

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, February 19, 2024, 6:00 PM Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024, 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. Jones said the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Autry.

Councilmember Tucker made the motion to approve the agenda. Autry seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Resolution 02-24-05 Renewal of Line of Credit at Renaissance Bank was put in motion by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion unanimously carried. Council Member Malone asked if this \$300,000 line of credit was for use at the airport. City Clerk Gilbert explained that it was not, but for a case of an emergency.

Resolution 02-24-06 to surplus scrap material at the water plant was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 02-24-07 to rescind an offer to enter into contract with Sara Byard Consulting was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 02-24-08 authorizing contract with Alagrants, LLC d/b/a Simple Grants was put in motion by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 02-24-09 authorizing Conceptual Design Work from GMC was put in motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried. Malone explained that this was to begin design work for the River Walk on Chattahoochee River.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report. Wish happy belated birthday to 101 years old Clemmie Jones and condolences to the family of the late W.T. Edmondson.

Council Member Autry had no committee report. She also expressed sympathy to the Edmondson family and congratulated Lanett High School basketball team on making a great run although coming up short. She also congratulated Valley High.

Council Member Tucker had no committee report. He wished a happy birthday to Mrs. Jones as well. He congratulated Lanett High on a great season. He also thanked some city employees.

Council member Thomas had no committee report. She asked if the police chief could be at the next meeting to answer some questions because she was concerned about some things occurring in Lanett.

Council Member Dobbs was absent.

Mayor Heard stated that District meetings were being held. He also congratulated Lanett and Valley Basketball teams and gave condolences to the family of Lagrange Mayor Edmondson.

Mayor Heard asked each department head to give an update, along with filling out a form each day. Allen Summers with the Electric and Gas department started off by stating that a lot of work was still going on in working out the gas grant. He also stated that currently electric meters are being replaced in every household of the city. He asked that the citizens be patient with this process which only takes about 30-45 seconds down time at each home.

Bo Lauderdale of the Cemetery and Grounds reported that currently both brush trucks were operating, and the grass cutters were doing the sidewalks around the city. He also stated that we have sold twelve spaces since October at New Pinehill.

Rockey Bolt with the Street Department stated that they were currently preparing to pave 3rd and 4th Avenue near Piggly Wiggly and that big trucks were running over storm drains on North 18th, creating issues where they had to replace them. Bolt also said that they were replacing sidewalks on 8th Avenue.

Water and Sewage Superintendent Richard Chapman stated that currently his crew was working on two serious issues that had to be managed and these issues were inherited as well as having lots of water leaks that he was fixing as he sees them. He also let the council know that this was going to call for a lot of money to be spent.

Recreation Director Trent McCants stated that he had just finished Tri-City Basketball League, which included Lanett, Beulah, and Lafayette. He said that now they were preparing to go to district games in Alex City. He said that girls Volleyball and Track registration was starting this week.

Mayor Heard stated that we need to talk about the salary for the Airport Manager since interviews would start this week.

Patrick McCullough with the Police Department stated that this quarter PD had responded to 1140 calls for service and made ninety-three misdemeanor arrests, fifteen felony arrests and issued sixty-three traffic citations. He stated that they made arrests in all murders that occurred in October and November, and they were working on and looking for leads in other shootings.

Malone asked if an undocumented resident commits a crime in Lanett what happens. McCullough stated that typically the case will go to local courts and ICE will pick them up. He stated that we do make a lot of arrests for DUIs and Petty Theft, but these do not rise to the level of deportation.

Mayor Heard recognized Martha Scott, Markedrick Dawson, Dave Shirley and Charles Bagley.

Councilmember Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilmember Thomas.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer