

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Town Hall

Purpose of the Meeting:

- Fire Truck Discussion with State Legislatures

Please make plans to attend!
Mayor Shelton Shannon

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

February 3, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Town Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Present for meeting:

Mayor Shelton Shannon- present
Renee Morris - present
Nathan Chisolm - absent

Vice Mayor Sextus Shannon- present
Sedrick Mabry- absent
Charles Heard - present

***Mayor Shelton Shannon moved to skip the preliminary actions to accommodate time.**

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Fire Truck Discussion with State Legislatures

- Mayor Shelton Shannon welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Board, state legislatures, and Lee County Fire Coordinator Marc Flanagan to the crowd.
- **Mark Flanagan-** Plantersville currently has a class 7 rating; this is a good rating that allow home owners to have low insurance rates; Plantersville has a volunteer fire department (not paid); currently have a 20 year old fire truck that will need to replace in four years; if not replaced, the current fire rating will increase to a class 10 therefore will cause home owner insurance rates to increase by 10%; Mississippi is a rating bureau state not an ISO state (Insurance Services Office rating); a new truck will cost around \$500,000.00 or more; the Town is eligible to apply for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program; with this program applicants can be awarded up to \$90,000.00 to put towards to a new fire truck.
- **State House Representative Rickey Thompson-** the legislatures are on board with trying to resolve this issue by looking into other funds for municipalities.
- **State House Representative Randy Boyd-** had discussions with the state insurance commissioner about bills to help fire districts and have petitioned county supervisors about helping fire districts; suggests the residents should reach out to your supervisors and attend meetings to address this matter; Lee County as a whole is having this issue.
- **State Senator Chad McMahan-** commended the Mayor and Board for bringing this issue to the public and getting ahead of this problem; suggest ways on how the Town can raise funds to meet the percentage point for grants; described how him and Randy Boyd assisted with Guntown and Union Fire Departments to raise a percentage of what is needed thus far; Lee County need seven new fire trucks in four years (\$7 million dollars).
- Mayor Shelton Shannon thanked the public, state legislatures, and Marc Flanagan for coming to address this issue.

Adjourn

Sextus Shannon made the motion to adjourn.
Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 2-28-2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

TEST:
Brandy Smith Date 2/28/25
Clerk Brandy Smith

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 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 January 7, 2025 meeting

Public Hearing:

- **Request for Rezoning-** Phillip Pannell, Rezone parcel number 115C-15-045-00 from R1 to R2

Public Comments:

Reports:

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

Pay Claims

Adjourn

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 4, 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:
Sedrick Mabry made the motion to adopt the agenda.
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve January 7, 2025 minutes:
Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the January 7, 2025 minutes.
Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public Hearing:

- **Request for Rezoning-** Phillip Pannell, Rezone parcel number 115C-15-045-00 from R1 to R2- tabled to discuss later during the meeting.

Public Comments: none

Reports

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

- **Spark Fun GIS/GPS Data Receiver System-** Mississippi Rural Water Association have GPS systems for sale; will be impactful to the Town's water system; can connect to Diamond Maps system that the Town currently have; pinpoint water lines, gas lines, etc.; cost is estimated at \$2,000.00; don't know if this is a one-time fee or monthly fees after purchase; Mayor Shelton Shannon suggested to research more and report back to the Board
- Water samples came back free and clean; no sewer problems for the month
- **Fire-** five EMR calls; seven fire calls; one MVA; three new firemen

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*:

- Plantersville Police Department meeting was held January 8, 2025; topics discussed were schedules, uniforms, tardiness, and use of force
- Police Chief Keith Foster attended Crime Stoppers luncheon January 22, 2025
- Due to pay, short staffed, and losing officers to other departments, Chief Foster is requesting the Board to change the employment status of reserve Officer Robert Carruthers from reserve to paid police officer (hired as a reserve July 2024)

Sedrick Mabry made the motion to accept the police report and to table the change of the employment status of reserve Officer Robert Carruthers from reserve to paid police officer discussion for the Executive Session.

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

- Twenty-eight dogs registered; fifty-one citations for the month; twenty-four non registered dogs; twenty-three no proof of rabies; four dogs at large; twenty-five calls/messages; three corrective action letters given out
- Asking the Board's approval to switch from paying him, Jason Lessel, to paying his company, North MS Animal Care and Control Association, LLC, in providing animal control services for the Town with the current rate of pay.
 - Renee Morris made the motion to approve the Town to pay North MS Animal Care and Control Association, LLC instead of Jason Lessel where the company will continue providing animal control services for the Town with the same conditions of pay.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Soliciting the Board's approval to donate the Grant-Wuichet Park's old baseball fence, gates, and poles to the North MS Animal Care and Control Association, LLC; will use to facilitate runs to accommodate the housing issue at the Tupelo-Lee Humane Society (tabled)
- New employee to the North MS Animal Care and Control Association, LLC, Officer William Franke; he will be paid through the company and not the Town; will assist Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel; accept his swearing-in as an additional animal control officer

Charles Heard made the motion at accept the animal control report and table the donating of the park's old fence, gates, and poles to the North MS Animal Care and Control Association, LLC for the Executive Session.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Code Enforcement- Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis, *present*:

- **Oaks of Plantersville Updates:** Preliminary plat has been approved and submitted; sewer has been approved by DEQ; pending health department approval and performance review; the developers will submit for the final plat approvals that will be similar to the

preliminary plat approval process; hopefully by the end of March; possible ground breaking ceremony in March; will have a special session for the final plat approval.

- **Dollar General Update:** Spoke with the current manager about the packing cart issues (open storage) and was served with a warning; if carts aren't removed from the side exterior by February 7, 2025, a fine will be issued.
- **804 Central Street Property Update:** Sedrick Mabry inquired about the property; status report will be more detailed at the next meeting but the property is lacking a lot of work.

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

Attorney- Attorney Jamie Franks, *present*; report for Executive Session

Mayor- Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*:

- Attended the Lee County E-911 meeting at the Lee County Board of Supervisors office
- Talked with District Five Lee County Supervisor Barry Parker about having Town streets repaired or repaved.
- Held meeting at Town Hall with Town residents and state legislatures about the need to purchase a new fire truck and how it will affect the residents' home insurance.
- Working with Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis to find a solution for Dollar General to maintain the appearance around the outside of the store.
- Talked with the Town's auditors along with Clerk Brandy Smith about the final 2022-2023 audit results.

Sextus Shannon made the motion to accept the mayor's report.
Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk- Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*:

- **Municipal Election 2025:** All positions ran unopposed; all signatures were certified; the Election Commission met and dispensed the June 3, 2025 General Election as there was only one (1) person duly qualified for each office according to Miss Code Ann. §23-15-361. List the candidates: Mayor Shelton Shannon (incumbent), Sextus Shannon (incumbent), Charles Heard (incumbent), Renee Morris (incumbent), Sedrick Mabry (incumbent), and Nathan Chisolm (incumbent)
- **Review Audit 22-23:** Good report: 2 errors were found- the fixed assets and not getting 2 competitive quotes for the Maintenance Truck (bought from City Point Water District which is not a municipality); bank reconciliation is a timing issue that is currently getting corrected; will make journal entries to make corrections and will be back on track in the correct reconciliation month; reversing the old method of inputting in entries that doubled the amounts on the budgetary side vs the actual bank side; water and sewer fund had increased revenue
 - Renee Morris made the motion to accept the 2022-2023 FYE audit report for the Town.
 - Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **MML Conference 2025:** July 21-23, 2025, in Biloxi, MS; will book hotel rooms this week

- **Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute 4 Review:** Session 4 discussed “Lessons in Leadership”; discussed late George McLean vision for Tupelo/Lee County and the creation of CDF; Session 5 will be “Healthcare”, February 13, 2025 at the North Mississippi Medical Center (tour)
- **CDBG Funding:** Application portals are now open; Town want to proceed with an application; water only project is due March 7, 2025 and Sewer/Gas project is due May 2025; would probably have to do surveys again
 - Charles Heard made the motion for the Town to proceed with applying for the CDBG grant application.
 - Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Recreational Trails Program:** Doesn't have to be at a park but preferred; the project must be on Town owned property; 80/20 percent match- responsible for 20% of the costs that includes engineering and construction cost; engineering cost can't exceed no more the 8% of the construction cost; no administration fees from Three Rivers to complete the application; nature trail or paved asphalt (6ft wide); intertwine around a playground; max amount is \$120,000.00; Deadline April 3, 2025
- **SB 2971 Bond:** Walking track paving is complete; received the invoice to pay; after the last check for the amount clears, will close out the bond checking account at Renasant Bank; same steps as closing out the HB 1730 Bond; one bond left for use.
- **Presidents' Day:** Town Hall will closed, Monday, February 17, 2025; State holiday
- **St. Jude Bike-A-Thon Committee**
 - Renee Morris made the motion to allow the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon committee to conduct business at Town Hall.
 - 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.

Public Hearing: Request for Rezoning- Phillip Pannell, Rezone parcel number 115C-15-045-00 from R1 to R2, *absent*; Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis, *present*

- Shane Davis explained to the Board that the intent is place a home on this property but in order to do that, it needs to be rezoned; the problem is the availability of sewer on the property; the Board decided to table the action until Phillip Pannell meets with Public Works Director Jim Curry to discuss sewer options; one option is to go through property on Lisa Lynn Street; another option is to hook up from Dollar General; both options require an easement
- Shane Davis explained the an R2 zoned area is medium density; single family site built; ½ acre lot size
- Public questions: the property value if the rezoning is passed and having rental property around non rental property.
 - Nathan Chislom made the motion to table the public hearing discussion until the March 4, 2025 board meeting.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pay the Claims

Charles Heard made the motion to pay the claims.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Executive Session

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the business of personnel.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Attorney Jamie Franks

Sextus Shannon

Charles Heard

Renee Morris

Sedrick Mabry

Nathan Chisolm

- **Request to change the employment status of Officer Robert Carruthers**
 - Sedrick Mabry made the motion to approve the change of the employment status of Officer Robert Carruthers from non-paid reserve officer to part time paid officer with his salary being the same salary as the current 2024-2025 salary of other part time police officers' salary effective immediately.
 - Nathan Chisolm seconded the motion.
 - Sedrick Mabry, Nathan Chisolm, and Renee Morris voted in favor of the motion.
 - Charles Heard and Sextus Shannon opposed the motion.
 - Motion passed with majority vote.

Exit Executive Session

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to come out of executive session.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brandy Smith read aloud the motion that was made during the executive session.

Adjourn

Nathan Chisolm made the motion to adjourn.

Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date 2-28-2025
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:
Brandy Smith Date 2/28/25
Clerk Brandy Smith