

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville  
September 13, 2021

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, in Planters Lodge, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor  
Kristina Keyser Mayton, Mayor-Pro Tem  
Kimberly Allphin, Alderman Secretary  
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman  
Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman

Absent – Alderman Frank Dean

Visitors: Sherry McKibben, Commander Hal Reed of Post 4066 Veterans of Foreign War Navasota and Grimes County

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation with pledges were performed at preceding Budget Public Hearing meeting.
2. Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2021  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Bettes  
**Second:** Alderman Allphin  
**Voting** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
3. Public Comments: Commander Reed
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable: None  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale advised a TDEM ARP Allocation Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund direct deposit of \$25,162.50 was placed into the City of Plantersville General Fund. As discussed in prior meeting, these funds are to be retained in a separate account for record keeping and documentation.  
**Action – Motion:** Alderman Marilyn Bettes moved to establish a specified account for these funds at First National Bank Anderson, the bank of record.  
**Second:** Alderman Kristina Mayton  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
5. Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022  
**Action Motion:** Alderman Mayton moved that the City of Plantersville Budget beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, be approved as presented and to approve Item 6 Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.  
**Second:** Alderman Greenwood  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
6. Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 **Action – Motion:** (included with Item 5 above)
7. Email change with city website for board members

**Discussion:** Alderman Allphin advised this agenda item was tabled at prior meeting and is to be addressed in the upcoming October meeting with the renewal invoice of city website and the added email for Mayor and Aldermen.

**Action - Motion:** None

8. Resolution to select administration/project delivery service provider to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Act (ARP Act) funding administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, other Federal or State Agency.

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale asked GrantWorks representative Sherry McKibben to review the services provided. Mayor Hale also inquired about negotiating a new agreement and fee with GrantWorks. Ms. McKibben said she will have the ARP Team contact Mayor Hale to discuss and review.

**Action - Motion:** Alderman Allphin moved to select GrantWorks and approve resolution selecting GrantWorks as administration/project delivery service provider to complete project implementation of the American Rescue Act (ARP Act) funding.

**Second:** Alderman Greenwood

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

9. Resolution requesting TxDOT construct turn lane going West on SH105 at Dollar General

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reviewed resolution prepared with copy provided to Aldermen.

**Action - Motion:** Alderman Allphin moved to approve resolution as presented requesting TxDOT construct turn lane going West on SH105 at Dollar General.

**Second:** Alderman Bettes

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

10. Community Outreach “Treats on a Dirt Street”, Thursday, October 28, 2021, with set up completed by 5:30 p.m. and open to public 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale advised that she had obtained reduced cost of services for porta-potties and hand washing station. Alderman Bettes is contacting local business for bottled water based on recommendation. The Aldermen and Mayor discussed a basic contact list of each Alderman volunteer to contact and announce upcoming function to spread the word of upcoming event with sponsors needed to participate. Additional suggestions to advertise locally with flyers and/or posters.

Alderman Allphin presented draft of possible poster/event announcement.

**Action – Motion:** Alderman Bettes moved that the event draft presented by Alderman Allphin be approved with the printing of approximately 15 11 x 14 posters. Alderman Allphin to print and distribute.

**Second:** Alderman Greenwood

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

Mayor and Alderman discussed allowance to purchase wrapped treats to provide at function

**Action – Motion:** Alderman Allphin moved allowance to be set at \$100.00 to purchase wrapped treats of various types to provide at event.

**Second:** Alderman Greenwood

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

Additional discussion for Alderman Allphin to upload the approved event flyer to City Website and Facebook Media Page.

Commander Reed advised that the VFW post would attend and sponsor a table. Clean up and equipment still needed include lighting and parking. Alderman Greenwood announced several businesses, churches and individuals had contacted him and planning to attend. Alderman Allphin and Alderman Bettes are contacting local & new business to invite. Suggestions for banner and printed items to research online and locally. Possibly donated or sponsored by local business.

11. Mayor/Alderman Update/Discussion: Items of Community Interest  
Town Hall Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 2:00 p.m.to 7 p.m. with dinner, live music, and raffle
12. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None required
13. No Action Taken
14. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved

Attest

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Karen Hale, Mayor

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Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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