

**TOWN OF PLANTERSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 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 May 2, and May 9, 2023

MCWI Grant Acceptance

Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award

Public Comments:

- **Crystal Heatherly-** Candidate for Lee County Tax Collector
- **Jason Lessel-** Farmer's Market Information

Reports:

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

Pay Claims

Adjourn

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

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.

Renee Morris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approve May 2 and May 9, 2023 minutes:

Charles Heard made the motion to adopt the May 2, and May 9, 2023 minutes.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Sub-award Grant Acceptance (MCWI):

- Brandy Smith explained to the Board that after reviewing the agreement with Nick Brawner from Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc., the MCWI sub-award agreement matches the amounts that was submitted with the application, no modifications are needed, and therefore the Board can execute the agreement.
- Renee Morris made the motion to accept the terms and conditions of the MCWI Grant agreement and for Mayor Shelton Shannon to sign the agreement.
- Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award

- Brandy Smith made the announcement to congratulate Plantersville Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel and department on winning the 2023 Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Award for Public Safety (small population)!

Public Comments:

- **Crystal Heatherly-** Candidate for Lee County Tax Collector- *present*:
 - Current interim for the position since the retirement of former Tax Collector, Leroy Belk; employed at the tax collector's office for ten years; received the highest certification (MCR) in the job in the state; platform includes: streamline the collection

process such as accepting payments by telephone, incorporate a sign in/intercom system to alert customers when their time has come to be serviced, develop a tax collector's application for cell phones; election is Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The Board thanked Crystal Heatherly for her time.

- **Jason Lessel-** Farmer's Market Information, absent- tabled; resumed later on during the meeting

Mayor Shelton Shannon granted Code Enforcement Officer Shane Davis permission to give his report to the Board:

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

- Dollar General Trash Dumpster Screen has been resolved to lessen dumpster diving; still having issues with the stocking carts on side of the building; working with the company to resolve the problem.
- **Russ Berry, 172 Poplar Street:** Open storage and automobiles issues have been resolved; the automobiles are in compliance
- **Gail Fortune, 106 Bent Tree:** Weeds; trying to find the correct address to mail out the letter
- **James Brown, 120 Elm Street:** House Burn on May 6 and 7, 2023; the owners have until July 6, 2023 to start efforts for clean up
- **Effrom Coleman, 804 Central Street:** junked automobiles, open storage, and rubbish; Renee Morris said an RV parked in the front yard, Shane Davis said he will look into it.
- Shane Davis told the Board that in the upcoming months, he will discuss with them about street right-a-way issues.

Renee Morris made the motion to accept the code enforcement report.

Charles Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Farmers' Market (resumed):

Attorney Jamie Franks had time to review over the drafted plan for a farmers' market; looks good and suggested doing a trial period for every Saturday in June and give a report in July to see the continuous.

- Sedrick Mabry made the motion to allow the Town to adopt the rules and application forms to have a farmers' market for a trial period starting Saturday, June 17, 2023 and every Saturday in June until the July 2023 meeting giving time to review the outcome to continue.
- Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Reports

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

- **Booster Station Updates:** it is up and running; customers are excited and thankful for the increased pressure; one complaint about high pressure but will try to help customer with that; the VFDs are maximizing seventy pounds on the line
- **Transducer problem-** the transducer at the water tank went out that gave a no water signal; caused all wells to come on causing brown water; cleaned up now

Fire- Fire Chief Jim Curry, *present*:

- Five of the three fire calls were from 120 Elm Street fire
- Sextus Shannon thanked Fire Chief Jim Curry and the Plantersville Volunteer Fire Department for their help during the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.

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

Police- Police Chief Keith Foster, *present*:

- **Stop the Bleed Training (Fire Department)** - completed by Officer Willie Ware and Officer Oliver Shaw
- **FBI Civil Rights/Color of Law and Cellular Analysis Survey Team (Oxford, MS)**- Chief Keith Foster completed training
- Announced the retirement of Officer Seneca "Nita" Westbrook, retire June 30, 2023
- Sextus Shannon thanked Chief Foster the police department for their help during the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon.

Charles Heard made the motion to accept both the police report and the retirement of Officer Seneca "Nita" Westbrook (June 30, 2023).
Sextus Shannon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Animal Control- Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel, *absent, but report read by Police Chief Keith Foster*:

- Seventeen dogs registered in May; one report made; one corrective action loose dog written; picked two puppies at the park; three calls/emails for the month
- Completed twenty hour course in Animal Control for the Law Enforcement
- Received national certification from National Animal Control Association (NACA)

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

Attorney- Attorney Jamie Franks, *present* but had no report**Mayor-** Mayor Shelton Shannon, *present*:

- Lee E-911 meeting May 29, 2023
- Discussed with Shirley Freeman about Madalyn's Day in the Park
- Talked with resident concerns about the buzzards' situation.
- Attended CDF meeting about the upcoming legislative session with state representative Rickey Thompson
- Attended the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon

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

Clerk- Clerk Brandy Smith, *present*:

- **St. Jude Bike-A-Thon Committee:** Thanked the Board for allowing them to have their meetings at Town Hall; raise \$29,234.50; thanked everyone who helped with the bake sale, road block, buying TV chances, dinner, and etc. Again thank you
- **July Meeting:** Since July 4th falls on the first Tuesday, state law requires that anytime a meeting falls on a holiday, the municipality will meet the following day; motion to have July meeting, Wednesday, July 5, 2023. Renee Morris suggested Thursday, July 6, 2023
 - Charles Heard made the motion to approve having the Board of Aldermen meeting the first Thursday in July (July 6, 2023) due to the first Tuesday being a holiday in accordance with the state rules and regulations.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Juneteenth Holiday:** Town Hall Closed Monday, June 19, 2023
- **MML 2023 Updates:**
 - Voting delegates: 1st Renee Morris 2nd Sextus Shannon
 - Charles Heard made the motion to allow Renee Morris to be MML voting delegate number one and Sextus Shannon to be voting delegate number two.
 - Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - T-shirt day is Monday instead of Tuesday! Please wear Maroon Town shirt Monday!
 - Awards Luncheon is Wednesday Congrats again to Animal Control Officer Jason Lessel

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

Executive Session

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

Time: 6:50 p.m.

Present: Mayor Shelton Shannon

Attorney Jamie Franks

Sextus Shannon

Charles Heard

Renee Morris

Sedrick Mabry

Nathan Chisolm

Exit Executive Session

Charles Heard made the motion to come out of executive session.
Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

No motions were made during the executive session.

Adjourn

Charles Heard made the motion to adjourn.

Sedrick Mabry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Shelton Shannon Date July 3rd, 2023
Mayor Shelton Shannon

ATTEST:

Brandy Smith Date 7/3/2023
Clerk Brandy Smith