

Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2020

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

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

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors present: David Tullos, Tanya Walters, Carol Kurten, Trina Wenzel, Letha Kurten, Angel Garcia, and Blake Jarvis

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The minutes from August 10, 2020 were read. Alderman Allphin moved that the minutes be approved as read. Alderman Greenwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment:  
David Tullos
4. Mayor Hale presented an invoice for a required legal ad in the Navasota Examiner of \$63.50. Alderman Mayton moved to approve payment on invoice. Alderman Bettes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

Alderman Frank Dean made a motion to amend the existing proposed General Budget to include line item of \$100,000 for purchase of property for the city. Alderman Kristina Mayton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to adopt the proposed budget as amended for October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Alderman Kimberly Allphin seconded the motion.

Recorded Vote Required: Alderman Kristina Mayton – Yes; Alderman Kimberly Allphin – Yes; Alderman Marilyn Bettes – Yes; Alderman Frank Dean – Yes; Alderman Otis Greenwood – Yes; Mayor Karen Hale - Yes.

Alderman Kimberly Allphin made a motion that the City of Plantersville tax rate is 0%. Alderman Frank Dean seconded the motion.

6. The Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 was completed in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas with required public hearing. The ordinance language was reviewed by Mayor Hale.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes moved that the Ordinance for the City of Plantersville General Budget for the upcoming fiscal year of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 be adopted as presented. Alderman Otis Greenwood seconded the motion.

Recorded Vote Required: Alderman Kristina Mayton – Yes; Alderman Kimberly Allphin – Yes; Alderman Marilyn Bettes – Yes; Alderman Frank Dean – Yes; Alderman Otis Greenwood – Yes; Mayor Karen Hale - Yes. Ordinance attested and signed as required.

7. Discussion held on the Right of Way Fees (ROW) also called Franchise Fees regarding information from Entergy. The right of way rental fees with utilities provided above or under city right of ways are rented in accordance with the Public Utility Commission of the State of Texas. Entergy stated that the cities have no say in the rate as this is computed based on multiple factors. The sales tax on the Entergy billings are for commercial classed businesses only. There is no sales tax on personal electric bills. There are no additional fees for personal classed.
8. Discussion held on for date of public workshop on Ordinances and Resolutions pertaining to business licenses/permits, billboard regulations, city planning, ROW fees, codes, and Public Information Request fees. Alderman Otis Greenwood moved that the public workshop be held on September 30, 2020 in the Plantersville Town Hall at 6 p.m. Alderman Marilyn Bettes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
9. The TxDOT project SH249/FM1774 is making progress. The SH105/FM1774 construction is to begin soon according to regional TxDOT Chad Bohne.
10. Discussion held regarding City website and email options. Alderman Frank Dean moved to assign a specific city email to the Mayor and the City Secretary at this time. Alderman Kristina Mayton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Community Interest – local events and upcoming Texas Renaissance Festival.
12. No Executive Session/Closed Meeting required
13. No Action Taken
14. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Approved

Attest

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Karen Hale, Mayor

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Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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