

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024
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 December 5, 2023 meeting

Public Comments:

- **Marybeth Kesner, 121 CR 1017- Disputing late fee due to late mail**

Reports:

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

Pay Claims

Adjourn

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 2, 2024**

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- present

Charles Heard- present

Nathan Chisolm - present

Adopt the Agenda:

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adopt the agenda.

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve December 5, 2023 minutes:

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adopt the December 5, 2023 minutes.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

- **Marybeth Kesner, 121 CR 1017-** Disputing late fee due to late mail, *absent*

Reports

Water: Public Works Director Jim Curry, *present-*

- Water samples came back clean and no sewer problems for the month.
- **Property on Central Street-** Jetter Manufacturing Company building; would like the Town to purchase so it can be used as a shop for the Public Works Department; 60 X 60 building; needs a new roof, \$6,000.00 for the entire building and lot includes a mobile home in the back (don't know if the mobile home roof is any good); Sextus Shannon expressed concerns about rezoning; Renee Morris expressed concerns about equipment safety; Charles Heard expressed concerns about the roof and Public Works Director Jim Curry said yes the entire roof needs to be replaced; Mayor Shelton Shannon suggested to gather more information on roof, zoning, mobile home, etc. and report back next month.
 - Sextus Shannon made the motion for Public Works Director Jim Curry to gather more information concerning the old building, roof, and the mobile home and any other useful information.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fire: Fire Chief Jim Curry, *present-*

- Five fire calls, seven EMR calls, and no MVA
- Grain Bin class was originally scheduled for January 4, 2024 but has been canceled until further notice.

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

Police: Police Chief Keith Foster, *present*-

- Chief Keith Foster attended the Executive Management Training for Police Chiefs in Oxford, MS December 11-15, 2023.
- Police department collaborated with Wear It Well and Toys for Tots to donate gifts to needed families at Parkway Elementary School, Saltillo Elementary School, Verona Elementary School, and Plantersville Middle School for Christmas.

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the police report.
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Three verbal warning; two dogs picked up
- Registration reminder is effective January 1, 2024 through March 1, 2024 to avoid late fee.
- Field/Shot Day from the humane society will be in March; date and time TBA later

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the Animal Control report.
Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis, *absent* (no report)

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *absent* (no report)

During his report, Mayor Shelton Shannon asked Stephanie Brown to present to the Board events and activities for the Town:

- Suggestions consisted of Craft Fair in April, June Concert in the Park, Game Day in August, Fall Festival in October, and December's Christmas in the Park; need funding and donations; Mayor Shelton Shannon suggested to get a committee together to help; the Board thanked Stephanie Brown for her ideas.
- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve Mayor Shelton Shannon's recommendation for a committee and for Stephanie Brown to chair the committee for the Town activities.
- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*-

- Participated in the Christmas Parade, assisted with the Christmas in the Park
- Attended the Community Development Foundation end of the year luncheon

- Met with interested farmers to discuss the beginning phases to start a farmers' market
- Attended Three Rivers Planning Board meeting.
- Talked with Lee County Road Supervisors about picking up limbs and debris alongside of the roads in Town; will have an answer later during the week.

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the mayor's report.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- **Better Buy Privilege Tax Reimbursement:** Since 2021, Better Buy grocery store has been paying the 100% true value instead of the 15% access value; they have paid \$280.00 in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Court Clerk Becky McMillan would inform them of the 15% access value each year but the owners said that their accountant said the calculations and the amount paid was correct. For the 2023-2024 year, their accountant finally realized the 15% access value clause and for this year they paid the correct amount of \$45.00. Clerk Brandy Smith contacted our auditors to see if we owe them a refund for overpayment for the past 2 years; auditors' conclusion: amount owed \$435.00 and was it was the Board's decision.
 - Charles Heard made the motion to approve the privilege tax reimbursement amount of \$435.00 to Better Buy Groceries.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Healthy Heroes Grant:** Not eligible to apply because of a more detailed/stricter application; the municipality must have exhibited a monthly/quarterly health activity with the Mayor for the Town; will try to apply next year if the Town can get the Farmers' Market started.
- **Winter Clerk Conference:** Thanked the Board for allowing her to attend; updates: Fire rebate program no longer issue fire code money; MML requires individual emails to register/portal for conferences; Charles Heard were the first to use this new system when Brandy Smith registered him for the Mid-Winter Conference.
- **Dr. King Holiday:** Closed Monday, January 15, 2024

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

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Park Commissioner Recommendation

Renee Morris has talked with Bobby Parker about being Grant-Wuichet Park Commissioner; explained to him it was not a paid position, Bobby Parker said he would like to know the park's budget, and have access to the park's resources; Renee Morris explained that Bobby Parker is a retired electrician; Mayor Shelton Shannon will contact Three Rivers to see if they still have their senior citizen work program available and if Bobby Parker is eligible to apply.

- Charles Heard made the motion to accept Renee Morris's park commissioner recommendation of Bobby Parker.
- Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Central Street Development- tabled until further review

Pay the Claims

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to pay the claims.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to adjourn.

Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 2-2-2024
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:

Brandy Smith Date 2/2/24
Clerk Brandy Smith