

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville
November 8, 2021

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

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

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation by Alderman Greenwood followed by pledges.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2021
Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: No Visitors, No Comments
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable: Treats on a Dirt Street Expenses – light rental \$158.73; candy \$79.92; pencils, coloring books and colors with banners and posters \$242.33. Total Expense to date \$480.98, under budget of \$750.00 for event. The community outreach budget has remainder of \$1,519.02 to date.
Discussion: Alderman Bettes inquired about the city post office box rental fee that is due at this time.
Action – Motion: Alderman Kristina Mayton amended motion to include all due and payable with the U.S. Postal Fee Rental renewal paid in full.
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Voting Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries

City website expense with renewal of services and adding city emails for Aldermen \$1,017.46.

Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the prior approval providing \$1,000.00 for this expense and motion required approval of additional amount of \$17.46.

Action - Motion: Alderman Bettes moved to increase budgeted amount to \$1,017.46 for the city website expense with renewal of services and adding city emails for Aldermen with Godaddy.com.

Second: Alderman Greenwood

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

5. City Attorneys: Mr. Art Pertile, III and Bridgette Begle of Olson & Olson, LLP Attorneys at Law
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed meeting with Mr. Pertile and Ms. Begle; she advised that it was an informative meeting and feels they will be a true asset to the city and city business. Mr. Pertile stated that he and Ms. Begle will work in unison and provide the city with service continuously and that this allows assistance at any time from either of them. Also, Mr. Pertile asked the mayor about current ordinances and resolutions in place. Mayor Hale reviewed those in place and Mr. Pertile recommended getting subdivision ordinances and other items in place with the increased growth and development in our immediate area. He will prepare some recommendations to present to the city. Mr. Pertile and Ms. Begle will attend a future meeting to meet with Aldermen and review priorities.
Action – Motion: None
6. TDEM ARP Allocation Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)
Discussion: Mayor Hale advised that there has been no contact from the CLFRF
Action - Motion: None
7. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant
Discussion: Mayor Hale has been in touch with city representatives at GrantWorks regarding the status of the Community Development Block Grant. GrantWorks advised the grant is still pending and the processing is extremely slow. The City of Plantersville is in a favorable position to receive funds however status is still pending.
Action - Motion: None
8. Email change for board members
Discussion: Alderman Allphin advised the additional 4 user email plan has been obtained as instructed with the best rates available. Alderman Allphin reviewed the Godaddy.com instructions, guides and download information sent to each Alderman. The renewal of existing mailboxes for Mayor Hale and Alderman Allphin processed and renewed.
Action - Motion: None
9. Road Repair/Maintenance and Update SH 105
Discussion: Alderman Bettes stated that she had spoken with TxDOT regarding future turn lane approved and planned on SH 105 W in front of the Dollar General. The representative did not have any updates on that project. Alderman Bettes inquired about the embankment located at Bill Mock’s driveway on FM 1774 and the dangerous issues at the corner of SH 105 and FM 1774. She has not received a response to date regarding that matter. Alderman Dean advised that he had spoken with TxDOT, and the city limit sign installed in front of the Relay Station by mistake, is being moved to the correct location at the actual city limit.
Action – Motion: None
10. Community Outreach “Treats on a Dirt Street,” review.
Discussion: Mayor Hale was pleased with the event and the outpouring of community support. The involvement of the local families, businesses and neighbors that attended and provided treats was overwhelming. Alderman Greenwood stated that he had taken over 176 photos of groups, participants, etc. and did not think he had any duplicates. Alderman Allphin stated that a total of 125 treat bags were provided at her location and others had provided approximately 150 treats. The social media shares, announcements, and posters/banners with referrals assisted in the success of the event. Many positive remarks and interest of local residents for future events.
Action – Motion: None

11. Mayor/Alderman Update/Discussion: Items of Community Interest: The Christmas Parade is scheduled on Saturday, December 4, 2021, beginning at the P.S. VFD and participants encouraged to attend. The parade line up begins at 9 a.m. with parade at 10 a.m. Plantersville Town Hall is having a fundraiser and garage sale November 12th & 13th, 2021. There will be a special lighting at Town Hall "Christmas Gift of Lights" on November 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., community welcome and invited to attend.
12. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
13. No Action Taken
14. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Approved,

Attest

Karen Hale

Kimberly Allphin

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kimberly Allphin, Secretary

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