

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2025**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Town Hall

Meeting called to order: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Pledge to the flag

Roll Call: Brandy Smith

Mayor Shelton Shannon- present

Renee Morris - present

Sedrick Mabry – present

Vice Mayor Sextus Shannon- absent

Charles Heard- present

Nathan Chisolm - present

Adopt the Agenda:

Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the agenda.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve November 4, and November 10, 2025 minutes:

Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the November 4, and November 10, 2025 minutes.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Hearing- Special Exception

- **John R. Foster, 994 East Central Street-** Place a 40ft storage unit on property, *present*:
 - Mayor Shelton Shannon discussed the storage unit measurements with Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis earlier and said the storage unit was legal and see no issues with the Board approving this special exception.
 - Charles Heard made the motion to approve the special exception for 994 East Central Street and allow property owner, John R. Foster, to place a forty-foot storage unit on the property.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

- **Torie Wood, Aflac Insurance:** Employee Benefits- *absent*

Reports

Water/Fire: Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jim Curry, *present-*

- Water usage is back down; found the problem for the water loss: CR 1113 had blown a cork stop but found it and fixed it; water samples came back free and clean
- Asked the Board to accept part time Maintenance employee, Danny Dunn, letter of resignation.
 - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept Maintenance employee, Danny Dunn, letter of resignation, effective immediately.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Winterize the park- Board gave permission to winterize the park; effective immediately.
- Fire- 4 fire calls and 4 EMR calls

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept both water and fire reports.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Police Chief Keith Foster, *absent*, but left the report with the Board-

- **Update on Cameras:** new body and dash cameras have been installed; Plantersville Police Department have been trained on the new equipment.
- Court Revenue \$5,795.11

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the police report.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel, *absent*; Assistant Animal Control Officer Will Franke read the report-

- Mayor Shelton Shannon introduced him to the Board and audience
- Seven calls/messages for the month; three stray dogs were picked up
- Registration and renewal letters will be going out soon for 2026
- Now dispatched through Lee County Sheriff Department; call 662-432-2600 or 662-869-2911

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the animal control report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Park: Event Coordinator Stephanie Brown, *present*-

- Preparing for the Christmas Celebration at the Plantersville Community Center; immediately after the Christmas Parade
- Collecting items from vendors such hot chocolate, etc.
- Fellowship and pictures with Santa Claus
- Door prizes
- Need the Board to encourage people to attend.

Renee Morris made the motion to accept the park report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Code Enforcement: Deputy Code Enforcement Office Alex Soderstrom, *present*-

- Not much to report but constantly maintaining and reporting

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *absent*

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*-

- Attended the National League of Cities Conference sponsored by Three Rivers Planning District in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Attended COG end of the year meeting with Renee Morris, Charles Heard, and Clerk Brandy Smith

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the mayor's report.
Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- **Operations CD Interest Rate Renewal and Closing the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) CD:**
 - **Operations CD new interest rates at maturity, December 7, 2025:**
 1. 3.65% at 4 months
 2. 3.55% at 6 months
 3. 3.45% at 9 months
 4. 3.35% at 12 months
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the new Operations CD interest rate to 3.65% at four months and allow Clerk Brandy Smith to make these changes at maturity at Renasant Bank.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - **Close out the ARPA CD at maturity, December 7, 2025:**
 - According to the auditors' recommendations, close the ARPA CD at maturity to not get penalized for withdrawal and transfer the funds to the ARPA Checking Account
 - Charles Heard made the motion to approve closing the ARPA CD at maturity and allow Clerk Brandy Smith to make these transactions at Renasant Bank.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **HB1197 Safe Solicitation Act:** effective July 1, 2025, "Solicitation" or "solicit" means to request money or anything of value as a donation or contribution while standing, sitting or positioned in any manner on any road, street, highway, median, traffic island or highway intersection; or to request any other thing of value in exchange for any goods, wares, merchandise or thing of value while standing, sitting or positioned in any manner on any road, street, highway median, traffic island or highway intersection."; technically, with this new bill, any group or individual attempting to do so at this time would now require a solicitation permit from the City prior to proceeding with collections; municipalities have until January 1, 2026 to opt in or opt out.
 - Clerk Brandy Smith have discussed this bill with Attorney Jamie Franks; she explained and emailed him October 9, 2014 board minutes where it was seconded and motioned to "cease all road blocks in the Town's limits of Plantersville, with the exception of the Fire Department (or St. Jude Bike-A-Thon currently), Park, Community Center, and Mayor's Youth Council (now in its place, Plantersville Middle School)"; Attorney Jamie Franks advised to "opt-in" since the Town have already approved no road blocks, the Town can continue with October 9, 2014 motion for roadblocks for St Jude Bike-A-Thon and Plantersville Middle School, and don't have to create additional ordinance and permits.
 - Board needs to decide to opt in or opt out; opt in must create a permit and detailed criteria and charge \$25.00 fee; opt out means no to all road blocks, regardless of organization or entity.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to "Opt-in" and continue following the motion that was made in the October 9, 2014 minutes and allow roadblocks for only Town departments and to include St. Jude Bike-A-Thon and Plantersville Middle School without creating additional ordinance and permits.
 - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Christmas Parade:** Saturday, December 6, 2025; will begin at Plantersville Middle School and end at Oak Hall Factory on Poplar Street; Grand Marshals are the Aldridges (Better Buy Grocery Store owners); Christmas Celebration will be at the Plantersville Community Center and will take place after the Christmas Parade.
- **December Holiday Closings:** Christmas: December 25 and December 26, 2025; New Year's Holiday January 1 and January 2, 2026
- **MML Mid-Winter Conference 2026:** Jackson MS, January 13-15, 2026; Renee Morris and Charles Heard will be attending; Mayor Shelton Shannon will inform the clerk on his decision to attend.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the clerk report.

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Charles Heard thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the passing of his sister.

Pay the Claims

Charles Heard made the motion to pay the claims.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adjourn.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 12 - 31 - 2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:

Brandy Smith Date 12/31/25
Clerk Brandy Smith