

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville
May 10, 2021

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 in Plantersville Lodge, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kristina Keyser Mayton, Alderman Mayor Pro Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Frank Dean, Alderman
Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman

Visitors present Carolyn Kurten, Judge Joe Fauth and Charlotte Holiday

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Greenwood led the invocation with pledges recited.
2. Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2021
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr.
Voting Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: Carolyn Kurten
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable: Navasota Examiner Newspaper for Public Notice in newspaper issue 4/14/2021 in compliance with submission TxCDBG Grant application \$83.00 (Budgeted Item)
Discussion: None
Action – Motion: Alderman Frank Dean moved to pay invoice as presented.
Second: Alderman Kristina Keyser Mayton
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. May 1, 2021 General Election Canvass Results
Discussion: Mayor Karen Hale presented the General Election and Canvass of Election Results on this 9th day after Election Day and announce the results in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the results of the General Election conducted on May 1, 2021 Title 6, Chapter 67. Each Alderman received a copy with the notarized copy from Elections Administrator Lucy Ybarra.
Action – Motion: Alderman Frank Dean moved that the General Election and Canvass of Election Results be accepted as presented.
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries

6. Installation of newly elected City of Plantersville Board of Aldermen (Mayor and 2 Aldermen) by Grimes County Judge Joe Fauth with Oath of Office:
Mayor – Karen Hale; Aldermen Kimberly Allphin and Otis Greenwood, Jr.
Certificates of Election presented.
7. Judge Joe Fauth presented county updates with the continued completion of the new Justice Center in Anderson. The building is now totally enclosed and weatherproof. There was a set back with the February Winter Storm and freeze, however the construction is continuing, and the project remains under budget. The new center will provide ample parking which will greatly improve the current situation for county residents doing business with the county offices.

Judge Fauth reviewed the additional access that will be available for entry and exit from both 149 and Hwy 90. The access will provide favorable traffic flow as 149 becomes congested during peak school times with elementary, jr. high and high school entrances.

The Grimes County Animal Shelter had a successful fundraiser with Cause for Paws on May 1, 2021. The new shelter will be located near the new justice center and make a positive impact on the community. Construction should begin soon.

Judge Fauth concluded with the review of the upcoming election process with possible Texas re-districting after final census reports are received. It will possibly affect precincts and time frame of election primaries, etc.

8. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant, TxCDBG Community Development Fund: Grant requirement: Fair Housing Poster, Affidavit, Fair Housing Month Proclamation
Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that the Grant Application has been submitted to TDA and results will probably be announced in August or September according to her information.
9. A - Entergy: A Notice of Application for Determination of System Restoration Costs
B – Entergy filed with PUC a proceeding styled “True-up Compliance Filing for Entergy Texas, Inc Concerning Schedule TTC (for most classes, including Residential, the proposed TTC rates provide a one-time credit (in July 2021)
Discussion: Mayor Hale presented correspondence received from Entergy regarding both items above. There is no action to be taken, this is informational documentation as filings are determined by the Public Utility Commission.
Action-Motion: None
10. Road Maintenance and Status of County Roads within City Limits
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the procedure with the Intra Local Agreement in place Grimes County Road and Bridge. The repair of roads and streets with the city limits is included in this agreement and reports are to be addressed to Mayor Hale by telephone or email. Email is preferred so the issue can be documented and resolved. The GCR&B office has been very diligent in their response and referrals to Mayor Hale when requested. Mayor Hale provides initial review with photographs and description to Supervisor Walker for follow up and recommendations. This process has been in place since incorporation. Alderman Dean

remarked that if there is confusion on city roads and streets they should be renamed. Alderman Allphin advised that many roads previously did have names, however these were changed by 911 addressing with the current county road designations. Alderman Mayton expressed concern that it would be detrimental to citizens to process such a change and was unsure if that is even a possibility with 911 and postal regulations.

Action – None

11. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant, TxCDBG Community Development Fund Grant

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised the grant application has been submitted (as in agenda item 8)

Action - Motion: None

12. Community Interest:

St. Joseph's Annual Bazaar will be held Memorial Day Weekend (Sunday) with traditional bar-b-que and trimmings, games, and family fun. All are welcome.

The Grimes County Fair will be upcoming in early June.

The road construction seems to be finally nearing completion at the intersection FM1774 and SH 105.

Alderman Dean requested the enhance and maintain green space of FM1774 and SH105 be on future agendas.

13. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None required

14. No Action Taken

15. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Attest

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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