



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday June 3, 2024,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Heard recognized Street Department Head Bo Lauderdale, who discussed new procedures for the roadside debris pickup. The new routine will follow the same schedule as the household garbage pickup that is currently done by C&C Sanitation. Communication will be sent to customers.

The next item on the agenda was water rates. Chief Johnny Allen led the discussion on this. He stated that Lanett is charging 14.25 for the first 2000 gallons and \$5.01 per 1000 gallons of water over this amount. We pay the water authority \$1.94 per thousand but we have had a lot of costly issues involving water. As an example, he stated East Alabama district water rates is currently \$6.75. We are currently lower than any surrounding entity. We purchase an average of 42,500,000 gallons of water per month.

Councilmember Tifton Dobbs explained that in 2014 the tenants of the building on First Street in front of the fountain reported that their water was off. It was determined that the side road had collapsed and the water was turned off and five meters removed. This was never repaired which created an issue where there was no water to the building. City Attorney Stanley Gray stated that we had previously requested an Attorney General Opinion. The opinion stated that the city is not obligated to make repairs on private property, but it can be done at the city's discretion by assessing the claim and determining if they wanted to solve the claim. Councilmember Thomas stated that we have to use extreme care in handling this case.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dobbs gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Thomas. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer