

City of Lanett
Special Called Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Wednesday, June 8 2022

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in Special Called meeting session on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, 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.

Councilmember Malone made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Malone made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 May 25, 2022 Work Session. Councilmember Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

A presentation of Appreciation was presented by Chief Johnny Wood to Bill Gladden of the Charter Foundation, Inc. This was done in gratitude for the financial contributions given to the Police Department to purchase new radios and microphones.

Resolution 06-22-01 Authorization for grant application for Nutrition and Recreation with DOT was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 06-22-02 Authorization for use of the American Rescue Plan funds for EMS equipment was put in motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried. Chief Johnny Allen spoke about the need for this equipment.

Resolution 06-22-03 Authorization to hire Byard Consulting, LLC to write grant for Department of Transportation grant for Gas infrastructure was put in motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Heard recognized City Attorney Stanley Gray who made the council aware that Councilman Charles Looser had turned in his resignation from the council. Gray gave notice of the vacancy and set the standards for the procedure to fill the position. Mr. Gray took questions from the council.

Mr. Looser thanked the mayor, council and citizens for their support, stating that he was moving to Auburn to be closer to his son, daughter in law and grandchildren.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report. He thanked Mr. Looser for his service. He also gave an announcement about the Juneteenth activities that were to take place in the city and gave a historical explanation why we celebrate this holiday.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She also congratulated and thanked Mr. Looser for his service. She thanked the city police for all they do. She also stated that having recently retired from the Chambers County Scholl

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She also congratulated and thanked Mr. Looser for his service to the City of Lanett. She recognized the Electric department for their quick response in getting lights back on when situations arise. Thomas also mentioned the current garbage situation, stating that she was concerned for citizens in her district. Mrs. Thomas stated that the fountain hasn't worked in quite a while and that it will be working soon. She asked for patience on the airport project.

Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He stated that we need to do something with the garbage situation. He asked Code Enforcer Teddy Morris about an Ordinance on citizens putting their garbage cans up. Morris stated that other cities were having concerns as well about their garbage. Dobbs asked Chief Wood about the non-operational cars at the waste treatment plant and questioned about the growth at the creek. Dobbs stated that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Looser.

Chief Johnny Allen gave a report on the progress of the Airport stating that the current issues include erosion on the southside of runway, the current fuel tank being cleaned out and re-fueled, some painting that needed to be done and 45 acres of land that needed to be bush hogged. He stated that the new tractor had been received today at the airport. This was purchased with grant money.

Allen also reported on the progress of the downtown fountain. Councilman Malone had some questions for Clearwater about the fountain.

Mayor Heard thanked the department heads, Allen Summers, Bo Lauderdale, Shannon Spradling, Johnny Allen, Deborah Gilbert, Trent McCants, Sandra Thornton and as special thanks to Johnny Allen for his work at the Airport and the fountain and to Johnny

Wood, who had recently worked on 4 grant projects and received notification of approval for street sweeper, John Deere loader, 2 police vehicles, 3 cemetery trucks.

Mayor Heard stated that he is aware of issues with Amwaste as well as the other surrounding areas having same issues and that he is in communication with Amwaste several times per day and is constantly working on the problems daily.

Mayor Heard stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Looser, both at the city and on his previous job with the school system.

Heard recognized Valerie Gray with the Chambers County Development Authority who was present.

City Clerk Deborah Gilbert and City Attorney Stanley Gray thanked Mr. Looser for his service to the City of Lanett.

Councilmember Dobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Councilmember Looser.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer