review prior to the next meeting.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Story gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Zachery. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Jamie Heard, Mayor Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer