

Public Hearing Minutes – City of Plantersville  
January 11, 2021

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met for Public Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Frank Dean, Alderman

Visitors present: Sherry McKibben, John Greenwood, Carol Kurten, Sandra Kuta, Julee Kuta Wilson

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Greenwood led the invocation with pledges recited.
2. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant, TxCDBG  
Community Development Fund administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture  
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the grant available and the opportunity for the City of Plantersville to qualify in the areas of road drainage, flood mitigation and road improvement. The amount of the grant is \$350,000 with a matching portion required of the city of \$17,500 if the city is approved and qualified for the grant. The requirements include administration services the city designated on December 16, 2020 at the special meeting held which is GrantWorks. The purpose of public hearing is to obtain citizens input and recommendations.
3. Introduction of GrantWorks representative, Sherry McKibben  
GrantWorks will conduct a survey to obtain the information to determine qualification of LMI (low to moderate income). The survey is completed by a dedicated team by telephone and door to door of city residents. The questions asked are the number living in household and approximate annual income, this information is all confidential and only used for statistical purposes in completing the income levels for a specific area such as a city, town, etc. The grant scoring criteria priorities are set by the Brazos Valley COG and this grant is a 200-point grant. The local match is 20% - \$17,500 and is based on the size of the city with additional factors. The areas to be considered can be city wide or targeted for the grant with a completion time period of 2 years. The goal is to complete within the 2-year period, if work is not completed there is a penalty, regardless of weather issues. The normal period of time for the engineer survey and scope is 6 months. This allows 18 months to obtain construction bids and complete the project. Mrs. McKibben then reviewed the process of completing required documentation, presenting to the city for approval and submitting to the appropriate parties for grant consideration. GrantWorks does not collect a fee unless the grant is awarded. She also mentioned types of additional grants that are available such as historical, downtown and strategic planning. Mrs. McKibben provided information regarding the amounts set by the State of Texas of fees for services, construction, etc.

Mayor Hale asked if attendees had questions or suggestions of areas to be addressed regarding flooding issues of city roadways. Sandra Kuta reported County Road 203 has several flood issues: at the entrance of 203 off FM 1774 and the curve. Mayor Hale confirmed the road has issues of the school bus not being

able to transport children to the end of CR 203 or turn around during heavy rains/flooding with current conditions and several other less severe flooding areas.

4. Public Comments: None
5. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.