TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
*JULY 6, 2023
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 June 6, 2023

Animal Control Ordinance Amendments

Public Comments:

- **Ketrick Marion, 104 A Heritage Lane:** Police Department Concerns

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

Pay Claims

Adjourn

***Town Hall closed, Tuesday, July 4, 2023 due to Independence Day Holiday.**

TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
***July 6, 2023**

Time: 6:00 p.m.
*Place: Town Hall- was closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 due to holiday

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- 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 June 6, 2023 minutes:
Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adopt the June 6, 2023 minutes.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control Ordinance Amendments:
***Mayor Shelton Shannon presented the Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award for Public Safety to Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel and the Animal Control Department. Job Well Done!**

- Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel presented to the Board the amended draft for the current Animal Control Ordinance; amendments include new definitions, vaccination and registration requirements, dangerous animals definitions, etc.
  - Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the amendments to the animal control ordinance effective July 6, 2023.
  - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Mayor Shelton Shannon allowed Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel to present the animal control report to the Board:
- Created a web program for the department that can be in synced with the humane society shelter to keep up with the dogs' registration and strays that have been taken to the shelter; records the date and time.
- Four calls for the month and registered five dogs
- Attended the MML Conference with the Board to receive the MML Excellence Award for Public Safety.

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

Public Comments:

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Reports

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

- **Documentation for the Mississippi State Department of Health:** Annual reports that are due and needs Mayor Shelton Shannon signature:
  - Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan
  - Long Range Improvement Plan- includes future goals for the Town, fire hydrants, and VFDs for the wells.
- Would like to purchase VFDs for the wells- will stop particular water problems and save the Town money in the long run such saving on power and electricity; can use bond money
  - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the purchase of VFDs for the wells by using bond funding money.
  - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fire- Fire Chief Jim Curry, *present:*

- Had three EMR calls and five fire calls (includes a Tombigbee telephone pole was on fire); lost six volunteers to moving.

Nathan Chisolm 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:*

- Police Officer Oliver Shaw, Officer Jason Lessel, Officer Willie Ware, and Officer Deundra Poole completed certification coursework: Investigating Sexual Assault/Offenders, Autism Awareness for First Responders/Response for Law Enforcement, Six Senses of School Safety, First Responder Duties, Protocols, and Investigations
- Plantersville Police Department did Firearms Qualifications and Use of Force Training on Saturday June 17, 2023.
- Chief Keith Foster graduated from Certified Investigators Course
- Chief Keith Foster is requesting to attend the SERT EVOC Instructor Course August 14-18, 2023 in Moorehead, MS.
  - Nathan Chisolm made the motion to approve Chief Keith Foster to attend the SERT EVOC Instructor Course August 14-18, 2023 in Moorehead, MS with all expenses paid by the Town.
  - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Approval to purchase the Upgrade Kit for Hd4 to arsenal in-car system (includes DVR, antennas, and 1080p front camera) from the HB 1353 Bond Funds; estimated cost between $3,500.00 and $4,700.00.

  - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the purchase of the Upgrade Kit for Hd4 from the HB 1353 Bond account funds.
  - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Approval to purchase four new Taser 7s from the HB 1353 Bond Fund; the department current Tasers have been discontinued; trade in the old Tasers for the new at a discount; estimated cost between $4,500.00 and $6,000.00.
  - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the purchase of four new Taser 7s from the HB 1353 Bond account funds with the estimated cost between $4,500.00 and $6,000.00 with the trading in of the Town's old Tasers.
  - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Nathan Chisolm asked Chief Keith Foster about the police cars parking legal or illegal around Town; Chief Foster said the public needs to be educated on the law and follow proper laws that enforce safety.

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

Code Enforcement- Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis, *absent but left report with the Board:*
Nathan Chisolm made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney- Attorney Jamie Franks, *present:*

- The Mississippi Supreme Court issued an En Banc Order to amend Rule 7.2-defendants (includes felonies and misdemeanors) have a continuity of representation of a court appointed public defendant effective July 1, 2023; to remain in compliance, the indigent defendant must be appointed a counsel at their initial appearance; Jason Shelton or Dennis ~~Parrish~~ were considered as candidates; Mayor Shannon suggests to table for next month for the board to select a court appointed public defendant.

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to table the discussion for amendment to Rule 7.2 until the August 2023 meeting and to accept the attorney report.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor- Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present:*

- Attended Three Rivers meeting for screening applications for municipalities and grant approvals.
- Signed the MCWI Grant paperwork for the Town's Sewer Project
- Contacted Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis concerning Dollar General's littering problems
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Clerk- Clerk Brandy Smith, *present:*

- Thanked the Board for allowing her to attend Mississippi Municipal League Conference and attended a few classes with the aldermen; one class in particular, "What Happens Next", discussed employee retention and retirement but also discussed "Gig Work" where the municipality can hire someone for short term projects to help out with shorthanded staff; can be helpful to the Public Works Department
- Police Ford Explorer Repairs
  - Amendment the police budget to pay for the repairs on the Ford Explorer: move $2,000.00 from the bullet proof vest account (001-100-536) and $1,000.00 from the C.A.T. fund (100-001-570) to the car maintenance fund
    - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the amendments to the police budget to pay for the repairs for the Ford Explorer, $2,000.00 from the bullet proof vest account and $1,000.00 from the C.A.T. fund
    - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Pay the Claims
Charles Heard made the motion to pay the claims.
Nathan Chisolm 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.
Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
Time: 6:55 p.m.
Present: Mayor Shelton Shannon
Attorney Jamie Franks
Charles Heard
Renee Morris
Nathan Chisolm

Exit Executive Session
Charles Heard made the motion to come out of executive session.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

No motions were made during the executive session.

Adjourn
Charles Heard made the motion to adjourn.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date July 28, 2023
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:
Brandy Smith Date 7/28/23
Clerk Brandy Smith