



City of Lanett

Meeting Minutes City Council

401 N. Lanier Ave.
Lanett, AL 36863

Monday March 4, 2024,

5:00 PM

Lanett City Hall

Work Session -

The City Council of the City of Lanett, Alabama, met on Monday, March 4, 2024, at the Lanett City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Jamie Heard called the Work Session to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Heard called on Police Chief Denise McCain to introduce our presenter. McCain stated that at the last district meeting, Councilman Malone asked about security in the city. She therefore reached out to SkyCop Security Enclosure Systems out of Selma, Alabama.

A representative of SkyCop, who was also a member of the City of Selma City Council gave a very enlightening presentation stating that this system was created by a retired police chief. This equipment offered face recognition; pole mounted (except for Alabama Power poles) camera system. He stated that the cameras are approximately \$8,000 each, have a 10-year warranty and stay in the cloud for as long as you need it. There is no monthly service unless we purchase additional service. When asked if there were any privacy laws that prohibited the system. Only in schools, in certain areas such as self-contained special education areas. If we went with this system, the installation time would time three weeks to a month.

The next item on the agenda was the Lanett Regional Airport. Mayor Heard explained that two interviews had been conducted. One was in person and the other was on Zoom. We have also received additional applications. Heard asked the council if they wished to select one of the ones already interviewed or to interview the others. I was the consensus that they wanted the others interviewed. Heard stated that we would set up interviews for the following week.

Councilman Malone asked Attorney Gray if he had any information about Blue Skies Flight School regarding a lease agreement and liability insurance. Gray stated that he was making changes to the agreement. Airport Advisory Committee member Dan Dejournette asked everyone to keep in mind the benefits of having an airport and understanding that a lot has to be done. There would be school systems with aviation programs, corporate jets, and future grants therefore we need sound and knowledgeable leadership at the airport. He also stated that we need Interstate signs, ingress and egress.

Councilmember Thomas stated that she is excited about the airport and what is going on.

Councilmember Dobbs stated that he was still on board for an authority and would be taking a trip to Cullman Airport next week.

Citizen Denise Zachery asked about the camera system in areas that had Alabama Power poles. She was told there were other options such as placing a pole just for the camera.

Zachery also had questions about upgrading of the electric meters, high utility bills and notification to customers.

Mayor Heard asked each councilmember to let the public know what district you cover.

Mayor Heard asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Councilmembers Autry and Thomas gave it. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Attest:

Jamie Heard, Mayor

Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer