

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
May 18, 2026

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Kim Allphin, Mayor	Brett Bratcher, Alderman
John Greenwood, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem	Sandra Kuta, Alderman
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman	Dedrick Mallard, Sr Alderman

Visitors: Kobi Buvinghausen, Valerie Buvinghausen, Patricia Buvinghausen, Siva Ands, Lisa McKay, Nancy Jane McMillan

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:** Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026, and Canvas Meeting of May 3, 2026
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** No Public Comments
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 Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: City of Plantersville, May 2, 2026, General Election for Aldermen Positions:** Mayor Allphin provided the information provided by Rachel Walker, Grimes County Elections Administrator with the early voting numbers, mail in voting numbers, and the in-person numbers.
Alderman Candidate: Dedrick Mallard Sr.; Number of Votes 40-30.77% Alderman Candidate: Marilyn Bettes; Number of Votes 41-31.54% Alderman Candidate: John A Greenwood; Number of Votes 41-31.54% Alderman Candidate: Jessica Bomar; Number of Votes 8-6.15%
Motion to Approve: Alderman Sandra Kuta
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
6. **Installation: Administer Oath of Office to Re-Elected Incumbent Aldermen for new terms of office to term 2026-2028** Mayor Kimberly Allphin administered the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office to the following re-elected incumbent Aldermen for new two-year

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terms of office commencing May 2026 and expiring May 2028:

Alderman Marilyn Bettes

Alderman John Greenwood

Alderman Dedrick Mallard, Sr.

Each Alderman affirmed the Statement of Officer as required by the Texas Constitution and subscribed to the Oath of Office as prescribed by Texas law. Following the administration of the oath, the elected officials officially assumed their respective terms of office.

7. **Discussion/Consider/Approve Possible Action:** Mayor Allphin advised that Alderman John Greenwood served as mayor Pro Tem and Alderman Marilyn Bettes served as board secretary currently. Motion was made by Alderman Mallard to nominate Alderman Greenwood as mayor Pro Tem and Alderman Marilyn Bettes as board Secretary.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Second: Alderman Sandra Kuta
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
8. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Alderman John Greenwood reported on behalf of the PSVFD, as firefighters were participating in training activities at the fire station and were unable to attend the meeting. Alderman Greenwood reported that the PSVFD Annual Steak Supper Fundraiser, held on May 8, 2026, raised approximately \$70,000. He expressed gratitude to the community, sponsors, and volunteers whose support and dedication contributed to the event's success. He further reported that the PSVFD responded to one fire-related incident since the previous meeting.
Motion: no action taken, information only
9. **Discuss: GCSO Report - Support Law Enforcement**
Mayor Allphin presented monthly report regarding law enforcement services being provided by the Grimes County Sheriff's Office. The officers have been highly visible within the city and area, working varying days and times, including weekends and weekdays, to help deter speeding and criminal activity. The report summary provided additional information on patrols, citations, and warnings throughout the city and adjacent community. Officers included towing of two abandoned vehicles that were towed. Also, welfare checks and two serious incidents were investigated. Officers patrolled local businesses with safety checks and areas, including areas where building materials had been stolen. The Board discussed the positive impact of the additional law enforcement presence. **Motion: no action taken, information only**
10. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: General Road Maintenance in City, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Rd 311:** Mayor Allphin reported that repairs and improvements in recent areas of concern. Mayor Allphin expressed appreciation to Grimes County for the assistance in completing the work. Alderman Kuta and Alderman Bratcher informed the Board that motorists on CR 203 has another area of concern further down CR 203 near resident's drive and the shoulder damage. Mayor Allphin asked if location and photos could be sent to accompany the road request review with Grimes Co. Road & Bridge for inspection and coordination with repairs and materials.
Motion: no action taken, information only
11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Miti-Mod Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates:** Alderman John Greenwood provided a set of project plans for the Board's review. The plans outline the proposed project and status. Alderman Greenwood advised the review and execution of the necessary deeds

with the Plantersville Baptist Church right-of-way exchange. He further reported that the City is awaiting a response from utility, CenturyLink/Brightspeed regarding the relocation of a utility line that is in conflict with the proposed improvements. The engineer is awaiting response for the utility relocation and related work. Mayor Allphin stated that, due to delays associated with obtaining required historical commission approvals, the City received approval for an extension of the project timeline. The project was reported to be moving forward, with the possibility of putting the project out for bid in the coming months.

Motion: no action taken, information only

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

Mayor Allphin provided an update regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) County Road 203 Project. The grant project manager has responded to the General Land Office (GLO) comments and submitted additional information regarding the project area. The GLO is currently reviewing the information provided. Mayor Allphin further reported that Integrated Environmental Solutions identified the project area as a tributary culvert crossing, the engineering firm for the grant, Bleyl Engineering recommended Integrated Environmental Solutions to provide required environmental review to the General Land Office. The Board reviewed a proposal from Integrated Environmental Solutions to provide the required environmental review and related services and a fixed fee of \$1,800.00.

Alderman John Greenwood made a motion to approve the proposal Agreement, Indemnity, Compliance Delay, and Permitting Relationship documents with Integrated Environmental Solutions for the County Road 203 Project.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Bettes

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Comprehensive Planning Application 100759-APP Status; additional notices and completed updates:

Mayor Allphin provided information on the status of current surveys from the residents and community. Project Manager Aiken advised surveys are being compiled and the team should be able to provide approximate tallies of written, emailed and online submissions. Mayor Allphin asked that the Board continue to share the post on their social media and the printed surveys for completion are located at the city office. These can be mailed if desired. **Motion: no action taken, information only**

13. **Discuss Items of Community Interest** (no action can be discussed except to add to agenda)
– Recent and Upcoming Events: Alderman Bettes announced the Coffee with the Chamber of Commerce (Grimes County & Navasota). Refreshments will be provided and held at Plantersville Town Hall, invite all local businesses and community to attend on May 28, 2026, at 9 a.m. Mayor Allphin provided information on the upcoming annual St. Joseph's Bazaar that will be held on Sunday. It is held on Memorial Day weekend with lunch, barbecue to go, games and general store items. Also, the live auction follows lunch and a silent auction located inside of hall. Popular raffle with cattle tickets available. Alderman Bettes stated the local Navasota Robert Raines Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are hosting a Tea and Presentation in honor of the 250th anniversary "Season of America" celebrations. Please mark your calendars for June 6th, it will be held at 1890s Templeman House, 1403 E. Washington, the site of the chapter's organizing meeting 113 years ago. The chapter was named in honor of Major Robert Raines and the organizer was Annie Foster Templeman, an ancestor of Major Raines.

14. **Closed Session:** Mayor Allphin and Board of Alderman announced the City of Plantersville will convene closed session pursuant to Texas Govt Code Chapter 551 to discuss real property matters, personnel matters with temporary assistance as authorized by applicable provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The meeting will reopen once closed session is complete. The audience members were asked to leave at this time, and the meeting will be re-opened with announcement when open meeting reconvenes.

15. **Open Session:**

Mayor Allphin reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 9:11 p.m. following Closed Session conducted pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551. The Board of Aldermen returned to Open Session and considered possible action on matters discussed during Closed Session.

Action Taken:

1 - Upon returning to Open Session, Alderman Greenwood made a motion to provide payment for temporary services provided assisting the mayor with secretarial duties when needed.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Kuta

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

2 - Alderman Greenwood moved that the Board of Aldermen authorize the Mayor to administer and manage the day-to-day personnel matters of the City, including employee supervision, scheduling, performance evaluations, hiring, disciplinary actions, and other personnel-related functions, subject to applicable state law, the City's adopted personnel policies, and approved budgetary appropriations. Any personnel actions requiring Board approval by law, ordinance, contract, or policy shall remain subject to Board approval.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Mallard

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

3 - Alderman Mallard moved to authorize the research and review of the possibility of developing a future Municipal Complex for the City of Plantersville at 15985 FM 1774, Plantersville, Texas. The motion included evaluating the possibility of the project, identifying anticipated costs associated with planning and development, time frame allotted to September 1, 2026. Review potential funding sources including grants and loans. Explore additional strategic planning options as recommended to rural cities.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Mallard

Second: Alderman Bratcher

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

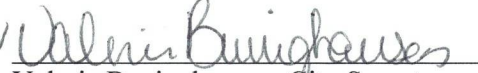
Final Resolution: Motion carries

Adjourn Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:


Kimberly Allphin, Mayor


Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

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