

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
August 21, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor	Carolyn Kurten, Alderman
Marilyn Bettes,, Alderman, Secretary	Otis Greenwood, Alderman
Frank Dean, Alderman	

Absent: Kim Allphin, Alderman, Mayor Pro-Tem

Visitors: John Nicks, John Greenwood, Herb Williams, Mary Grace Mock, Jessica Bomar and David Tullos

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: July 17, 2023
Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: John Nicks spoke against the name change for Post Office Road. He also requested “full transparency” by providing the Packets sent to Alderman by Mayor Hale to be available to the public. He requested asking City Attorney Pertile to be present at a Special Meeting regarding process for posting such information.
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the Olson invoice which was sent to all Alderman.
Action – Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes
Second: Alderman Dean
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. Discuss/consider/approve: purchase for boxes for long term document storage
Discussion: Mayor Hale presented 3 options—boxes from the liquor store, cardboard bank-type storage boxes or plastic tote boxes?
Action—Motion to Approve: Alderman Kurten moved to approve purchase of cardboard bank-type storage boxes.
Second: Alderman Bettes
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Approved
6. Discuss/consider/approve: review road repair reports/estimates on suggested repairs for Post Office Road
Discussion: Mayor Hale requested Postponement on this item due to Alderman Allphin’s absence. She was investigating possible estimates.
Action: Alderman Dean requested Postponement on this item until next meeting
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Approved

7. Discuss/consider/approve: Citizen's request: Mary Grace Mock: change Post Office Road to Dobbin - Plantersville Road.
Discussion: Alderman Kurten spoke on behalf of preserving Plantersville's history. Mary Grace made comments in favor of finding a way to preserve the old road's name. Mayor Hale's information: road is part county, part city both entities would have to agree to change; property owners have to agree; 911 has to be notified-communicate with all changes; land owners are responsible for all their contact-friends, companies, etc.; Dobbin Plantersville Road has too many characters (14 characters) for 911 system; same name in Dobbin and could cause emergency issues; Sheriff said known as Post Office Road-change could cause Mutual Aid delay; different people have different ideas about where the road actually was; Mary Grace spoke regarding possibility of having a Commemorative Marker, but not change the name. Discussion continued until Alderman Bettes suggested that we not change the road's name, but find a way to place a commemorative marker stating its significance. She agreed to investigate possible methods for marking the road.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes moved to approve not name change at this time, investigate correct name, but also find a way to mark the road with a commemorative marker of some type.
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Alderman Bettes, Alderman Greenwood, Alderman Dean
No Vote: Alderman Kurten
Final Resolution: Motion carries
8. Discuss/consider/approve: Citizens Request: Ola Mallard: for shooting ordinance within city limits
Discussion: Mayor Hale received information from Game Warden and Sheriff regarding Grimes County ordinance is for unincorporated areas; does not apply to Plantersville since we are incorporated. Much discussion: the city is not covered by any laws concerning shooting on smaller properties except that shooting must be done safely and responsibly which is a state law.
Action: Motion to Table: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Kurten
Voting: Yes: 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, no approval yet; however, Mayor received letter stating we (the city) are a potential recipient; the application and research process is continuing on their part.
10. Discuss/consider/approve: GLO CBDG MIT MOD - Old Schoolhouse Road Project
Discussion: Mayor has received no news on this grant.
11. Discuss/consider/approve: culverts purchase for ARPA
Discussion: Mayor Hale requested postponement to allow for further review and information
Action: Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
12. Discuss/consider/approve: PSVFD LED Sign Policy
Discussion: Chief Bomar presented the Guideline Policies for City to review and make recommendations. It was not an item to be approved by City.
13. Discuss: PSVFD report
PSVFD Fire Chief gave report for the July activities. There were increased calls and she urgently pleaded that all observe the BURN BAN restrictions and spread the word that we are in FIRE DANGER MODE! For next meeting agenda, Alderman Dean asked that City purchase Burn Ban Signs to be placed on City Limit poles and that PSVFD monitor them.

14. Discuss/consider/approve: Attorney requests a date for Special Meeting to handle the previously postponed items and other items that he needs to be present for
Discussion: Best date for all.
Action: Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean recommended September 28 with time TBD
Second: Alderman Kurten
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
15. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda).
Alderman Bettes reported that Todd Mission would be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social at City Hall, Wednesday, August 23, 5:30 p.m..
16. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
17. No Action Taken Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
18. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved

Karen Hale, Mayor

Attest

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary