

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2025
AGENDA**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: **Plantersville Fire Station***

Meeting called to order:

Pledge to the flag:

Roll Call:

Adopt the agenda

Approve the minutes for July 1, 2025 meeting

Public Hearings:

- **Special Exception, 137 Grant Place:** Cody Hardin

New Business:

- **Ordinance-** New Dog Ordinance, Animal Control

Public Comments:

Reports:

Water/Maintenance

Fire

Police

Animal Control

Code Enforcement

Park

Attorney

Mayor

Clerk

Pay Claims

Adjourn

***Due to the primary state legislature elections.**

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Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Plantersville Fire Station*

Meeting called to order: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Pledge to the flag

Roll Call: Brandy Smith

Mayor Shelton Shannon- present

Renee Morris - present

Sedrick Mabry – absent

Vice Mayor Sextus Shannon- present

Charles Heard- present

Nathan Chisolm - present

Adopt the Agenda:

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to add Special Exception for a Modular Home, 2372 Main Street to the public hearing section and to adopt the amended agenda.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve July 1, 2025 minutes:

Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the July 1, 2025 minutes.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Hearings:

- **Special Exception, 137 Grant Place:** Cody Hardin, *present*- woodshop on property; will not operate as a business; slightly above standard size; no plumbing and no metal; just electrical; located behind the carport.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the special exception at 137 Grant Place to build a workshop located to the rear of the property.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Special Exception for a Modular Home, 2372 Main Street (continued from June 3, 2025 Board Meeting):** Stephanie McMillan, *present*- (recap: requesting to put a tiny home (modular home) in the back yard of this property; serve as the resident's home; 16x40 square feet); new state laws doesn't apply to this property; legal to build; new construction on the lot; Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis (absent) gives his recommendation to build; can't be seen from the road; electrical and water meets building codes requirements
 - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve the special exception for a modular home to be built at 2372 Main Street.
 - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion.
 - Nathan Chisolm, Sextus Shannon, and Charles Heard voted in favor of the motion.
 - Renee Morris opposed the motion. Motion passed with majority vote.

New Business:

- **Ordinance-** New Dog Ordinance, Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel, *present*- Nuisance Pet Owners- numerous pet owners getting three to four tickets; definitions and

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- Charles Heard made the motion to table the nuisance pets' ordinance action and allow attorney Jamie Franks to review the order and then take action at next Board meeting.
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Public Comments: None

Reports

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

- **Water loss-** 34.8% due to bad run of the transducers and still trying to find the major leak
- **VFDs-** designed a quote of \$7,000.00 and need an electrician to wire up all three; VFDs will eliminate water hammering
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the purchase of \$7,000.00 to hook up all three VFDs.
 - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Easements-** approvals for 113 Lisa Lynn Street
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve attorney Jamie Franks to draw up an easement for property owner, James L. Smith, 113 Lisa Lynn Street, to sign in order to continue construction for two Steve Parker properties located between Lisa Lynn Street and State Park Road.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Retirement-** Nathan Chisolm said the Board need to have a replacement in mind due to the possibility of Public Works Director Jim Curry's retirement in the next budget year.
- **Fire:** 2 fire calls and 11 EMR calls

Sextus Shannon made the motion to accept both the water and fire reports.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Police Chief Keith Foster, *present-*

- Attended meeting with Attorney General Lynn Finch and the Chief of Medicaid Division to discuss human trafficking and Medicaid fraud.
- Court revenue: \$4,103.01
- **Taser Training-** Renee Morris made the motion to allow Chief Keith Foster to attend laser training. Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Department Equipment Purchase Requests

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 - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve the purchase of the LPR system from Sound Thinking Plate Ranger at the estimated price of \$15,600.00 from the HB1353 bond fund.

- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- B. Laptops- currently having damage issues
 1. **Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.** - 5 laptops for \$18,380.00; includes warranty
 2. **Howard Technologies**- 5 laptops for \$18,000.00 no warranty
 - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve the purchase of five laptops from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. at the estimated total of \$18,380.00 from the HB 1353 Bond fund.
 - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- C. Body and Dash Cameras (will work with LPR system)
 1. **Axon**- 10 body cameras and 5 dash cameras= \$84,204.40 includes training
5 body cameras and 3 dash cameras = \$69,578.20
 - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve the purchase of the body/dash cameras system from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$84,204.40 from the HB 1353 Bond and new budget.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Renee Morris made the motion to accept the police report.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel, *present*-

- Twelve calls; two kittens rescued at the park; two verbal warnings
- Court revenue: \$147.25
- Shelter still doesn't have a veterinarian to have a field day for the communities; will try to search for other avenues to host something similar in the near future.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the animal control report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Successful at cleaning up properties along Poplar Street, Estes Avenue, and Old Planters Road
- **109 Old Planters Road**- has seen more cleanup areas around the property
- **199 Poplar Street**- the church will mow the grass
- **131 Meadowbrook**- waiting on Cadence Bank for foreclosure
- Tree has fallen on Meadowbrook Road onto Rebecca O'Neal property; the Mayor has informed Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis about the issue.

Sextus Shannon made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Park: Event Coordinator Stephanie Brown, *present*-

- **Celebration Day**- Huge success; thank you to all who attended and the Mayor and Board; double the attendance; vendors were pleased
- **Tarp**- appreciate the tarp but was the wrong kind; will correct later

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the park report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *present*-

- Will review and work on the 13 easements and nuisance dog ordinance
- Introduced Attorney Brad Morris; he represents rural water associations and municipalities water systems; numerous PFAS cases; fighting for clean water; make sure companies are paying for the cleanup if an accident happens

Renee Morris made the motion to accept the attorney's report.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*-

- **Fire Truck MML-** Mayor Shelton Shannon and Charles Heard attended a meeting concerning fire trucks during the 2025 MML Conference; mostly all municipalities in the state is having this issue and difficult to purchase one or funding; Chief Keith Foster suggested to take a trip directly to Washington, D.C. to discuss directly to legislatures

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the Mayor's report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- Budget Hearing for the Fiscal year 2025-2026 will be held September 2, 2025.
- **Municipal Election 2025:** four election/poll workers to attended municipal election training back in January; all day training (7 hours); even though the election was dispensed, they need to compensated; talked to election attorney and said pay should not be less than federal minimum wage but no more than \$20.00 per hour; need a motion/resolution
 - Charles Heard made the motion to pay the four election/poll workers for their 2025 municipal election training at the rate of \$12.00 per hour.
 - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- On July 16, 2025 Brandy Smith attended the CDF Clerk Luncheon for Lee County Municipal Clerks; very informative and enjoyed it; CDF has created a landing page on their website for each municipality that list who they are, town's website, building ordinances, etc.; discussed municipal news; Brandy Smith also won a door prize
- **PERS:** Rate increase effective July 1, 2025 \$18.40; Brandy Smith attended the PERS workshop Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at University of Mississippi Tupelo; new tier –tier 5 for those hired after March 1, 2026 or later; possibility of ending the “13th” check for tier 5 but will not affect current members
- **Insurance Bonds:** need Board to sign bonds after the meeting for the new term.
- **Vender Fees:** presented a sample form for vender fees; need a motion for set fee; Board suggested to the Community Event committee to review over what to include in the vendor fees; include other regulations such as paid spots, tents, booths, etc.; the Board will review over it and vote at a later date.
- **Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute (CLI) Class of 2026:** will meet next Tuesday, August 12, 2025 to begin planning the community service project.
- **Court Clerk Certification:** Approval for Court Clerk Becky McMillan to attend her required Court Clerk Training, held in Oxford, MS, September 17-19, 2025
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve Court Clerk Becky McMillan to attend her court clerk conference, September 17-19, 2025 in Oxford, MS with expenses paid by the Town.

- Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **ARC Projects:** will accept pre-applications August 2025; 50/50 match; pre applications simplified version of the application just enough to explain the project
- **State Holiday:** Town Hall will be closed, Monday, September 1, 2025 for Labor Day Holiday

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the clerk report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pay the Claims

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to pay the claims.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn

Charles Heard made the motion to adjourn.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date August 29, 2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:

Brandy Smith
Clerk Brandy Smith

Date 8/29/25

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