



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Tuesday, January 22, 2024,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Tuesday, January 22, 2024, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Angelia Thomas called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. She introduced Ron Kalman, with the Restoration Committee who introduced other committee members, Patsy Lewis, Martha Scott, Sonya Lowe (absent) and his wife Jun Hu Jon. The Committee gave a very enlightening presentation and explanation why the committee named changed from Beautification to Restoration. Some of their plans include planting trees, placing signs, and getting extra help for litter pickup. They thanked everyone for their help with the recent clean-up. Some of those people included local restaurants McDonalds, Guthrie's, Popeyes and Pokeys for providing food, Lanett High School coaches and athletes, Chambers County Correctional Center, Mayor Heard and city employees. They asked for help from the city council by coming up with ordinances to help change the mindset of members of the community.

Water Rates and possible rate increases were briefly discussed. It was noted that the City of Lanett currently has one of the lowest water rates in the surrounding area. The water meters are currently being replaced.

Johnny Wood discussed the need to remove Section 8.2.A and Article IV Section 3.7 from the Lanett Municipal Code. They reference trailers and manufactured homes in the city limits in certain zones and the reducing value of trailers. Wood asked if he needed to move forward in this process. Councilman Malone said that he was not against modular homes in the city because some people could not afford regular homes. He asked Wood to bring them some recommendations of types of acceptable modular homes. Dobbs would like to see a copy of the specification showing the sizes and age of approved trailers. Wood would work on a package of the requested information.

The next item on the agenda was the use of American Rescue Funds for Street Sweeper Repairs. Rockey Bolt stated that the rear engine needed to be replaced. We have received a service quote of \$23,951.74 from Tractor & Equipment Company out of Columbus, Georgia.

A proposal from Building Inspector Randall Aikens was presented to the council. Aikens had recently turned in his resignation from the city to be effective January 31, 2024. Aikens had presented a proposal to the city to contract with the city to do building inspections as an independent contractor. Thomas stated that it would not make sense for us to agree to this and Malone agreed, stating that we need to advertise the position and not enter into this agreement.

Mayor Pro-tempore Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer