

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Tuesday, April 19 2022

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Charles Looser, Tifton Dobbs, Tamalita Autry and Angelia Thomas. Mayor Heard presided over the meeting.

Rev. Rodney Jones said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Heard made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 04-22-10 Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Councilmember Dobbs made an additional motion to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Old business consisted of a second reading of Ordinance 04/44/01, an ordinance to amend cemetery rates. Councilmember Thomas made the motion and Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmember Dobbs stated that while he agreed with the increase, he did not agree to the limitation concerning the number of plots required to purchase. Motion unanimously carried.

A Proclamation for Mrs. Nell Walls Cowart was presented by Councilmember Tony Malone and Mayor Jamie Heard for her service through the media for 52 years. Mrs. Walls stated that it was her pleasure serving the community.

A Proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month was presented by Councilmember Tamalita Autry to Amanda Carpenter, Rape Council of East Alabama Victim Services Coordinator and intern Mary Solinardo.

A Proclamation recognizing Linemen Appreciation Day was presented by Councilmember Angelia Thomas to Electric Superintendent Allen Summers.

A Proclamation recognizing the 90th Birthday of Mrs. Mellie Brown was presented by Councilmember Angelia Thomas to Mrs. Brown's son Luther.

Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 04-22-08 authorizing a USDA Grant Application for cemetery and grounds purchase of three vehicles was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Chief Johnny Wood discussed the need for this 55/45 grant. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 04-22-09 Community Development Block Grant final change order was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 04-22-10 approve voting delegates for the Alabama League of Municipalities by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Malone had no committee report. He thanked Mrs. Cowart for being present and wished Mrs. Brown a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She congratulated Proclamation recipients and thanked the Sexual Assault Awareness committee for their work.

Councilman Looser had no committee report. He thanked everyone for their presence.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She thanked the electric and street department for cleaning up Lanett. She also mentioned that she had received some phone calls about some dilapidated homes and animal control issues. She mentioned that she needed to get with the water department about some issues.

Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He stated that he had toured the Waste Treatment Plant and saw some things that may be potential issues as well as numerous vehicles that needed to surplus. He also mentioned dumpsters near the entrance. Mayor Heard stated that this had been discussed in his staff meeting and would be addressed.

Mayor Heard asked if any department head had comments. Electric and Gas Superintendent Allen Summers stated that the gas issue around 4th Street had been taken care of. Jeff Aston from the Water department stated that they would get the fountain repaired soon.

He thanked various departments for doing a good job. Mayor Heard also acknowledged the donations that the Fuller Center made to the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated that our next meeting would be Thursday, May 5th due to the League conference.

Mayor Heard at this time named Jody Lowery the interim Airport Manager.

City attorney Stanley Gray stated that discussions and work was still being done to determine the ownership of school property.

At this time Mayor Heard recognized Dr. Donald Busby, who discussed Operation Wipe Out, a health initiative for Chambers County. He introduced Dr. Isabel Scariscy who discussed this program to increase awareness and offer treatment options for cervical Cancer.

At 6:50, Mayor Heard made a motion to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Malone – yes, Autry – yes, Thomas – yes, Dobbs – yes, Looser – yes and Heard - yes.

Mayor Heard made a motion to come out of Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Malone – yes, Autry – yes, Thomas – yes, Dobbs – yes, Looser – yes and Heard - yes.

Mayor Heard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilmember Autry.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer