

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026
AGENDA**

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Town Hall

Meeting called to order
Pledge to the flag

Roll Call

Adopt the agenda

Approve the minutes for February 3, February 6, February 10, 2026

Public Comments:

- **Charlotte Diggs, 118 Grant Place-** Discuss information concerning a variance

Reports:

Water/Maintenance
Fire
Police
Animal Control
Park
Code Enforcement
Attorney
Mayor
Clerk

Pay Claims

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March 3, 2026**

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 – late (6:22 p.m.)

Vice Mayor Sextus Shannon- present
Charles Heard- present
Nathan Chisolm - present

Adopt the Agenda:
Sextus Shannon made the motion to adopt the agenda.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve February 3, February 6, and February 10, 2026 minutes:
Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the February 3, 6, and 10, 2026 minutes.
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

- **Charlotte Diggs, 118 Grant Place-** Discuss information concerning a variance, *present*: concerns about turning a private drive into a public street for the Town; she would like to sell a lot to a friend but was told in order to do that, the property would have to be turned into a neighborhood according to the ordinance and provide public utilities; she believes that this process would cause a hardship for the Town to maintain; she would have to give up 25ft on both sides of her drive; thinks that an exception should be made to keep it as a private drive; John R. Foster asked what is the difference between a street and a drive; Charles Heard answered the new law grandfathered in those descriptions; Charlotte Diggs said that both her surveyor and Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis said the process is a necessity in order to add another house; Charlotte Diggs thanked the Board for her time.
- **Meeting Interruption- Tommy Monts, 819 Central Street-** interrupted the meeting; he stood up and asked Nathan Chisolm who he was (“I see you and I am Tommy Monts”) and told the audience that Nathan Chisolm's dog attacked his daughter, Lisa Waddle, who is currently in the hospital awaiting medical assistance.
- **Judy Hughes, 2331 Main Street-** said she was disappointed in the Town for not having a warming station during the winter storm; said she called and was told that the Town didn't have one; Mayor Shelton Shannon said that that situation was discussed at the February meeting and the Board is working on developing a plan for one.

Reports

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

- All water tanks have been cleaned and repainted
- Plantersville Middle School had sewer problems
- Fire: 2 grassfires; responded to a Union call for carbon monoxide poisoning

Charles Heard made the motion to accept both the fire and water reports.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Police Chief Keith Foster, *present-*

- The department was able to catch 3 of the largest drug dealers in Verona
- Fine Revenue: \$3,911.36
- Police department training at Town Hall was February 16, 2026, topic: Skills on Driving Techniques
- Chief Keith Foster attended the Crime Stoppers Luncheon on February 18, 2026, at the Itawamba Community College, Belden Campus
- Chief Keith Foster attended a press conference with the District Attorney along with Lee County Sheriff Jim Johnson, highway patrol, MBN, ABC, Verona and Shannon police chiefs to discuss Operation Reload
- Training: approval to attend the following training sessions- Crimes Against Children Certified Investigator Course, Pearl, MS April-July 2026- four-week training course; Summer Chief Conference, Biloxi, MS June 14-19, 2026
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve Chief Keith Foster to attend the following trainings, Crimes Against Children Certified Investigator Course, Pearl, MS April-July 2026 and Chief Conference, Biloxi, MS June 14-19, 2026 with all expenses paid by the Town.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Renee Morris inquired about the safety concerns of school resource offices getting injured during high traffic hours during school; Chief Keith Foster responded that yes there is a concern here like any other school zone but not as big of a concern due to the direction of the traffic flow at Plantersville Middle School.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the police report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control: Animal Control Officer Jason Jessel-*absent*

Park: Event Coordinator Stephanie Brown, *present but no report*

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

- The Meadows Apartment area has been cleaned up
- 131 Meadowbrook Road has changed banks but will be mowed by Spring.
- Hamilton Odds and Ends have been cleaned up the front area and looks better.
- Brooks store (old Texaco building) need to be mowed and move the pallets.

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *present but no report*

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present-*

- Contacted the Lee County Road Manager about patching the holes on Foster, Estes Avenue, Shannon, and Ruff Road
- Talked with Lauren Cobb of Atmos Gas to see if funds are available to have natural gas connected for eight houses along north Main Street and two houses along East Central Street.
- Three Rivers Planning and Development District is offering a job opportunity for anyone over the age of 55 years old with limited income that can work 20-28 hours per week with the pay rate of \$10.00 until June 2026; if the program is refunded, they can work 48 more months earning \$1,120.00 per month.

Sextus Shannon made the motion to accept the mayor's report.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present-*

- **MCWI/ARPA Project**
 1. **Payout #1 and Change Order Request:** Board approval for these two items for the sewer project; the change order consist of swapping out rocks at the lagoon that caused a deduction in the contract amount (deduction amount \$24,804.15); once this amendment has been approved and signed, Brandy Smith will email them to Nick Brawner at Cook Coggin Engineers in order to move forward with the next steps in the project.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the Payout #1 and the Change Order #1 in the amount of a \$24,804.15 deduction for the sewer project.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 2. **Procurement Policies and Procedures:** Nick Brawner with Cook Coggin Engineers is checking on what the Board had adopted on September 12, 2023 concerning purchasing amounts for department heads; if that satisfies the MCWI requirements, Nick Brawner said the Board can have a quick meeting to add the clause stating, "The Town has adopted purchasing policies that are in compliance with state purchasing laws"; if not he will send examples to review and go from there.
- **Lowe's 2026 Community Impact Project:** Information received from Sonia Ruth at Lee County; application process is open; municipalities can apply; considering the community center for the flooring renovations; deadline March 20, 2026
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the Town to apply for the Lowes Community Impact Grant 2026.
 - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute Project:** meeting weekly to execute the KockTail King Charity event to raise money for Beds for Kids non profit organization; Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Queen's Reward Meadery from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Brandy Smith have sponsorship and ticket information available; make checks payable to the Create Foundation; electronic tickets are available through Eventbrite; Facebook page is up to promote the event; volunteers are needed.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the clerk report.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pay the Claims

Charles Heard made the motion to pay the claims.
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Executive Session 7:15 p.m.

- Charles Heard made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the business of personnel.
- Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Present:

Shelton Shannon
 Sextus Shannon
 Charles Heard
 Renee Morris
 Sedrick Mabry
 Nathan Chisolm
 Attorney Jamie Franks

Employment Termination of Major Rudolph

- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to terminate Major Rudolph as an employee for the Town of Plantersville effective March 3, 2026 and to reopen the application process for a full-time public works/maintenance employee effective immediately and open until the position is filled.
- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Exit Executive Session

Charles Heard made the motion to exit out of executive session.
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brandy Smith read aloud the motions that were made during the executive session.

Park Commissioner Position

- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve Jim Curry to be Park Commissioner for Grant Wuichet Park.
- Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to adjourn.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date April -2-2026
 Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:
Brandy Smith Date 4/2/26
 Clerk Brandy Smith