

# City of Lanett Meeting Minutes

401 N. Lanier Ave.  
Lanett, AL 36863

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Monday, May 19, 2025, 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, May 19, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Lanett Municipal Complex at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were Tony Malone, Tamalita Autry, Ronnie Tucker, Angelia Finley Thomas. Mayor Jamie Heard presided over the meeting. Councilmember Dobbs was absent.

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

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

Councilmember Tucker made the motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025, Council Meeting and Special Called Meeting for May 12, 2025. Autry seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

**Under New Business**, Councilmember Autry read a Proclamation Recognizing May 2025 as Older Americans Month. Senior Center Manager Sandra Thornton accepted the proclamation.

Councilmember Thomas read a Proclamation Recognizing the Senior Master Games Winners who were Floyd Aikens, Floy Aikens, Neva Vanmeter, Fannie Spence, and Sandra Thornton.

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

Resolution 05-25-08, a resolution to surplus water meters in the Water Department, old books at the Nutrition Center and old coke machine at the Fire Department was read by Councilmember Autry and was put in motion by Councilmember Malone and seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Motion unanimously carried.

Council Member Malone had no committee report. He thanked the fire and electric department for working during the storm. He also thanked Councilman Tucker for

inviting him to the Humane Society event. He thanked the seniors as well. Malone reminded everyone about the upcoming Juneteenth events.

Council Member Autry had no committee report. She thanked the employees who worked during the storm and stated that the roads look good. She recognized the senior citizens and reminded everyone about dates for High school graduations.

Council Member Tucker had no committee report. He also thanked the employees working during the storm. He thanked Dave Shirley for the invitation to the Humane Society event and the councilmembers and police chief for their participation. He also thanked Trent McCants for donations to the Humane Society.

Council member Thomas had no committee report. She also thanked the electric department for their work and the humane society for their event. She reminded everyone that on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> there would be a neighborhood watch event. Thomas also reminded everyone to move their trash cans away from the side of the road.

Council Member Dobbs was absent.

### **Department Heads Reports:**

Sandra Thornton and Herchel Allen made a report on behalf of Department Head Trent McCants. They, along with the senior citizens in attendance, thanked the city for four new buses. They especially thanked Johnny Wood for writing the grants to get them. Thornton recognized Agnes Billingslea and Jerome Giddens who assisted in helping a senior that had fallen at her home and had a head injury. Mrs. Mary Floyd was recognized for her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thornton asked for everyone to contact their representatives Tupperville, Brit, and Rogers. This is regarding the risk of losing the SNAP senior program. Thornton stated that she had already been in contact with Randy Price and Debbie Wood.

Richard Chapman reported that the water department SCADA system is back on. He also gave notice that the first week in October the tank would be taken down for service and that citizens may experience low water pressure.

Fire Chief Shiver reported 279 Calls for the last month with twenty-two of them being fires, 247 9-1-1 calls, ten vehicle accidents and thirty-five transfers.

Police Chief McCain reported that we just had a random audit that was passed with flying colors. She thanked anonymous callers for keeping their eyes on neighbors' houses. She also stated that we have officers graduating from the Police Academy in the first week of June. We are also getting ready for our camp.

Mitchell Perry from the Street Department spoke on behalf of Department Head Rockey Bolt. He stated that we have hired a new sweeper driver that started work today. They have also been repairing storm drains.

Bo Lauderdale of the Grounds department reminded everyone that the brush truck was behind due to the weather.

Electric and Gas Superintendent Allen Summers stated that they are working hard to keep the lights and gas on.

City Clerk Deborah Gilbert stated that she had added a financial report in the councilmembers' packets and reminded everyone that city hall would be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

Mayor Heard stated that he was unable to attend the Humane Society event due to being out of town at the Alabama League of Municipalities convention but would donate. He also congratulated the seniors and stated that he would have his annual fish fry for them on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Heard stated that they would be going into executive session. Attorney Gray stated that the purpose was a legal matter. Heard asked for a Roll Call vote which yielded the following: Malone – Yes, Autry – Yes, Thomas – Yes, Tucker – Yes and Heard – Yes. They went into the Executive Session at 6:30.

At 6:49 Mayor Heard had to leave for another meeting, so Councilman Tucker asked for a Roll Call vote to come out of Executive Session which yielded the following: Malone – Yes, Autry – Yes, Thomas – Yes, Tucker – Yes

Council Member Tucker asked for a motion to adjourn. Malone made the motion and Thomas seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50

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Jamie L. Heard, Mayor

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Deborah Gilbert, City Clerk/Treasurer