



# City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Tuesday, August 16 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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## **Regular Session -**

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Tuesday, August 16, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

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

The Invocation and pledge of allegiance was given by Reverend Rodney Jones.

Mayor McCoy welcomed everyone.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Councilman Malone made the motion and Council member Thomas seconded the motion.

The Minutes from August 2, 2021 Council meeting were approved through a motion by council member Dobbs and seconded by council member Heard. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy asked for a motion for approval of Invoices as submitted by the Clerk/Treasurer. Council member Malone made the motion and council member Heard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 08-21-04 Resolution to consent to agreement between City of Lanett and Sensus USA, Inc. by Council member Malone and seconded by Council member Dobbs. Motion unanimously carried. Utility Superintendent Tony Chandler explained that this software and FCC license agreement was needed due to the upcoming AMI meter change.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 08-21-07 for authorization to demolish building at 302 N. Lanier Avenue by Council member Malone and seconded by Council member Heard. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Chandler stated that this was needed due to the collapsing storm drain under the building. Mrs. Thomas asked if when the building was initially purchased, we knew that it was going to be torn down. Chandler stated that the building was structurally unstable. Mr. Dobbs

asked if the building would be demolished by our staff, in which McCoy stated yes.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Councilman Tony Malone-** Councilman Malone reported that his committee had met with the East Alabama Regional Planning Commission. He also stated that the Back-to-School Bash had been a huge success. He thanked department head Trent McCants for his efforts in this event. He also stated that he had heard of issues about garbage pickup. Mayor McCoy stated that he and City of Valley Mayor Riley had been in discussion in regards to the bidding process for garbage collection.

**Councilman Jamie Heard-** Councilman Heard had no committee report. He stated that the family of Alfred Lyons had thanked the city for always cutting the grass at the site of the bridge named in his honor. He also stated that he had received several calls from citizens about garbage pickup in his district.

**Councilman Charles Looser-** Councilman Looser had no committee report. He stated that he hoped the power stayed on tonight with expected bad weather coming.

**Councilwoman Angelia Thomas-** Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She echoed Mr. Malone's comments about the Back-to-School Bash and that the Rec Department was looking good according to a lot of response she is receiving. She also had garbage issues but understood that they had staff shortages. She reminded citizens to move their cans away from the road after pickup.

**Councilman Tifton Dobbs –** Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He congratulated the Rec Department and thanked Mr. McCants. He stated that we often talk about the problems but not the solutions. He also stated that he had contacted the Ethics Commission about the city employees receiving ethics training. He challenged the council to vote for authorization by Resolution for this training so that we stop setting employees up for failure. Mayor McCoy stated that he would have Human Resource rep Donna Thompson to look into this. Mr. Malone stated that he concurred and thought that there should be a policy in place.

Mayor McCoy recognized Greg Nichols from EAMC to speak about Covid-19 in the area. Mr. Nichols presented handouts showing area statistics showing that Chambers County is close to the peak we saw last year. He stated that there were only 2 ICU beds currently available in the state of Alabama and that Chambers County has had 125 Covid related deaths. He asked that everyone support the vaccine in our area as he felt that this, as well as wearing a mask makes a

difference. Mayor McCoy thanked Mr. Nichols and stated that this community has been hit hard by this virus. McCoy stated that the American Rescue Plan allows the municipalities to incentivize their employees to get vaccinated. He asked that the council consider at the next meeting offering employees this incentive. He also stated that the Governor of Alabama has issued a new proclamation allowing for zoom meetings to be done for meetings if needed.

Mayor McCoy recognized Chris Busby and Valerie Gray with the Chambers County Development Authority. They gave an update on Guthrie's. Busby stated that there is a request letter from Guthrie's in the council packet. Mayor McCoy stated that we would discuss this in a future work session. Mr. Busby stated that in this work session there are also some items pertaining to Airport hangar space that needed to be discussed. He also introduced their newest employee Ms. Emfinger.

Mayor McCoy recognized Parks and Recreation Director Trent McCants who thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He then made Back to School Bash presentations of \$500 to students from Lanett, Springwood, Valley and Lafayette for their school. He stated that he was proud that all the schools in the community could come together for this event.

Mayor McCoy stated that the final census numbers had been received. It had been estimated that the City of Lanett would have a 4.9% decrease in population, however the actual number was 6,970 or a 7.2% increase. He acknowledged that Chambers County Commissioner Sam Bradford had really pushed this effort.

Mayor McCoy handed out a potential budget copy to the council. He also asked Chandler and McCants to announce the date for the firework show. It will be Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor McCoy stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Kyle McCoy, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer