

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018 7:00 PM

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Plantersville Town Hall at 11335 Lodge Ln, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Clay Godfrey, Alderman
Otis Greenwood, Alderman

The following member was absent:

Kristina Keyser-Mayton, Alderman

The required number present, thus constituting a quorum.

Visitors: Johnny McNally, Chamber of Commerce Navasota-Grimes County

- **Establish a quorum, call meeting to order. Invocation and Pledges.**
Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Invocation was given by Alderman Otis Greenwood.
The Board of Aldermen recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.
- **Approve minutes from regular meeting on April 9, 2018.**
Postponed to a later date.
- **Remarks of Visitors:**
Johnny McNally with the Chamber of Commerce – Navasota/Grimes County presented recent event information and the success for the city and county. The festivals held brought in additional visitors and the economic impact was significant for local businesses. There will be a training session for graduating seniors to assist them in obtaining jobs and proper presentation for prospective employers. Additional workshops with the 3 counties of Grimes, Burleson and Washington for Employers regarding employee manuals and human resources. He announced a new fiber optic cable installation is proceeding for the county; the first users will be government and health care individuals & facilities. Also, planned future events for the county and area include a Wedding Expo featuring the local venues and wineries. Mayor Hale requested the Plantersville Town Hall be included for a wedding venue as the hall is available for rent.
- **William Husbands, scheduled from Comcast to speak did not attend meeting. No report provided.**
- **Discuss/consider/approve Garbage Service for the City and Residents.**
Alderman Marilyn Bettes reported her contact to local garbage/waste services that included Cowgirl Garbage Collection – new owner, Dillon Hughes and Republic Waste in Navasota. The preferred operation is to bill through the city

and not individually. It is too expensive for them to offer services and then bill out. Marilyn had spoken with the mayor of Anderson, Gail Sowell and they do not have a garbage service at this time do to the cost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to postpone possible garbage service as it does not seem feasible at the present time; seconded by Alderman Otis Greenwood. All approved, motion carried.

- **Discuss/consider/approve 9-1-1 Addressing:**
Mayor Karen Hale provided information regarding the recent completion of 9-1-1 addressing with Katherine Dornak. There are approximately 435 residences within the city limits and 373 registered voters.
- **Discuss/consider the Rules of Procedure:**
Workshop scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at 6 p.m. with special meeting called and notice given 72 hours prior as required.
- **Discuss Road Construction at FM 1774 and SH 105:**
Mayor Karen Hale provided current information obtained from County Judge Joe Fauth who spoke with Texas DOT. There is a pipeline that must be moved and it is preventing additional work at the intersection at this time. A conflicting report was received by Alderman Marilyn Bettles from Texas DOT that it was soil instability. Judge Fauth was attempting to obtain exact cause of delay and no calls were returned to him prior to meeting.
- **Discuss 2-1-1 Texas Grimes County 4th Quarter 2017:**
Mayor Karen Hale provided information on the services of 2-1-1 with the tracking of phone calls from the communities and cities in Grimes County. Also, the activities of the 2-1-1 Services providing help and assistance to residents.
- **Discuss the BVCOG Hosting Texas General Land Office Action Plan Workshop:**
Mayor Karen Hale advised that the meeting to be held on May 22, 2018 would mainly advise those affected by Hurricane Harvey Recovery & Mitigation additional information with hazard mitigation. Possible help to communities impacted with grant monies that may be available. It will be held in Bryan, Texas from 9 a.m. to 11:30 am.
- **Discuss Entergy Franchise and Entergy Rate Case:**
Mayor Karen Hale provided update regarding the status of the Entergy Franchise Agreement with the City of Plantersville. She spoke with Tracy with Entergy and the franchise agreement is not ready yet but should be in the near future. Mayor Hale also inquired about the Entergy Rate Case and the pending rate increases desired by Entergy. The recommendation from other local city leaders was to decline to approve any and all rate changes.
- **Discuss City Limits Signs:**
Mayor Karen Hale spoke with representative, Carl regarding the status of the city limit signs. He stated that the request had been made last week and the signs should be provided in 2 weeks' time and installed 1 week later. The population was discussed and Mayor Hale provided the information as given with the registered voters x 2 ½ as she was instructed by county advisors.
- **Discuss/consider/approve required posting for official depository:**
Mayor Karen Hale announced that the posting is required again for 21 days for official city depository. Alderman Clay Godfrey made a motion to post the request

again in the Navasota Examiner as required, seconded by Alderman Marilyn Bettes.

- **Mayor/Alderman update/discussion of Board on information acquired concerning formation and organization of our city.**

Mayor Karen Hale provided the latest update and filing times for the Sales Tax Election which is July 21 to August 20, 2018 for the November election. The cost associated with being placed on the ballot is still being researched; however it may be \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Discussion by Aldermen regarding the franchise agreements possible with Mid South/Syntergy; TMobile; DP Water Services; Centurylink and Suddenlink. More information needed to contact the correct departments. Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin to research and report back to city and Mayor.

Copies of the Certificates of Texas Open Meeting Course and Public Information Course for each Alderman is kept on file with Mayor Karen Hale for the required records retention period.

Alderman Clay Godfrey reminded council of the 1 year anniversary for the City of Plantersville that would occur on May 15, 2018. He advised that a notation would be added to the city website in honor of the occasion.

Additionally, Alderman Marilyn Bettes will contact the Navasota Examiner to provide information on the City of Plantersville and the first anniversary.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kimberly Allphin provided information on the Texas Municipal League Grant Workshop held last week in San Antonio. The events delivered an in depth look at grants through federal, state and private options. She advised that the workshop was interesting and much more detailed than expected. There was valuable information obtained and other city officials offering to assist as many are more experienced with specific grant departments.

- **Enter into Executive Session/Closed Meeting, if needed, to receive legal advice on matters and issues in the town. (Texas Government Code #551.071 & #551.072)**

No closed meeting needed.

- **Return to Open Meeting: take action on items discussed in closed session (Section #551.102).**

- **Adjourn**

Mayor Karen Hale adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Secretary

Kristina Keyser-Mayton,

Date

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