



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday, August 7, 2023

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, August 7, 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 Heard presided over the meeting, opened the work session, and welcomed everyone.

Heard stated that the first discussion would be regarding lease of the Lanett Athletic Hall (Old Gym), which pastor Scarbrough had shown a desire to lease for church/community activities. He passed out a draft lease that city attorney Stanley Gray put together. Tucker asked if a hate group asked to lease the building would we be required to do so. Gray explained that the council has the authority to approve or to deny the lease to any group if negative. Malone stated that he is against altering historic buildings. Rev. Scarbrough, who was present stated that their goal is not to take away from the building but to clean it up and use it. Members of the council thought it best to do a normal short-term daily rental instead of long term since the building is in disrepair. Councilman Dobbs states that there is nothing going on at the building and he feels that they are looking for an exclusive rental agreement.

Mayor Heard stated that each member had been issued a copy of the 2022 year-end Audit and that Accountant Phillip Morgan would be at the next meeting.

There was a discussion about increasing sewage rates for industries.

Randall Aikens presented a report on the sewage rates in the industrial park. He stated that he had met with Norbord officials, and they had no problems with the city raising the rates. Aikens brought comparison rates from other entities. He also let the council know that we were drafting a letter to send to the businesses.

Aikens also discussed savings the city would have by not renewing the water distribution portion of the contract with Clearwater Solutions.

Council Member Malone asked the city attorney about ramifications of the city creating a new position without council approval. Gray stated that this is handled through budgets and other processes.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Thomas and seconded by Tucker. Heard stated that there being no further business to come before this council the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer