



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, April 17, 2023,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Council members present were Tony Malone, Tamalita Autry, Ronnie Tucker, Angelia Thomas, and Tifton Dobbs. Mayor Jamie Heard presided over the meeting, who opened the work session and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Heard recognized Lanett City Schools Superintendent Jennifer Boyd and Athletic Director Clifford Story. Boyd spoke of the dire need (not want) to replace the turf and Lanett High School Football Stadium. Story stated that during the previous football season, they had to transfer the games to stadiums at other schools due to the condition due to the erosion, severe draining issues, mud and lumps that has created safety concerns. Malone asked about costs and was told that it would be between \$850,000 and a million dollars. Tucker asked if other sports would be able to play on the new field. Story stated yes, any outdoor sport such as soccer. Thomas asked if they had looked at working on the restrooms and concession stands. Boyd stated yes, they were in the process of getting these done. Dobbs stated that the school system deserved nothing less. Heard asked about the timeline, which Story responded: by the end of August since the first game was in September. Gray made note that BT Washington in Tuskegee had recently installed an 8-lane track field and that Lanett might be interested in enhancing the track field around the football field as well. Mayor Heard stated that the council would get back with the school board.

Mayor Heard recognized city attorney Stanley Gray who discussed the new 3-year C&C Sanitation service agreement. Gray stated that the only issue he had with the agreement was that he would like them to increase the General Liability to 1 million.

Mayor Heard noted that in the package were some suggested garbage rate increases for the council to look at. One concern was how this would affect senior citizens. Heard reminded them that a lot of the senior citizens qualified for exemption.

Mayor Heard asked Chief Johnny Allen to explain the GMC 5-year Engineering Agreement. Allen stated that this agreement was standard procedure and that if the city applied for any grants we would have to have an engineer on record and GMC's current agreement has expired.

Mayor Heard told the council that an organization had approached the city about using the old Athletic Hall. Chief Allen stated that he had taken a look at the condition of the gym but felt it was more appropriate for an outside agency to do the inspection. Tucker asked if this violated church and stated since this was a religious organization.

Mayor Heard asked Councilman Malone to introduce a member of the Community Development EARP Commission for a presentation on funding opportunities for Lanett.

Mayor Heard asked for and received a motion to adjourn (given by Tucker and seconded by Thomas) and stated that there being no further business to come before this council, motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer