

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2017 7:00 PM

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 P.M at Plantersville Town Hall at 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Clay Godfrey, Alderman
Otis Greenwood, Alderman
Kristina Keyser-Mayton, Alderman

Thus constituting a quorum:

Visitors: None

The items on the agenda were taken up in due order as follows:

1. Establish a quorum, call meeting to order. Invocation and Pledges.

- Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation was given by Alderman Otis Greenwood.
- The Board of Aldermen recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

2. Approve minutes from regular meeting on November 27, 2017.

Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton read the meeting meetings from November 27, 2017. No changes were needed, the minutes stand.

3. Remarks of visitors: None

4. Entergy Representative Ronnie Hale will explain the Franchise Agreement executed by Entergy with all cities served by Entergy.

Ronnie Hale explained that the franchise agreement gives Entergy the right to build, maintain lines and use the streets. It gives Entergy the right to trim trees and relocate lines when necessary, but the City must give them the right of way to relocate the lines. The City gets paid based on the kilowatts used within the city limits based on usage from prior year. Dates run July 1st thru June 30th and City is paid on September 1st. The franchise agreement is good for 25 years. The franchise fees are paid from Entergy general funds. The agreement should be ready to take action on at the next City meeting in January.

5. Discuss/consider/approve ordinance executing Franchise Agreement with Entergy.

Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton made a motion to move to a later meeting and seconded by Alderman Clay Godfrey. All approved. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/consider/approve resolution to set Fiscal Year as October 1 though September 30.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to set Fiscal Year as October 1st thru September 30th, seconded by Alderman Otis Greenwood. All approved. The motion carried. Resolution number 1-17.

7. Discuss/consider/approve action that Board Members approve reimbursement to the Mayor (with submitted receipts) for necessary city administrative related expenses up to \$500.00 per item, (such as office supplies, PO box fee, newspaper notices, notice board, etc.), when there is money available.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to approve reimbursement to Mayor (with submitted receipts) for necessary city administrative related expenses up to \$500.00 per item when there is money available, seconded by Alderman Clay Godfrey. All approved. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/consider/approve ordinance fulfilling the requirement of Local Government Code 41.002.

Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton made a motion to move to a later date. Seconded by Marilyn Bettes. All approved. Motion carried.

9. Discuss/consider/approve the Interlocal Agreement with Grimes County for Maintenance of Roads, Law Enforcement, and 9-1-1 Services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Grimes County, seconded by Alderman Clay Godfrey. All approved. Motion carried.

10. Discuss/consider/approve resolution that Plantersville does not have our own Emergency Plan and that the Grimes County Emergency Coordinator will conduct emergency management for Plantersville, Texas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to move this item to #5 on the agenda, seconded by Marilyn Bettes. All Approved. Motion carried.

Alderman Clay Godfrey made a motion to move this approval to the next meeting, seconded by Kristina Keyser-Mayton. All approved. Motion carried.

11. Discuss/consider/approve the Interlocal Agreement with Grimes County for Environmental/Permits.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Grimes County for Environmental Permits, seconded by Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton. All approved. Motion carried.

12. Discuss/consider/approve action setting up a website and appointing Clay Godfrey to pursue initiating the process, for further approval of Board at the next board meeting.

Alderman Otis Greenwood made a motion to appoint Alderman Clay Godfrey to pursue setting up a city website, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin. All approved. Motion carried.

13. Discuss/consider/approve action setting up city email addresses for each Board Member and appointing Clay Godfrey to set up the email addresses.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to approve each Board Member having a city email address and appointing Alderman Clay Godfrey to set them up. Seconded by Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton. All approved. Motion carried.

14. Discuss/consider/approve action to set up an Advisory Committee on Rules of Procedure; appoint two Aldermen to assist the Mayor, to begin formulation of Rules of Procedure which will be reviewed and approved by Board at the next board meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to set up an Advisory Committee on Rules of Procedure and nominate two Aldermen to assist the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton. All approved. Motion carried.

15. Discuss/open floor for nominations/vote on nominations of the two Aldermen to the Advisory Committee on Rules of Procedure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin nominated Alderman Marilyn Bettes and Alderman Clay Godfrey nominated Alderman Otis Greenwood. Alderman Marilyn Bettes and Alderman Otis Greenwood were elected by acclamation.

16. Discuss/consider/approve resolution to designate Navasota Examiner as the official newspaper of Plantersville.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin made a motion to designate Navasota Examiner as the official newspaper of Plantersville, seconded by Marilyn Bettes. All approved. Motion carried. Resolution number 2-17.

17. Discuss the Official Depository of Plantersville. Local Government Code Chapter 105. It is required to post this notice in the newspaper.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a notion to approve the resolution adopting a written policy to expressly permit the city to contract with an out-of-city depository and seconded by Alderman Clay Godfrey. All approved. Motion carried. Resolution number 3-17.

18. Discuss/consider/approve two additional Aldermen to be signers along with the Mayor on the bank account/depository.

Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to approve Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Allphin

and Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton as additional signers along with the Mayor on the bank account, seconded by Alderman Otis Greenwood. All approved. Motion carried.

19. Mayor/Alderman update/discussion of Board on information acquired concerning formation and organization of our city.

TML NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS' WORKSHOP JANUARY 19 IN SAN ANTONIO info on TML website
TML/TAMCC Elected Officials Conference, March 8-10 IN SAN ANTONIO
<https://tmlelectedofficialsconference.org/>

20. Enter into Executive Session/closed meeting if needed to receive legal advice on matters and issues in the town. (Texas Government Code #551.071 & #551.072)

No closed meeting entered.

21. Return to open meeting; take action on items discussed in closed session (Section # 551.102).

22. Adjourn

Mayor Karen Hale adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.