

# City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Monday, February 20, 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, February 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

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

Rev. Rodney Jones said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Malone made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Dobbs made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Council Meeting. Councilmember Tucker seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A Proclamation was presented to the family of Mrs. Clemmie Jones by Councilman Tucker. Mrs. Jones recently turned 100.

Mayor Heard presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance number 02-22-01 for permit fees increase.

Approval of Invoices was motioned by Councilmember Dobbs and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Heard motioned to hire Denise McCain as Police Chief. Councilman Dobbs seconded. A rollcall vote was held with the following results:

Malone – No  
Thomas – Yes  
Dobbs – Yes  
Tucker – No  
Heard – Yes

Motion carried with a majority vote. Swearing in will be held at the next meeting.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report.

Councilwoman Autry was absent.

Councilman Tucker had no committee report. He congratulated the Lanett Panthers on a great season, and also wished the Valley Rams good luck. Tucker also asked if there was a noise ordinance in the city. He was told that all ordinances can be found on Municode.com.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She stated that she had recently received a phone call from a citizen who wanted to compliment Police Officer Jeremy Reaves, stating that he introduced himself and was very nice. Thomas also asked if the pressure could be turned up a little on the street sweeper. She also had some concerns about the garbage pickup. Mayor Heard stated that we would have a work session to discuss this.

Councilman Dobbs had no committee report. He congratulated Mrs. Jones on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He congratulated the new chief and thanked Richard Casner for serving as Interim Chief.

Mayor Heard thanked Trent McCants and Sandra Thornton for doing a great job with the Senior Center. He congratulated Mr. Staley Hill and Mrs. Betty Ware for being named Valentine's Day Queen and King. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Farmers Market for people 60 and over. He also thanked Tonya Morris for speaking to the seniors and Trudy Johnson for starting a Library for the Seniors and Ruth Johnson for donating books for the library.

Mayor Heard announced that the Grand Opening for the new Lanett Airport would be held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. He also stated that he had gotten citizen appreciation for the district 5 community meeting that Councilman Dobbs has held.

At this time the Mayor and Council honored and recognized Civil Rights icon Dr. Joe L. Reed naming the day for him and presenting him with a proclamation and plaque. Mary Banks of the Alabama A&M Alumni Association of Lanett, Alabama also presented a proclamation to Dr. Reed. Dr. Reed addressed the crowd giving words of wisdom and appreciation. He also gave remembrance to former Valley Councilmember Elizabeth Lyons, former Commissioner Ross Dunn and former Lanett Mayor Oscar Crawley.

Councilmember Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting 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 6:44 p.m.

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer