



City of Lanett Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, May 2, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Public Hearing -

- Public Hearing for purpose to discuss the submission of a FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application to obtain citizen input and suggestions.

Mayor Kyle McCoy opened the meeting and opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Rebecca Looser talked about the grant allowing for renovations and upgrades to the park located adjacent to W.O. Lance Elementary School. Plans would include a picnic area, lighted walking areas with benches on the upper area of playground. The lower terrace would be basketball courts and a small splash pad. Mrs. Looser stated that this family area would be nice for small birthday parties, social gatherings for senior citizens, church groups and others. She also stated that this would all be handicapped assessable in keeping with federal law.

Mayor McCoy asked for thoughts from Councilmember Jamie Heard. Mr. Heard commented that the park could also be used as an incentive for well behavior in the school system as well as using the walking trail for physical education.

Councilwoman Looser added that across the country people want to have communities where they can walk to shopping, being that sometimes cars be unaffordable. She also enlightened those present about some inexpensive smaller homes being developed for Senior Citizens and others interested in downsizing and even some banks have mortgage plans for this.

Councilmember Shirley Motley let the group know that Vortex has some information on splash pads if anyone was interested in looking at it and also that there are some available grants with PBS.

Mr. Bobby Williams stated that he liked the idea of it all being wheel chair assessable.

With no further comments Mayor Kyle McCoy closed the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

The roll was taken and the following were found to be present: Council members Stanley Roberts, Jamie Heard, Charles Looser, Becky Looser and Shirley Motley. Mayor Kyle McCoy presided over the meeting.

Mr. Bobby Williams said the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Kyle McCoy welcomed everybody.

The Agenda was approved through a Motion by Council member Shirley Motley and Seconded by Council member Jamie Heard.

The Minutes were approved through a Motion by Council member Rebecca Looser and Seconded by Council member Jamie Heard.

Mayor Kyle McCoy administered the oath of office for Interim City Clerk Deborah Gilbert, with her family present and the Bible being held by her husband.

Mayor Kyle McCoy announced that the Alabama League Convention would be held from Saturday, May 14th through Tuesday, May 17, 2016 therefore the next council meeting for May would be cancelled.

Mayor McCoy presented "**Proclamation Juneteenth 2016**" to the Juneteenth Committee. Through Proclamation June 11 -13 as Juneteenth Weekend in the City of Lanett. Trudye Johnson thanked the city of their support of Juneteenth, especially the Public Safety Officers, Street, Fire Departments and elected officials.

Council members Jamie Heard and Charles Looser presented "**Certificates of Commendation Lanett School, Mr. Lanett High School, Austin Zachary Blunt, Miss Lanett High School, LaChina Anastasia Potts, Valedictorian, LaChina Anastasia Potts, and Salutatorians, Chelsea Heard and Alicia Caroline Reese.**"

Under New Business Mayor Kyle McCoy asked for a motion for "**Approval of Invoices**". Council member Rebecca Looser made the motion for "**Approval of Invoices**". Councilmember Charles Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy read "**Resolution 05-16-01 Petition to Vacate Portion of Right of Way**". Councilmember Shirley Motley made a motion to adopt "**Resolution 05-16-01**". Council member Rebecca Looser seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Kyle McCoy read "**Resolution 05-16-02 Agreement for Web site development with Red Sage Communications**". Council member Rebecca Looser made a motion to adopt "**Resolution 05-16-02**". Council member Shirley Motley seconded the motion. Councilman Stanley Roberts questioned why we were changing web administrators. The Mayor explained that the previous

administrator who was maintaining the site at no charge (Chris Garsee, son of former City Clerk) was no longer willing to be the administrator. Council member Rebecca Looser added that the web site was put into place seven years ago when we transitioned from former IT Company. Mayor McCoy asked for any further discussion. There was none. Motion unanimously carried.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Councilman Stanley Roberts-

- He wanted to make sure that the city send a Resolution to The Alabama League of Municipalities recognizing that Mayor Oscar Crawley died in office so that recognition be given to him for leading the city for almost 12 years and questioned if there would not be a need to do an add on. Council member Motley stated that she had already checked on this.
- He is still holding onto one of the issues of S. 15th Street and would like updates.

- Asked for updates on the Waste Treatment plant and bridge repairs from Chief Johnny Allen, stated that most of the work done by the county he could get figures on that.
- Councilman Roberts offered thanks for straightening out situation at Cherry Valley Shopping Center.
- Mr. Roberts requested that the Council go back to having work sessions and stated that too many projects going on in the city and the citizens need to know how their money is being spent.
- In regards to the bills we are paying he would like to know how much money we have.

Councilman Jamie Heard-

- Offered congratulations to Mrs. Gilbert on her appointment to Interim City Clerk.

Councilman Charles Looser-

- Offered congratulations as well to Mrs. Gilbert. Stated that he has known family for many years.

Councilwoman Rebecca Looser-

- Congratulated Mrs. Gilbert as well. She also thanked the Code Enforcement officer for handling of situation in Mill Village with some cleaning that needed to be done. She cautioned citizens about some restrictions in the Mill Village, especially in regards to farm animals and to be mindful of neighbors.

Councilwoman Shirley Motley-

- Congratulated Mrs. Gilbert as well.

Mayor McCoy-

- Expressed confidence in the placement of Mrs. Gilbert.
- Recognized Lafayette City Clerk Louis Davidson and West Point Councilwoman Sandra Thornton.

Fire Chief Johnny Allen-

- Gave handouts on Waste Treatment Plant and bridges. In regards to the bridges he has been working with 2 separate entities, FEMA on the N. 12th Street bridge and road repairs (potholes due to flood). Spent many hours with FEMA, who will be involved with reimbursing payroll that was spent on the 24th-27th as well as a specific amount of reimbursement for use of city equipment used during those 4 days. Stated that there is a formula used for these funds reimbursement.
- (FEMA 75%- State 12 ½% and city 12 ½%) and stated that there was a anticipation that the city would get some assistance.
- Stated that significant damage was assessed at the Waste plant which normally uses 2 ½ million gallons per day through the system but ran 6 million gallons per day following the storm which caused around \$65,000 damage.
- ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) administers program for Cherry Drive Bridge. There is a completely different process. Approval for boring test was received. There was some discussion about the type of bridge that will go back up based on costs and needs. The state of Alabama will tell us what kind of bridge to put back. County engineers are currently working on the construction drawings. He stated that it is possible that the Highway Department may be able to do some of the work but there was a slim possibility.
- Chief Allen stated that there would be a 100% reimbursement for the S. 8th Ave. Bridge. Bridge complete but just needed a sidewalk completed. County did bridge work there.
- He stated that even though the county did a great job of helping but the city departments have been a major cog in wheel, doing a terrific job.

Ms. Sharon Hawkins (Chattahoochee Valley Humane Society)-

- Offered a brief hello and service appreciation. She let the council know that it was time for review of annual contracts and budgets. Happy to offer tour of building.
- She explained the animal fees per area. City of Lanett residence pays per population, not per animal.
- Introduced President elect Oneal Shaw who will take office in July.
- Stated that the Pet Complex was coming along and that the inspection was currently ongoing.
- Reminded citizens that if they lose their pet to please send picture to Humane Society to help with the recovery of your pet.
- Not connected with National Humane Society. They pay dues to them but do not receive any of the donations sent to them.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert-

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for having confidence in her, Thanked family, friends and co-workers for their support.

At 6:36 p.m. Mayor McCoy offered a motion to Adjourn.