

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
July 17, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023 in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor	Frank Dean, Alderman
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem	Carolyn Kurten, Alderman
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman Secretary	Otis Greenwood, Alderman

Visitors: Ryan Newbury, John Nicks, Gail Kaciuba, Jessica Bomar, Lucy Ybarra, Anne Marie Wood, and Brock Romero

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Otis Greenwood with pledges led by Mayor Hale.
2. Minutes, June 12, 2023
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Kurten
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: John Nicks questioned why he had to adhere to 8' distance required for media—stated he is not connected to media.
4. Chamber of Commerce Visit/presentation: Chamber “Pop-In” visit, effort to have constant connection with community and government. Chamber Executive Director, Lucy Ybarra presented Mayor Hale with gift from Washington on the Brazos and board with a small bag of goodies. Ybarra stated it is an effort to show support for all communities.
5. Invoices and items currently due and payable.
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices which were sent to all Alderman.
Action – Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
6. Discuss/consider/approve: review road repair reports/estimates on suggested repairs for Post Office Road
Discussion: Kim spoke with contact and will have estimate at next meeting. Mayor Hale received estimate/quote from Eubank. Basically, all existing asphalt needs to be torn out and begin with new materials, etc. Estimate was \$38,450 with other fees as required. Item was for discussion only; other quotes needed at next meeting.
7. Discuss/consider/approve: City Procedure for Motions.: See 3.8 in City of Plantersville Rules of Procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order: at Alderman Dean’s request. Mayor Hale read the referenced section and asked if that answered Alderman Dean’s concerns. He replied in the affirmative. Discussion, no action taken.
8. Discuss/consider/approve: City procedure for having the City Attorney present at meetings: at Alderman Dean’s request.
Discussion: The Attorney sent a Resolution recommendation which was sent to everyone. Alderman Dean said ”does everyone understand what he writes”? Alderman Kurten agreed with Alderman Dean that she did not understand what he writes and we need have him at every meeting. Alderman Allphin questioned is having attorney present each time necessary and feasible? Mayor Hale requested that Alderman Dean

submit his request in writing to her. Alderman Allphin questioned having a brief attached with each Resolution. Kurten said “have him here at every meeting”—Alderman Bettes stated not good use of city funds. Alderman Allphin suggested we should try to have neutral ground. Discussion continued...Mayor Hale repeated that Attorney’s comments are his thoughts the legality of a matter. If the Resolution is more in depth, perhaps explanation is needed. Alderman Dean stated he was through with issue.

Alderman Kurten moved to postpone Resolution 40-23: A Resolution of the City of Plantersville, Texas, adopting a policy regarding the attendance of Legal counsel at Board of Alderman meetings.

Action: Motion to Postpone: Alderman Kurten

Second: Alderman Dean

Voting: Yes: Alderman Allphin, Alderman Dean, Alderman Kurten, Alderman Greenwood

No: Alderman Bettes

Final Resolution: Approved

9. Discuss/consider/approve: Texas DOA CBDG 2023-2024 project
Discussion: All materials submitted, now waiting on their decision.
10. Discuss/consider/approve: GLO CBDG MIT MOD - Old Schoolhouse Road Project
Discussion: Mayor Hale stated the GrantWorks survey crew has completed the MIT MOD survey results. Mayor has signed it. When the grant application is completed, a Public Notice will be posted to give notice that anyone can read the application.
11. Discuss/consider/approve: Treats on a Dirt Street
Discussion: Positive response in the past. Alderman Allphin proposed we host event on Thursday, October 26, 2023 with a budget not to exceed \$1,000.
Action: Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Dean
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
12. Discuss/consider/approve: City procedure for posting of Notice of Meeting
Discussion: Previously was posted on front and back of building, website, Facebook, Post Office, DP Water Department, and PSVFD sign. By statute it must be posted on front and back of building, website, and Facebook. Mayor suggested that it now be posted on the front and back of Town Hall, website, Facebook, and the PSVFD sign. Bettes suggested notice on FB and website that Posting locations were being changed.
Action: Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Kurten
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Approved
13. Discuss/consider/approve: storage of files, architectural drawings, RFP’s, RFQ’s and other city documents
Discussion: Mayor Hale requested this due to being inundated with City papers in her home office. She asked for approval from PTH Board to use a vacant closet with a lock on it on the second floor of the PTH building and received approval pending a decision by the City Board of Alderman. Important documents, Resolutions and Ordinances will be kept at her home. The Attorney approved procedure.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes amended original motion that PTH will not be held liable for any loss due to unforeseen events
Second: Alderman Greenwood approved amendment of motion
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Approved
14. Discuss/consider/approve: procedure for accuracy on attorney bill
Discussion: Mayor Hale spoke with Attorney regarding any call or email questions to attorney from Board members and how to reconcile them with the invoice. Olson will be including that information on the

invoice and Mayor Hale asked board members to please let her know when they contact the attorney so she can reconcile the invoice with calls before it is included in Due and Payables.

15. Discuss: PSVFD report
PSVFD Fire Chief gave report for the May and June activities. She also presented the LED Sign Policy to make sure all policies are followed and understood. Any suggestions are welcomed.
16. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda).
Alderman Kurten reported death of sister-in-law Pauline Ubnoski
Alderman Greenwood stated Family and Friends event, 1:30 program at Truevine Church
17. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
18. No Action Taken Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
19. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved

Karen Hale, Mayo

Attest

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary