

**Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
March 16, 2026**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026 in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Kim Allphin, Mayor
John Greenwood, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Brett Bratcher, Alderman
Absent: Sandra Kuta, Alderman
Misty Hemminger, City Secretary

Visitors: Kobi Buvinghausen, Sheriff Don Sowell, Chief Deputy Martha Smith, James Nowaski, Tanya and David Tullos

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 led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes** of Regular Meeting February 16, 2026
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** No Public Comments
- * **Agenda Order Change:** Pull items 10 and 6 forward on the agenda.
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
4. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Review and Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable**
Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable
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 John Greenwood
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Alderman John Greenwood reported on behalf of the PSVFD as training was being held at the fire station. He stated that there had been several auto accidents responded to by the fire department. He reminded of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Annual Steak Supper fundraiser on Friday, May 8.
6. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Presentation by Grimes County Sheriff Don Sowell and Chief Deputy Martha Smith regarding additional law enforcement resources available to small municipalities through interlocal cooperation, including the potential for part-time law enforcement services to assist the City with public safety; discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to pursue and finalize an agreement subject to Council approval.**
Discussion: Sheriff Don Sowell and Chief Deputy Martha Smith provided a presentation regarding additional law enforcement resources available to the City. It was reported that the City could contract for dedicated patrol coverage at an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour, with a minimum shift of four hours. The County will provide the deputy, vehicle, insurance, and related expenses. It was noted that the assigned deputy would primarily remain within the City unless needed for nearby emergencies. Citations would be processed through J.P. Underwood.

The proposed arrangement discussed as a cost-effective option to increase law enforcement visibility and response capacity, especially when compared to the significantly higher cost of maintaining a municipal police department. Additional discussion included recent traffic enforcement efforts, the use of license plate reader equipment, and the possibility of relocating portable traffic monitoring devices within the City to address speeding and public safety concerns. Mayor Allphin and the Board of Aldermen expressed appreciation to Sheriff Sowell and Chief Deputy Martha Smith for their presentation.

Motion to approve: Alderman John Greenwood made a motion to proceed with a part-time law enforcement agreement with Grimes County, designate Mayor Allphin as the contact for scheduling, authorize \$35,000 annually to begin the program, and prepare a budget amendment for the next Board meeting.

Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard and Alderman Marilyn Bettes

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

7. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: General Road Maintenance in City, Repair, and Status of County Road 203 and County Road 311**

Alderman John Greenwood contacted our engineer for the contracts for pavement reconstruction. It was reported that contracts with Eubanks Excavation are pending, and once finalized, estimates will be obtained for needed repairs and presented at a future meeting. A discussion was held regarding general road maintenance needs throughout the City, including ongoing pothole concerns and deteriorating roadway conditions. Attention was given to the area in front of the post office which still has the deteriorated entrance at FM 1774 and the significant potholes on County Road 203. Mayor Allphin indicated that she would reach out to the County and TxDOT to explore possible assistance with repairs. Alderman John Greenwood also reported an area with an issue involving a tree and will follow up on the matter.

Motion: no action taken, discussion only

8. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Miti-Mod Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin and Alderman John Greenwood reported meeting with project representatives regarding the GLO Grant Project. Mayor Allphin reported that construction cost estimates have increased since the original 2023 projections. The Board discussed roadway construction under the grant and completing right of way parking and driveways. The City will fund project within the City right-of-way, in keeping with prior agreements. The Board discussed moving forward with the agreements, property matters, and project work. The plans for the project are expected to be ready within approximately one week, and Mayor Allphin will share the plans with the Board.

Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood made a motion to proceed with the project and authorize a separate agreement assigning the City responsibility for the parking area located within the City right-of-way, to be funded outside of the grant.

Second: Dedrick Mallard

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

9. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: TDA 2025 2026 Community Development Grant Project Application CDV25-0218 County Road 203 Rd Status, Easement and Updates**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin reported that the project is in the initial phases. She announced that required public notices were published in the Navasota Examiner with current invoices in March dues and payable.

Motion: no action taken, information only

10. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Presentation by Tanya Tullos, Vice Chairman, Grimes County Child Welfare Board with discussion, and possible action regarding a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness Month and reaffirming the City's commitment to safeguarding children and supporting families in need.**

Tanya Tullos, Vice Chairman of the Grimes County Child Welfare Board, addressed the council regarding Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Mrs. Tullos thanked the City for its support and invited the community to attend the Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Ceremony on April 1, 2026,


at 10:00 a.m. at the Grimes County Justice Center. Pinwheels were presented as a symbol of the community's commitment to protecting children.

Mayor Allphin read and issued a proclamation declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Plantersville. The proclamation will be posted on the City website and digital bulletin board.

Motion: no action taken, information only

11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Comprehensive Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be an informative meeting for public review with additional information and surveys. Review of the Planning Application 100759-APP Status; additional notices and completed updates. Notice of possible quorum in attendance as residents only, no city business will be discussed.**
Discussion: A public information/community event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall. There will be no city business conducted at the event. Residents are encouraged to complete and share the survey available through the city website, Facebook page, and QR code.
Motion: no action taken, discussion only
12. **Discuss Items of Community Interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on the agenda)- Recent and Upcoming Events**
The City of Plantersville announced several upcoming community events, including St. Joseph's Alter Society Stew Supper on Thursday, March 19; the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 22; The Navasota-Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Friday, March 20; the Strawberry Festival on Saturday, March 21; the Navasota ISD Education Foundation Dinner on Thursday, April 16; the Crawfish Festival on Saturday, April 25; The Fire Departments Steak Dinner on May 8; and Grimes County Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Awards Dinner on Thursday, May 14.
13. **Closed Session-** no closed session
14. **Open Session**
15. **Adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m.**

Approved: -


Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

Attest:


Misty Hemminger, City Secretary

Date: 04-20-2026

Date: 4/20/26