

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville
May 9, 2022

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kristina Keyser Mayton, Pro-Tem
Kimberly Allphin, Alderman Secretary
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Frank Dean, Alderman
Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman

Visitors: Carolyn Kurten, Michael Briggs, John A Greenwood, Ed Bill, Deen Miller, Tony Mock,

Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The invocation by Alderman Greenwood with pledges.

1. Regular Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2022

*Correction to minutes to reflect in Item 8 – 2nd paragraph following 1st sentence:

Alderman Frank Dean ordinance inquiry to Mayor Hale of the comparative city ordinance used in composition of the ordinance.

Mayor Hale replied to the comparative city ordinance – the City of Katy, Texas.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes to approve with corrections.

Second: Alderman Kristina Mayton

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

2. Public Comments: None

3. Invoices and items currently due and payable: City Attorney Fees \$1,356.00; Remaining Legal Budget \$8,916.00

Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices

Action – Motion: Alderman Mayton made motion to pay the due and payable invoice as presented.

Second: Alderman Allphin

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

4. Request by citizen to move City Monthly Meeting to another date as it conflicts with another city organization (Plantersville Stoneham Volunteer Fire Department) meetings established before the city meetings.

Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the request received with Aldermen. Alderman Bettes reviewed dates and Mondays seem to be a better day of the week. General discussion held with agreement this would be acceptable with current commitments.

Action – Motion: Alderman Allphin moved the City of Plantersville monthly meeting be held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall beginning June 20, 2022.

Second: Alderman Greenwood

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

5. Special Meeting Date to install newly elected Alderman Kurten.

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised the elections were held last Saturday and the election canvas will be completed per the state guidelines. Therefore, newly elected Alderman Carolyn Kurten can be installed

after the canvass date. Mayor Hale advised that she had contacted Judge Fauth to ask if he would be available to attend and install Alderman Kurten. He advised that he was available on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Action - Motion: Alderman Bettes moved that we have the special meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Second: Alderman Mayton

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

6. Set date for Special Meeting to discuss the subdivision ordinance and any other necessary business.

Discussion: Mayor Hale spoke with the City Attorney, and he is available for Tuesday, May 31, 2022, to discuss the Subdivision Rule Ordinance.

Action - Motion: Alderman Bettes moved that the special meeting be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Second: Alderman Mayton

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

7. Discuss High Meadow Development

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that the city attorney has been in contact with High Meadow Development legal counsel. The High Meadow Development attorney has not dealt with municipality law previously and our attorney is assisting them in the process.

Action - Motion: None

8. Culvert Ordinance and Culvert Letters

Discussion: Mayor Hale had discussed at length with GCR&B Engineer, Mr. Walker regarding the letters to be sent to the citizens that need a culvert for the improvement project. Mayor Hale advised that she felt the roads should be addressed in sections, one at a time. He recommended sending the letters to those in need of culverts be given a 30-day time limit to comply with purchase of required culvert. Mr. Walker stated that during that time, he would contact the utility companies to have the area marked for utility lines in and around culvert area. The second set of culvert letters should probably be sent 2 weeks from the date of the first culvert letters. This would allow progression from one section to another in a timely period.

Mayor Hale advised at this time most city roads have been inspected and the number of culverts needed is 33. The roads still to be assessed are County Road 341 and County Road 311.

The culvert companies that GCR&B provide to residents is Preferred Pipes and Wilson Pipes. However, the citizen may use the company of their choice when purchasing the required culvert. The culvert installation and ditching will be done at the same time. There is no culvert permit required. The cross culverts provided by the city will be sized and ordered by GCR&B. Alderman Dean asked if the 33 citizens requiring culverts had been sized and determined. Alderman Dean asked if the 33 culverts had been sized and determined. Mayor Hale replied that yes, this was completed by Grimes County Road and Bridge. Alderman Dean requested a copy of the list of the citizens that has been prepared. Mayor Hale advised that the list is not complete and correct correspondence addresses were still needed. Alderman Dean made a formal request for the original list of people requiring culverts. Alderman Dean requested the name of the individual that sent the list to the mayor, she advised that the emails exchanged have been with the GCR&B department and that includes department secretaries and Engineer Walker.

Alderman Allphin requested that a social media announcement be made on the city website and Facebook page as it is the digital bulletin board. The announcement would be general information when the ditch & drainage improvement plan is underway. This post would be pinned to the top of the page so it would be immediately visible with a copy of the culvert ordinance for review and download.

Action - Motion: Alderman Allphin moved that the City of Plantersville that we post a pinned announcement of the initiative to improve the roads, ditches, and drainage with link to the Culvert Ordinance in the city limits.

Second: Alderman Mayton seconded

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

9. Road Repair/Maintenance

Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that there had been no request for road work since the last meeting. Alderman Bettes researched and that the entrance to Post Office from FM 1774 is TXDot responsibility, and she feels this entrance and roadway be addressed as it provides access to the U.S. Post Office and is in bad repair. Mayor Hale asked that Alderman Bettes email her request so it could be documented and forwarded for maintenance and repair. Alderman Bettes advised she would send it as soon as possible.

Action – Motion: None

10. Board update/discussion items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda). Upcoming news discussed – Carl Dry with the VFW who was the Veterans Officer that assisted many individuals throughout his time in Grimes County will have a Celebration of Life on May 21st at 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Navasota. Also, announcement that Neva Walkoviak passed away and her services will be visitation on Wednesday evening, May 7th with services at 9 a.m. at the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Navasota, with burial at Plantersville Cemetery. St. Joseph’s Church Bazaar will be held on Sunday, May 29th. Alderman Greenwood announced that the Ministry of Truevine Church will have “Kids Activities throughout the Summer” program on Saturdays that is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$15.00, and this pays for the materials, programs, lunch, and activities for the entire summer period. Alderman Dean requested the progress of the law enforcement issue and Mayor Hale advised that she is still in contact with Judge Fauth. He has been traveling extensively this month with classes, training, and conferences.

11. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None

12. No Action Taken

13. **Action – Motion:** Alderman Greenwood made motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Alderman Mayton

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Karen Hale

Kimberly Allphin

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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