

City of Plantersville -Budget Public Hearing Minutes  
September 13, 2021

The board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas met on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Planters Lodge, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas, at which time the following subjects were discussed as listed below.

The following members were present:

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

Absent: Frank Dean Alderman

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors present: David Tullos

1. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Alderman Greenwood. Those gathered recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Texas flag
2. Public Comments were presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen according to the required city procedures. Budget Comment: David Tullos
3. Mayor Hale proceeded with the Public Budget Hearing for the City of Plantersville continued. Postings made in the Navasota Examiner in accordance with state requirements. It had also been posted with 2021-2022 Annual Proposed Budget Hearing on the website, City Facebook Page, the DP Water Office, and the U.S. Post Office. The additional statement required by Texas Local Government Code 102.003b also published with the hearing announcement and proposed budget has been completed and the city is required to post tax rate. There is no tax rate as the City of Plantersville has No Property Taxes at this time. This statement is a required part of the City Budget each year in compliance with the State Code. Mayor Hale reviewed that there is no city property tax and there is no intent to add a city property tax. The city's income is based on the City Sales Tax and the anticipated Franchise Fees.

Mayor Hale reviewed the proposed City Budget with the categories, proposed income, and expenditures for 2021-2022 and to the far right, the actual expenses for 2020-2021. The actual expenses for 2020-2021 were \$15,953.29 and advised that the budgeted items are proposed if needed and necessary for city expenses. Mayor Hale reviewed all categories and budgeted expense amounts.

Discussion was held with review by alderman and mayor of the proposed income and budgeted expenses. Mayor Hale reviewed the increase budgeted expense for road materials Grimes County Road & Bridge. Mayor and Aldermen agreed that this was necessary with the weather-related damages and repair with increased material costs.

Also, the Election expense was increased from the prior year as Mayor Hale had spoken with Lucy Ybarra, Elections Administrator – Grimes County and Ms. Ybarra indicated expected increase in cost for the upcoming year.

The City Website expense increased with anticipated contract renewal in November of the additional email addresses for each Alderman, additional memory storage, website maintenance and security.

The Insurance expense was increased with expected premium increase over the prior year based on the review with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Program and renewal premiums.

The Annual Audit expense was increased as the auditing firm advised the expense this year was \$5,500 and as the city acquired additional accounts audit work and reviews would increase over the basic audit as completed.

The Road Sign budget remained the same with the anticipated purchase of Electronic/Solar Speed limit signs when approval is provided by TxDOT. This type of road signage costs approximately \$6,500 to \$7,000 each and original discussion suggested at least two signs to be purchased and installed.

Mayor Hale advised that the City received TDEM ARP Allocation Funds in the amount of \$25,162.50. These qualified allocation funds were direct deposited into bank without additional notice. These funds will have a bank account of its own for purposes of recording and reporting to TDEM as required. The new account was approved for this purpose in prior meeting.

4. **Action Taken:**

**Motion:** Alderman Allphin made motion to postpone the final vote on the Proposed General Budget 2021-2022 for the City of Plantersville until the regularly scheduled meeting that will commence at 7 p.m.

**Seconded:** Alderman Bettes

**Voting:** Yes – Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carried.

5. Mayor Hale adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

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Karen Hale, Mayor

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Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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