

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
August 17, 2026

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, TX.

Members Present:

Kim Allphin, Mayor

John Greenwood, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem

Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Absent: Alderman Sandra Kuta

Brett Bratcher, Alderman

Marilyn Bettes, Alderman

Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

Visitors: Caitlin Correa and Kobi Buvinghausen

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Allphin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Allphin gave the invocation, and the pledges were led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Regular Meeting of July 20, 2026
Motion to Approve: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** No Public Comment
4. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Review and Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable.**
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Discussion: Review of Dues and Payables presented to the Board of Alderman with copies of financial records with bank standings, investment, and sales & use tax receipts with mixed beverage allocation.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Lieutenant Caitlin Correa presented the Plantersville-Stone Volunteer Fire Department (PSVFD) activity report, including updates on recent calls, training, equipment, and personnel. She reported that continued dry conditions could result in the issuance of a county burn ban, with additional information expected following the Commissioners Court meeting. Lieutenant Correa stated that the Fire Board approved the purchase of a new booster truck and that PSVFD was awarded \$165,000 toward the vehicle. The truck will be used for department operations and may also provide opportunities to generate additional revenue. Upon its acquisition, PSVFD will have approximately four booster trucks. Lieutenant Correa also reported that the Montgomery County Fire Department donated 15 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air packs to PSVFD and that approximately 14 PSVFD members have obtained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. Mayor Allphin thanked PSVFD for its continued service to the community, recruitment efforts, and mutual aid assistance provided to neighboring departments and jurisdictions.
Action: No action taken, information only
6. **Discuss: GCSO Report - Support Law Enforcement**
Mayor Allphin presented the monthly report regarding services provided by the Grimes County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) within the City of Plantersville and the surrounding community. In response to a question from Alderman Bettes, Mayor Allphin explained that officers are generally scheduled to work five-to-six-hour shifts approximately three to four days per week during the month. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Grimes County Sheriff's Office and its officers for their continued service and assistance to the city.
Action: No action taken, information report only.

7. **Discuss/Consider/Possible Action: regarding a Community Park Public Use and Improvement Agreement between the City of Plantersville and Plantersville Town Hall, Inc.** Mayor Allphin reviewed the requirements and guidelines for a proposed Community Park Public Use and Improvement Agreement between the City of Plantersville and Plantersville Town Hall, Inc., a nonprofit 501©(3) organization and owner of Town Hall Park, located at 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas 77363. The proposed agreement would provide for City participation in the acquisition and/or installation of public playground equipment and related improvements at Town Hall Park pursuant to Chapter 331 of the Texas Local Government Code. The proposed improvements are intended to benefit public recreational access and provide access for City of Plantersville-Sponsored events. Mayor Allphin explained that a written agreement between the City and Plantersville Town Hall, Inc. would be required before the project could proceed. Alderman Bettis stated that Plantersville Town Hall, Inc. should be notified whenever the City uses or rents the building or property. Alderman John Greenwood moved to propose to Plantersville Town Hall, Inc. a \$50,000 matching grant for playground equipment, subject to the approval of an agreement as required by law. Alderman Dedrick Mallard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with all members present voting in favor and none opposed.
Motion to Consider Possible Action: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
8. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: General Road Maintenance in City, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Rd 311** Mayor Allphin reported on recently completed road repairs and improvements in identified areas of concern. Mayor Allphin and Alderman Kuta met with Grimes County Road and Bridge Supervisor Ben Napier regarding washed-out areas along County Road 203. Supervisor Napier will determine the material needed and provide the estimated costs for the necessary repairs. The Board also discussed ongoing road maintenance needs throughout the city, including tree trimming and grass cutting. Mayor Allphin will consult with Grimes County Road and Bridge Director Patti Ermis regarding the County's approved vendors and the resources that may be available to the city under its interlocal agreement with Grimes County.
Action: No action taken, information report and discussion only
9. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates Review** Mayor Allphin announced the construction contract with Site Utilities, Inc was signed and submitted to begin work on the road construction within the next few weeks. Also, Emily Powers with Grantworks attended a virtual meeting with Mayor Allphin at the city office on Friday, August 26, 2026. This was a scheduled meeting attended by the General Land Office project manager and GLO Department supervisors and Site Utilities & Construction, LLC officials. **Motion: no action taken, information only**
10. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Post Office Road repair of approximate costs, materials recommended and installation time frame** Discussion was held regarding the condition and repair of the road and entrance to post office. It has deteriorated and a local citizen donated time and labor to temporarily patch the huge hole at parking lot entrance. Mayor Allphin has attempted to contact the owner of the postal building and discovered it is privately owned and had no results to correspondence, Alderman Greenwood will contact Mike Eubanks with Eubanks Excavation to discuss the drive and roadway at the Post Office to present to the board at next meeting.
Motion: no action taken, information only
11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: TDA 2025-2026 Community Development Grant Project Application CDV25-0218 County Road 203 Rd Status, Easement and Updates.** Mayor Allphin provided status information for Grant 0218 with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The environmental report recommended by Bleyl Engineering was completed and expensed.

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The project reports and necessary documents have been completed with our PMI Grant Manager, Aron Miller. The Board then reviewed the project exhibit and survey information for the proposed County Road 203 improvements. Discussion included the anticipated project limits, roadway and right-of-way widths, drainage needs, existing fence locations, and possible property-access requirements. Improvements will be prioritized around the large-diameter drainage crossing and extended along County Road 203 as available grant funding permits. Additional review of ownership, easements, right-of-way boundaries, and potential fence relocation will be completed before any related action is considered.

Action: Discussion and project review only

12. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Project F294 Status; Additional Notices, and Completed Updates**

Mayor Allphin reminded the Board that Community Town Hall Meeting No. 2 was scheduled for the following evening at 6:00 p.m. Project Manager Briana Vargas and other representatives from Public Management would be present to provide project information, digital materials, and presentation boards. Mayor Allphin encouraged the Board members to invite friends, family members, and other community members to attend and to help promote the meeting through social media. She also encouraged continued promotion of the community survey, which is available through the provided link or QR code.

Action: No action taken, information report only

13. **Discuss/Consider: The possibility/planning of a future Municipal Complex for the City of Plantersville at 15985 FM 1774 in Plantersville, Texas** Mayor Allphin presented the contract from the Plantersville-Stoneham Volunteer Fire Department and requested that the Board review it. It was advised that an agreement between the City of Plantersville and the Fire Department must be finalized before additional information regarding the proposed building or construction can be provided.

Motion: no action taken, information only

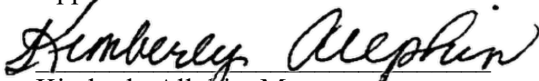
14. **Discuss Items of Community Interest (no action can be discussed except to add to an agenda)- Recent and Upcoming Events** Upcoming - Taste of Grimes County on September 3rd at Expo Center in Navasota; St. Mary's Bazaar Labor Day weekend, September 6, 2026. The Anderson Picnic in the Park is October 18, 2026. Town Hall Cookies with Santa and Town Hall lighting is scheduled for November 11, 2026. Also, reminder the First Monday Bingo at Town Hall is Monday, September 7, 2026. The Christmas Parade in Plantersville is Saturday, December 5, 2026. The Plantersville Stoneham VFD Christmas Event is on December 13, 2026.

15. **Closed Session: (none required)**

16. **Open Session**

17. **Adjourn meeting at 8:57 p.m.**

Approved:


Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

Attest:


Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

Date: 09/21/2026

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