



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday February 5, 2024,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

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

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. He stated that our topic of discussion today would be the Lanett Regional Airport operations.

At this time, we heard from committee member Bill Scott. He started off by saying that we need a sign on the interstate announcing that there is an airport. He also stated that there were things that need to be maintained otherwise there could be consequences.

Members of the committee recently visited the airport in Prattville, Alabama. Those attending were Councilman Dobbs, Mike Ballard, Dan Dejournette, Chris Busby and Mayor Jamie Heard. Dobbs stated that the trip was very educational for him, that it had changed his opinion on some previous thoughts and ideas. He was very impressed how the community engaged in the airport.

Mr. Dejournette commented that the airport has positioned Lanett for bigger and better things. He stated that Southern Union was starting an aviation program, and this would be great for Lanett.

Malone asked where we were on an FBO. Mayor Heard stated that this was the purpose of the airport visits to check out their operations.

Councilmember Thomas stated that we need to move forward and stop dragging our feet. Busby said that the number one thing we need to do is make a concrete decision as to what route we need to go.

It was decided that Attorney Gray would investigate legality of having an airport authority. He, along with Busby would make a list of the different options with pros and cons so that the council can choose and decide.

A trip to Cullman Airport is being planned next. It was also decided to advertise for a manager with National Flying Magazine AOPA as well as check into the lightning strike to the lights at the airport.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmembers Malone and Thomas gave it. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer