



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, December 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.

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

Mayor McCoy opened the work session and welcomed everyone.

Upcoming Resolution 12-20-01 was discussed for the renewal of agreement between the City of Lanett and AVENU Insights & Analytics (formerly RDS). This is a 3-year contract for Business Licenses and Sales Tax collections.

The next item on the Agenda discussed was the renewal of a contract with Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia that the city attorney was reviewing and would have it ready for the next council meeting.

Mayor McCoy stated that for the sidewalk expansion, we budgeted around \$500,000 but were about \$140,000 below our budget. We therefore have this amount outstanding. This was not including lights and we cannot amend the contract to add this. He stated that \$91,000 was needed to pave the street so we could use these funds but we would have to pay for the lights. Chandler stated that we have a price of \$118,850 for the replacement of the poles. Mayor McCoy also stated that it is possible that the cable companies would pay a portion of this cost. He stated that the bottom line is that we would be able to replace poles on North Lanier and get the streets paved for about \$26,000.

Councilman Malone asked the name of the company that had placed a bid for this project. Per Mr. Chandler the company is Over and Under Construction from Suwanee, Georgia. Mayor McCoy stated that we would resolve to reject all bids and then another one to accept at a negotiated price.

City Attorney Stanley Gray stated that the lease with Chambers County Development Authority was coming along. He stated that he was working with Attorney Nix about various drafts. Gray stated that this would be a long-term 30-

year lease with 5 possible renewable terms of 5 years each. Valerie Gray from the CCDA spoke about the large sums of money that they had spent on this property such as utilities, garbage and phone, camera, fiber and internet expenses. She stated that the property value on this property would surely increase.

Councilman Malone made a suggestion that once the airport has reopened that it be named in memory of Mr. Bobby Williams.

Representatives from Clearwater Solutions, who currently operates the city Waste Treatment Plant, were in attendance to discuss the possibility of their company taking over the water distribution system. They stated that they would bring over the 5 current employees of the water department. They also stated that Clearwater stated that their pay and benefits would be the same as current plus annual bonuses and 401k package. They also talked about taking their employees through in-house training and certification. Councilwoman Thomas asked about the continuation of these employee's time and was told that their time would continue on at Clearwater. She also asked what the reason was for making this change. Tony Chandler came forward to answer this. He stated that this was due to the fact that our rates were so low that electric was paying for the cost of water upgrades. In order to save money, we would have to either raise rates or outsource.

Mayor McCoy announced that Councilman Jamie Heard would be retiring from the Lanett City School System this week. McCoy talked about some of Heards' accomplishments such as the new Pre-K and the After-School Program. A brief reception is planned in the conference room immediately following the meeting.

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

Attest:

Kyle McCoy, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer