

Special Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
February 5, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem

Marilyn Bettes, Alderman, Secretary

John Greenwood, IV, Alderman

Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Absent: Sonya Brewer

Visitors: Brock Romero, Jessica Bomar, Neal Wendele, Tony Mock, David Tullos, Justin Correa, Ed Bill, Bill Wright, Marrcus C.

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Alderman Kim Allphin followed by the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2025
Motion to Approve: Alderman Mallard
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: Jessica Bomar-spoke against the PSVFD Contract with the City. Todd Mission City Manager Neal Wendele spoke in reference to Agenda Item 6: Todd Mission Police Dept. trying to remove PSVFD from “Fill the Boot” locations within Plantersville City Limits-stated that it impeded traffic and was a safety issue for westbound traffic exiting SH 249 at FM 1774 during Renaissance Festival weekends.
4. Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future agendas
None.
5. Discuss/consider/approve: Public Hearing for discussion of 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Fund Grant, CDBG Program of Texas Department of Agriculture: Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm, notice will be in newspaper on February 6, 2025: RFQ’s for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Service deadline for submission were due January 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm
Discussion: Mayor stated meeting date of February 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm; RFQ’s were received by the deadline.
6. Discuss: Todd Mission Police Dept. trying to remove PSVFD from “Fill the Boot” locations within Plantersville City Limits.
Discussion: Alderman Greenwood also serves as President of the PSVFD Board of Directors raised the question “what jurisdiction does the City of Todd Mission have within the City Limits of Plantersville”? He would like the City Attorney to investigate and recommend if a contract (written agreement) is needed between Todd Mission and Plantersville? City Manager Wendele said studies were done for Renaissance and A&M traffic the 4-way stop at SH 249 and FM 1774. Todd Mission hired firm to do study and results sent to TXDoT who required Todd Mission to have officer at location. Alderman

Mallard asked if any studies had been done to verify traffic issue being caused by PSVFD presence? Mayor Hale stated “none” and questioned City Manager Wendele if that was specifically studied in their study and he said “No”. He also stated that any Peace Officer in the state of Texas can act as an authority on a Texas road. Alderman Allphin asked for a copy of the Todd Mission study.

Motion to Approve: asking our attorney to provide clarification/possible contract with a committee to determine the city’s options. Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Mallard

Voting: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

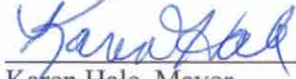
Mayor Hale appointed a committee of John Greenwood, Kim Allphin, and herself.

7. Discuss/consider/approve: PSVFD Emergency Services contract: fee for service
Mayor Hale is appointing a committee to meet with PSVFD officials to provide a document that both parties agree on; Committee will be Mayor Hale and Alderman Allphin. (Limited to two (2) on committee because Alderman Greenwood is on the City Board and the PSVFD Board and only three (3) present from city are allowed to be present to avoid having a quorum. It is necessary to meet and come to compromise agreement to resolve issues without additional meetings. PSVFD has agreed to this meeting to write a mutually agreed upon contract. (Neither entity will have an attorney present, but they can be called if necessary.) Commissioner Tullos, referring to the Local Government Code-Public Safety, stated that the Commissioner’s Court may provide funds for equipment and services for areas outside municipalities. Contract between city and fire department needs to be in place. County has no authority to provide services within the municipalities.
8. Discuss/consider/approve: road maintenance CR 311
Discussion: Mayor Hale stated that there are left-over funds after purchase of ARPA culverts, road materials were purchased that can be used for repairs. There have been multiple complaints about the CR 311’s condition after “supposed” repairs. There were many complaints on CR 203—Entergy has agreed to repair the areas on CR 203 that were damaged by their equipment. Alderman Allphin questioned “when and where will the repairs on CR 311 take place?” GC Road Engineer Jon Steiber will be present at our next meeting.
9. Discuss/consider/approve: City Office move in, purchases, and particulars: IT service to hook up computer and get our computers communicating with each other as needed.
Discussion: Suggestion is to hire someone to do IT services for hook up. Alderman Allphin volunteered to investigate various avenues and costs of each for security, stating that we need a security company. She has used a specific company; Alderman Bettes also suggested contacting a local company, The Nerd Bee, for estimated costs. Additional discussion included “where to post notices, etc.?” It was agreed that since there is a glass front entrance to the office, notices should be posted there. A Bulletin Board has also been purchased for Plantersville Town Hall back entrance. Alderman Mallard volunteered to hang it.
10. Board update/discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on agenda)
March 14 – PTH Fish Fry and Raffle
March 7 -- Navasota/Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Banquet
February 14 – Valentine Dance, St. Mary Catholic Church
February 14 – Valentine Dance, VFW, Navasota

Closed Session

11. The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code
No Closed Session necessary
12. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm

Approved:

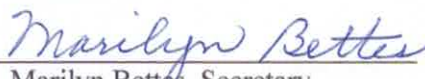


Karen Hale, Mayor

Date:

2-17-25

Attest:



Marilyn Bettes, Secretary

Date:

2-17-25