

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025
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 March 11, and March 17, 2025 meeting

Public Hearing:

- **Request for Variance to Zoning Ordinance-** Stephanie Wilson, 271 Old Planters Road
- **Request for Rezoning-** Phillip Pannell, Rezone parcel number 115C-15-045-00 from R1 to R2- continued from February 4, 2025 and March 11, 2025 meetings

Reports:

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

Pay Claims

Adjourn

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 1, 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- present
Charles Heard- present
Nathan Chisolm - present

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

Approve March 11, and March 17, 2025 minutes:
Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the March 11 and March 17, 2025 minutes.
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Hearing: Charles Heard made the motion to approve entering into the public hearing. Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- **Request for Variance to Zoning Ordinance-** Stephanie Wilson, 271 Old Planters Road, *present*, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Alex Soderstrom, *present*: Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Alex Soderstrom explained that Stephanie Wilson would like to build a house next door to her mother, Nelda Fuigitt at 271 Old Planters Road; seeking a 20 ft. variance to the front setback to allow a construction to a single family site built home; drainage problems; the current ordinance states for a 50 ft. setback, this will cause the house to be in the middle of the drainage area; by moving the setback to 30 ft. it will align with the other houses on that street; seeking Board approval for a 30 ft. setback due to drainage area
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the request for a variance to the zoning ordinance for property at 271 Old Planters Road to reduce the setbacks from 50 ft. to 30 ft. to deter drainage problems.
 - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Request for Rezoning-** Phillip Pannell, Rezone parcel number 115C-15-045-00 from R1 to R2- continued from February 4, 2025 and March 11, 2025 meetings- Phillip Pannell, *absent; tabled*
 - Charles Heard made the motion to table the rezoning request due to absence until the next board meeting.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Exit Public Hearing: Charles Heard made the motion to exit the public hearing. Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments: None

Reports

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

- **Grant- Wuichet Park Fencing Update:** did receive an update to the Ivy Fencing original invoice; both quotes equaled over \$5,000.00, Public Works Director Jim Curry will present two quotes at the next meeting.
- **Community Center Floor:** Public Works Director Jim Curry found a gentleman who will charge \$2,500.00 if the Town purchase the material; but the ground must be leveled first before putting down the new floor.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to table the community center floor issues until further review of information.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Water School in Biloxi, MS:** Public Works Director Jim Curry asked the Board permission to attend water school training May 27-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve Public Works Director Jim Curry to attend water school training May 27-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS with all expenses paid by the Town.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Fire: plethora of grass fires, 8 out of the 12 fires were within the city limits (trash/yard fires)

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

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Chief Keith Foster, *absent* but left report; Clerk Brandy Smith read the report aloud-

- **Training:** Chief Keith Foster is requesting approval to attend officer training, April-28 through May 1, 2025 in Pearl, MS.
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve Chief Keith Foster to attend training in Pearl, MS, April 28 through May 1, 2025 with all expenses paid by the Town.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Court revenue:** March total \$6,408.78

Renee Morris made the motion to accept the police report.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Thirty-eight dogs registered; eight calls, collected \$50.00 in court fees
- **Registration:** Early dog registration ended March 31, 2025 but would like to extend the late fee because the shelter is getting a veterinarian at the end of the month; would like to do a vaccine day before late fees are administrated; possibly end of May.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept the animal control report and to approve extending the late registration fee after March 31, 2025 until a vaccine day is made official.
Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- **Adjudicate case:** L. Burt, 184 Pinecrest- autos
- **Dollar General Update:** Notice sent to property owner regarding constructing a fenced area on back of building; given 90 days to complete.

Sextus Shannon made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All was in favor.

Park: Park Commissioner Bobby Parker, *absent* and Stephanie Brown, *present*-

- Updated the Board on the event, Celebration in the Park; handed out flyers for the public

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

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

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*-

- **Meetings:** Attended the March 2025 Lee County E-911 meeting and the Council of Government meeting, March 28, 2025
- **Community Youth Project:** Talked with Valarie Ruff about allowing the youth in the community to sell homemade or raised items once a month under the tree beside Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
 - Charles Heard made the motion to approved allowing the youth within Town to sell homemade or raised items once a month under the tree beside Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the mayor's report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- **MML Conference 2025:** July 21-23, 2025; have booked rooms at the IP and for Nathan at Margaritaville; Registration will open Monday, April 7, 2025; register online
- **Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute 6 Review:** Session 6 was on March 27, 2025 Local Government: toured the Lee County Justice Center and talked with Chancery Clerk Bill Benson, Chancery Court Judge Jaqueline Mask, and Lee County Board of Supervisor President Tommie Lee Ivy; Tupelo City Hall: talked with both the city clerk and Mayor Todd Jordan about municipal government; had lunch with the Council of Government; toured the Lee County/Tupelo Adult jail; Session 7 topic will be Public Speaking

- **St. Jude Dinner:** April 13, 2025 at New Zion M.B. Church, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., tickets are \$12.00; added to the event page of the Town website
- **St. Jude Road Block:** St. Jude Committee is requesting approval to have their annual roadblock, Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the 4-way stop intersection
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to grant the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon committee permission to have a roadblock, Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the 4-way stop intersection.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Reconciliation:** currently in August 2024 in the Budgetary; will try to have 2023-24 fiscal year closed out this month and will email budgetary reports to the Board due large printing size; hopefully will be in current month towards the end of April
- **State Holiday:** Closed Friday, April 18, 2025 for Good Friday
- **Congressman Trent Kelly National Guard Retirement Invite:** Presented the Board the invite Congressman Trent Kelly National Guard Retirement, locations both Washington D.C., Tuesday, April 29, 2025 and Jackson, MS, Saturday, April 26, 2025

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the clerk report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pay the Claims

Renee Morris made the motion to pay the claims.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Executive Session

Charles Heard made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the business of personnel.
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Time: 7:20 p.m.

Present: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Attorney Jamie Franks

Sextus Shannon

Charles Heard

Renee Morris

Sedrick Mabry

Nathan Chisolm

Resignation of Part time Maintenance Employee Chris Young

- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Chris Young effective immediately.
- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Works Part Time Maintenance Laborer Opening Announcement

- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to allow Public Works Director Jim Curry and Clerk Brandy Smith to solicit applications for the Part Time Maintenance Laborer position and to remain open until the position is filled.

- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Exit Executive Session

Charles Heard made the motion to come out of executive session.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Adjourn

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to adjourn.

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date May 1 - 2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:
Brandy Smith Date 5/1/25
Clerk Brandy Smith