

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, August 21, 2023
Chambers

6:00 PM

Lanett Council

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Tamalita Autry, Ronnie Tucker, Angelia Thomas and Tifton Dobbs. Mayor Pro-Tempore Angelia Thomas presided over the meeting.

Reverend Leonard Autry gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tempore announced that a Public Hearing would be held and led by Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Wood. Wood stated that no response had been given to the Weed Nuisance Correspondence therefore the hearing would be closed out.

Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Malone made the motion. Councilmember Dobbs seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Autry made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Malone read a Proclamation for the 2023 Seniors Masters Games and issued Certificates to the participants. Senior member Floyd Aikens thanked the council for the recognition and invited everyone to come out and visit the center. He also thanked the Charter Foundation for a grant.

Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Autry and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 08-23-03 Resolution to accept the 2022 Year End Audit was put into motion by Councilmember Dobbs and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried. Phillip Morgan, CPA was in attendance to discuss the completed audit. He stated that in his opinion, the city had a clean audit with no new findings of non-compliance. Councilmember Thomas asked how the Police Jurisdiction issue would affect the city in the future audit. Morgan stated that he did not have those numbers but could get it for her.

Bill Gladden from the Charter Foundation was moved up on the agenda. He presented a check to the Senior Center Manager Sandra Thornton in the amount of \$21,000 for the purchase of a new air unit for the center. Gladden also announced that Johnny Wood had applied for and had been approved for a \$5,000 grant for the Recreation Department.

Resolution 08-23-04 Resolution to renew a \$500, 000 line of credit with Auburn Bank was put into motion by Councilmember Dobbs and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion carried by majority vote. Councilman Malone voted No. Malone asked what this would be used for. Chief Johnny Wood and City Clerk Gilbert explained that this line of credit is only for as-need basis and that anytime money is spent from this line of credit, it would have to go before the council.

Resolution 08-23-05 Resolution approve the Annual Rebuild Alabama Ten Cent Gas tax was put into motion by Councilmember Dobbs and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried. Rockey Bolt, Street Superintendent identified S. 15th Street (running beside high school by baseball field) as the street this money would be used for.

Resolution 08-23-06 Resolution to surplus numerous items that were stored at the Lanett Athletic Hall was put into motion by Councilmember Dobbs and seconded by Councilmember Malone. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 08-23-07 Resolution to increase Industrial Sewage rates was put into motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 08-23-08 Resolution to approve a Tax Abatement for Hester Tag & Label was put into motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried. Ansley Emfinger added that a Project Agreement would be added subject to review by attorneys. She stated that Hesters would have a total investment of \$1,046,000 with this expansion.

Resolution 08-23-09 Resolution to approve Weed Abatement was put into motion by Councilmember Autry and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion unanimously carried. Johnny Wood stated that he had previously submitted 19 parcels of land for abatement and 10 of those had already been cleaned up.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She congratulated the seniors for winning in the Masters Games.

Councilman Tucker had no committee report.

Councilmember Dobbs had no committee report.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She thanked the Electric department and grass crew for all they are doing. She also congratulated the seniors on the Masters Games.

Mr. Michael Woody came before the council to discuss an issue with a police officer and to request a copy of the compact disc showing what happened. Mr. Malone asked if the council had the authority to get the cd. Attorney Gray states it seems as if the case is with the District Attorney's office and we would need to check but the legal way would be to get a subpoena.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Thomas congratulated Chris Busby on his new position as Director of the Chambers County Development Authority and also congratulated Valerie Gray on her retirement from this position. She also recognized Markevious Dawson, the Director of the Innovative Center at Circle of Care. Dawson

Mayor Pro-Tempore Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Tucker.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer