

# City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Monday, August 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

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## **Regular Session -**

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Tamalita Autry, Ronnie Tucker, Angelia Thomas and Tifton Dobbs. Mayor Heard presided over the meeting.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Tucker made the motion. Councilmember Dobbs seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Autry made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, Council Meeting and Work Session. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Resolution 08-23-01 Resolution to Declare Property a Weed Nuisance was put into motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Tucker. Motion unanimously carried. Code Enforcement officer Johnny Wood discussed this resolution stating that we had 19 previous properties, which 5 have been taken care of by owners and currently have 16 additional properties today.

Resolution 08-23-02 Resolution to not renew the Water Distribution agreement with Clearwater Solutions was put into motion by Councilmember Tucker and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report. He reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Planning Commission. He also asked about grass being put down on First Street. Chief Johnny Wood explained that this is a part of the Streetscape project. Mayor Heard stated that the business owner in front of the fountain did not want a big tree in front of her business.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She thanked the Rec department for a great Back to School Bash and asked for prayers for the upcoming school year.

Councilman Tucker recently held a committee meeting, where all of the financial accounts were gone over and understood that certain accounts were to only be spent on designated items. Present at his meeting was Councilwoman Autry, Mayor Heard and City Clerk Deborah Gilbert. He also stated that he had spoken with Electric

Superintendent Allen Summers about power outages. He thanked him and his department for always getting the power back on so quickly. He also thanked the street department for taking care of potholes.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She also thanked the Electric Department for getting power back on so fast. She thanked the Recreation Department for Back to School Bash and Public Works for picking up roadside items. Thomas stated that the weed eating on the side of the road had been lacking from what she could see. Mayor Heard stated that the guys had been working on the weekend getting this taken care of and he had even gotten some compliment calls. She also mentioned grass growing in the street. Code Enforcement Officer Wood stated that there had been a department meeting to discuss efforts to get this taken care of and he thought that they had been doing a good job with it. She asked if we were going to move forward with street paving. Mayor Heard stated that we will not be able to pave all of the streets this year but we are working on some quotes that we got for paving. Mayor Heard stated that he had asked the members of the council for a list of streets that were in the worst shape and had received street lists from some members.

Councilmember Dobbs had no committee report. He invited everyone to his upcoming Ribbon Cutting for his business Dobbs Transportation.

Mayor Heard thanked the various departments for a job well done. He also thanked the AKA and Rev. Michael Stiggers for the Bench Dedication at the Senior Center. He invited everyone to the Airport Ribbon Cutting and the Fraud Elder Abuse Program at the Senior Center. He announced that the seniors participated in the Valley Masters Games and will participate in the State Masters Game in October.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to go into Executive Session concerning pending litigation. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Tucker. A Roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session with the following results:

Malone = Yes, Autry = Yes, Thomas = Yes, Dobbs = Yes, Tucker = Yes, Heard = Yes.

At 6:54 Mayor, Council and Attorney came out of Executive Session with a Roll Call Vote with the following results:

Malone = Yes, Autry = Yes, Thomas = Yes, Dobbs = Yes, Tucker = Yes, Heard = Yes.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Thomas.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer