

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 6, 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 - absent

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

Approve April 1, 2025 minutes:
Sextus Shannon made the motion to adopt the April 1, 2025 minutes.
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Hearing:

- **Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid Budget Amendments:** Clerk Brandy Smith explained that some fund line items needed amending where large purchases were made including security cameras at the community center, public works truck that wasn't originally budgeted, increase in Blue Cross Blue Shield premium, and reconciliations and audit reports.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the 2024-2025 fiscal year mid budget amendments.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

- **Sedrick Mabry, 119 Bell-** Speed Bumps on Old Planters Road at the intersection of Old Planters Road and Poplar Street, *present*:
 - Numerous occurrences where drivers have ran the stop signs on the corners of Old Planters Road and Poplar Street particular near the Oak Hall Factory; to solve this problem, Sedrick Mabry suggests placing 2 speed bumps, north and south; Renee Morris discussed how it was difficult in the past efforts for speed bumps due to legal issues
 - Sextus Shannon made the motion for Sedrick Mabry to research legal advice for speed bumps and to follow up at the next board meeting.
 - Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Carolyn Matthews, 2705 Main Street-** Welcoming Committee to welcome new residents at the Oaks of Plantersville Development Community, *present*:

- Create welcome packages for the future Oaks of Plantersville residents to encourage residents on what the Town has to offer such as restaurants, local businesses, churches, school, etc.; present package to new water residents at Town Hall; this project can be an ongoing project; Mayor Shelton Shannon suggest Carolyn Matthews to chair the committee; added Board members Sextus Shannon, Charles Heard, and Renee Morris to the committee; will present an updated report at next board meeting.

New Business:

- **New Air Conditioning Unit for the Community Center:** Entire air conditioning unit is completely burned out; need a brand new unit
 - A. Two quotes:**
 1. Swinney's Air Conditioning, Inc.- \$10,600.00 (estimated)
 2. Donald Allred Heating and Air Conditioning- \$9,800.00 (estimated)
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve using Donald Allred Heating and Air Conditioning company quote in the estimated amount of \$9,800.00 for the new community air conditioning unit.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - B. Financing:** The Board decided to use a loan in the estimated amount of \$10,000.00 from Renasant Bank to finance the new unit and use the Operations CD as collateral:
 1. Five year plan rate at \$185.00 monthly payments
 2. Three year plan rate at \$300.00 monthly payments
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve using the five year plan rate at the estimated \$185.00 monthly payments and use the Operations CD as collateral.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - Renee Morris also suggested to contact EMC Insurance and use the \$5,000.00 deductible
- **Baseball/Softball Regulations at Grant-Wuichet Park**
 - Brandy Smith explained the that Town has received several calls from practice teams wanting use the park field(s) for practice; suggest a contract similar to the community center; currently have a contract to use the pavilion but not the ball field(s); schedule times; charge if necessary; not responsible for injury or lost items etc., use during daylight hours due to electrical
 - Concerns: first come first served due to being a public park which can cause confusion
 - Sedrick Mabry suggested the form will be proof that this particular team has the permission to use the field at that particular time; the form should include two hour limit; must sign up each week but can't have season blocks; no charge at the moment until a concrete plan has been worked out; use only two days per week; 8:00 p.m. is the cut off time due to no lights

Reports

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

- Sewer problems on Bell and Ruff streets
- Trying to find major water leaks

- Oaks of Plantersville- working with the developers on sewer, Atmos, locates, etc.
- Fire- 1 water rescue in the Town, first one in history

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept both the water and fire reports.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Police: Chief Keith Foster, *absent* but left report

- **Chief Training:** Public Safety May 28-30, 2025 and the Chief Conference June 16-20, 2025
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve Chief Keith Foster to attend both the Public Safety training with Commissioner Tindell and the Chief Conference with all expenses paid by the Town.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the police report.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Eleven calls/messages received for the month.
- Twenty dogs registered
- Two verbal warnings of dogs roaming
- Nonregistered warnings will start to go out this month.
- Currently waiting on the shelter to get a vet for field day vaccines
- The shelter is temporary closed due to parvovirus outbreak.

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

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Attorney: Attorney Jamie Franks, *present-*

- Plastic chemicals outbreak in water, PFAS, and attorney Brad Morris, is in charge of the cases for water systems; suggested to the Board to pursue this matter if findings were to come back with containing PFAS; clean up the water system; retain \$25% attorney fees if chemicals are found in the water; contingency of \$17 billion
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve Mayor Shelton Shannon and Clerk Brandy Smith to sign a contract with Brad Morris Law Firm to pursue the PFAS findings case and accept the attorney's report.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Read the monthly report; will provide a mowing list next month
- Renee Morris raised concerns about Phillip Pannell properties in neighboring areas; suggested Shane Davis to do research on these properties of interest, for example, similar cookie cut style houses, handy board siding, and no concrete drive ways

- Another concern from the Board was about the sewer connections: connect to Dollar General or run a line from Lisa Lynn Street (Lisa Lynn Street residents does not want to provide easements).
- Board declared that Shane Davis needs to talk with Phillip Pannell about his plans before he start building houses.
- **Central Street Property Two Month Report:** Efrom Coleman, *present*-
 - Cleaned the yard; property were burglarized; stole a lot of work tools from the house; filed a police report; almost complete with the interior; towed most of the cars away; Sedrick Mabry asked will he be able to meet the six month deadline- Efrom Coleman said he doesn't know.

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

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

- **Celebration in the Park Overview:** Time is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; trying to get a bouncy house is on hold due to parks electrical issue and will discuss with Jim Curry, need electricity on the stage and bouncy house; kick ball tournament; honor the Town's mayor, late W.T. "Tack" Grant because the park was established during his administration; will discuss plans with Charlotte Diggs; asking for donations; deadline is May 26, 2025 but will continue to receive after the deadline (\$100.00 or more); budget is \$3,500.00; gospel groups, bands; Crossroads Band will be performing; would like a half cover to put over the stage if possible.

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

Mayor: Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*-

- Attended the monthly Council of Government meeting and the Taste of Tupelo
- Discussed the CDBG grant with Jim Curry, Brandy Smith, and Three Rivers representative
- **Community Wide Yard Sale:** June 6 and June 7, 2025; permit free; yard sale for residents
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the Town having a permit free community-wide yard sale for residents June 6-7, 2025 and for it be an annual event.
 - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Service Request Form:** recommendation form for employees; to be completed if something breaks down, emergencies to repair, etc., first step in trying to allocate fund to repair; complete the form and give to clerk to discuss with Mayor to find funds or another method of payment; report to the Board if necessary; Sedrick Mabry said that protocol must be followed such as reporting to the Mayor first then the board and if this isn't followed, the employee should be written up
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the Service Request form as a tool for all employees to follow to report any damages, emergencies, or repairs that exceeds the spending limit, submit to Clerk Brandy Smith and Mayor Shelton Shannon to discuss

funding recommendations and then submit to the Board if necessary and if not followed, the employee shall be written up.

- Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk: Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*-

- **Reconciliation Update:** In current month for the budgetary; Clerk Brandy Smith was able to email the Board all past reports and thanked them for their patience.
- **Website Update:** Brandy Smith and Deputy Clerk Becky McMillan trained with Jodi Trott Sunday, May 4, 2025 on the website; Jodi Trott will continue to assist the clerks when needed; the updates include zoning ordinance, deleting a business, and updating the event page. Yesterday Brandy Smith received a phone call from .gov on approval to request a .gov domain. The request will take 30 days to get approved.
- **Audit Files 2023-2024:** After closing 23-24 FYE, Brandy Smith has begun submitting reports for audit to begin the audit for 23-24 to avoid timing issues.
- **St. Jude Bike-A-Thon:** Event is Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm (road closing at 2:45); thank you to all who have assisted the committee on events thus far
- **Oath of Office Ceremony:** Suggestions to have it Sunday, June 8, 2025 at New Zion M.B. Church Christian Life Center, it is the Sunday following the municipal elections; Board agreed for 3:00 p.m.
- **Pest control:** Brandy Smith presented a quote from Cooks Pest Control due to incidents with termites; Mayor Shelton Shannon and Board suggests to table until another quote has been submitted.
- **Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute 7 Review:** Session 7 was about Public Speaking; the class was taught by the Dale Carnegie Institute from Memphis, TN; very interactive; two recorded sessions of the class individually speaking on various topics; taught speaking techniques; next sessions will be on developing our group project.
- **Reports Submitted:** All reports have been submitted such as the ARPA, MCWI, HB1353 Bond; the HB1353 Bond needs to close this year
- **Municipal Clerks Week:** Week to celebrate our clerks, Brandy Smith and Becky McMillan.
- **Holiday Closing:** State Holiday, Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025

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

Charles Heard 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.

Adjourn

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to adjourn.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 5-30-2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:

Brandy Smith Date 5/30/25
Clerk Brandy Smith