

City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, July 03, 2023

6:00 PM

Lanett Council Chambers

Regular Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 3, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

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

Mr. Scarbrough said the invocation and Mayor Heard led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Malone made a motion to amend the agenda to consider allocation of additional funds to Lanett City School System to install artificial turf at the Morgan-Washburn Stadium. (Item F) No second was given at this time.

A Roll Call vote was taken to amend the agenda with the following results:

Councilmember Malone - Yes

Councilmember Autry - Yes

Mayor Jamie Heard – No

Councilmember Tucker - Yes

Councilmember Thomas – Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. No motion or second was given at this time.

A Roll Call vote was taken to approve the amended agenda with the following results:

Councilmember Malone - Yes

Councilmember Autry - Yes

Mayor Jamie Heard – Yes

Councilmember Tucker - Yes

Councilmember Thomas – Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Ordinance 07-23-01 for Amending Solid Waste Fees – 1st Reading Councilmember Thomas had questions about current residential fees new fees for customers. She asked which factors were used to come up with the new fee and if our new fee would cover the cost we pay our garbage company. She commented that she wanted to stay in line with surrounding cities. In closing, she stated that she did not want the city to increase the fee. Mayor Heard responded that in the past, residents had been paying more than businesses and that people who only received social security are exempt from garbage in Lanett, unlike other cities who give them a discount. He also stated that our new fees would not cover the cost of the garbage company and that we would be cheaper than surrounding cities.

Resolution 07-23-01 Resolution to approve Cost of Service Study for water and electricity was put into motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried. Mayor Heard briefly discussed the reasons for the study, such as water loss, and stated that other municipalities had done a water and electricity study. He mentioned that AMEA would pay the first \$25,000 of the study. Councilmember Malone had questions about if the study would include our substation. Allen Summers responded that it would not include the substation; it would be a study of residential and commercial rates on our system. Malone stated that getting our substation repaired or an additional one, like most cities, is more vital than a study. Summers stated that his department are in the process of ordering parts for the substation and have been able to borrow from other cities until our parts come that are on back order.

Resolution 07-23-02 Resolution to accept Bid for Airport Fuel was put into motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Autry. Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 07-23-03 Resolution to accept Bid for Phillips Road Lift Station was put into motion by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Malone. Motion unanimously carried.

Amended agenda, which included Resolution 07-23-04, was discussed. (Resolution will be provided at next council meeting as old business) Funding to Lanett City School System to install artificial turf at the Morgan-Washburn Stadium was put into motion by Thomas and seconded by Councilman Tucker. Motion unanimously carried. Malone stated that he wants the city to allocate \$87,000 to the Lanett City School System for the first phase of artificial turf on the Morgan-Washburn Football Stadium. Mayor Heard stated that he was looking at funding more but wanted to first get with Councilmember Tucker and the finance committee. Councilmember Tucker agreed that we should move forward with the

\$87,000 the school is asking for and let the school system handle everything. Mayor Heard agreed and stated that the school system would be responsible for everything. He also stated that Coach Story had not gotten back with him since the last council meeting.

Councilmember Malone had no committee report. He stated that he supported Councilman Tucker decision with hiring a City Manager. He also stated his concerns about the airport maintenance worker's ad. Mayor Heard stated that, in the future, he wants to be a part of all committees and be able to attend all meetings. He asked council members to rotate so that he could be able to attend the committee meetings. Malone also wanted to know if there was a fee for planes to train at the airport due to wear and tear on the runway. Richard Carter responded no.

Councilwoman Autry had no committee report. She sent her condolences to District 2 on the death of Mr. Mack Lett.

Councilman Tucker had no committee report. He wished Kevin Crawley a happy retirement and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. He had questions regarding our services with ClearWater and sent his condolences to former council member, Mr. Carl Bullard's family.

Councilwoman Thomas had no committee report. She also sent her condolences to the Lett and Bullard families. She thanked the electrical department for doing a great job with responding to the electrical outages and the street and cemetery crew for picking up debris from the storm. She thanked Mayor Heard for getting with Johnny Wood about speed bumps in her district.

Mayor Heard sent his condolences to both families. He also stated that he was willing to help the Lanett City School System with their needs.

City Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Gilbert was absent. Kelley Walton filled in.

City Attorney Stanley Gray was absent.

Councilmember Dobbs was absent.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was given by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Tucker.

Mayor Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer