City of Lanett
Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday August 17, 2026, 5:00 PM Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The Lanett City Council held a Work Session on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. Present at the work session were Councilmembers Zachery, Story, Lynn, Bagley and Roberts. Mayor Heard presided over the meeting.

The first item of discussion was Water Rate adjustments. Mayor Heard explained that we had received water rates from the surrounding cities for comparison purposes and made note that the City of Lanett's rates were the lowest around. Mayor Heard recognized Katie Hill, who currently works with Clearwater but had worked with several state and municipal agencies in the past and was very knowledgeable of the subject. Mrs. Hill gave some statistical data and offered to do a free rate study for the city and report back at the September 8th meeting.

Mayor Heard recognized Police Chief Denise McCain who discussed Alabama Power Flock Safety Cameras. McCain explained that there is grant money available to pay for these cameras but there would be a monthly rate. Councilmember Lynn asked why this had to go through Alabama Power and not the city and stated that he had received negative feedback in his district. McCain explained that Geotracking is not the same as flock cameras and a lot of people are confusing the two. Councilmember Zachery stated that she is all for the cameras but asked the Chief if she could bring some lower prices to the council. Councilmember Bagley asked her if she could also check on maintenance costs for the cameras. Councilmember Roberts said that she would like to hear other information as well.

Next on the agenda was city attorney Stanley Gray who discussed the Process for recovery cost of demolition of Abated Property. He stated that there are two possible options. One being that when we take the Resolutions to the Probate Office, have it included on the property owner's tax bill. The second option is for the city to auction off the property. He felt like with either option, it would be hard for the city to recover the costs incurred. Gray also suggested sending a follow-up certified notice about the cost to make certain that they know about it.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bagley gave the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Lynn. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Jamie Heard, Mayor Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer