

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, October 16, 2023, 6:00 PM Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 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 Jamie Heard presided over the meeting.

Rev. Rodney Jones said the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Malone made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 2 2023 Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Special Recognition was given by Councilmembers Tony Malone and Tamalita Autry to students Fred Wright and Jarod Moreland who assisted Beautification Committee Member Martha Scott in picking up paper along North 18th Street in Lanett. Wright is a student at W.O. Lance Elementary School.

A Proclamation was presented by Councilmember Angelia Thomas to Narfunda Ross from Team WHIP and Sonya Lowe, Breast cancer survivor. Ross thanked the council for this recognition. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming 8th Annual Cancer Walk. Mayor Heard stated that the city had turned the fountain pink and placed pink ribbons downtown for Breast Cancer Month.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She thanked Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Ross.

Councilman Tucker had no committee report. He reminded everyone about the suggestion box in the lobby at city hall. He also thanked Mayor Heard and the employees for getting things done in the city.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She thanked the city workers for all they do. She discussed loose animals in the city and working on a solution. She also mentioned speed bumps on 2nd Avenue. Mayor Heard stated that we had previously met with the Humane Society and that they would appear before the council at the next meeting.

Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He thanked the city employees. He also pointed out that he had been approached by citizens about rats in the city.

Mayor Heard introduced Lanett Beautification Committee Members Ron Kalman, Patsy Lewis, Martha Scott and Sonya Lowe. They stated that we are working hand in hand on the waterfront project and encouraged citizens to help to clean up Lanett so that new families would want to move to Lanett. They also asked the members of the council to also reach out to individuals in their districts as well as their constituents to help with this task.

Mayor Heard recognized Jessica Baldwin from the East Alabama Mental Health Center. She stated that they are working with the drug task force in a drug take back program and that there has been so many cases of overdose on opioids that needs addressing.

Mayor Heard stated that there was a recent meeting with citizens of District 2. One of their concerns was street paving. Heard stated that each district has needs and he will do anything that he can do if he can do it. He is in the office every day and rides all over the city on a daily basis. It takes everyone working together. He also stated that we should always encourage the employees and let them know when they are doing a good job. He also showed appreciation for the Beautification Committee.

Councilmember Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting 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 6:39 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer