

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
January 20, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. p.m. on Monday, January 20, 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: Jessica Bomar, Nancy McMillan

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 December 16, 2024
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: None
4. Discuss/consider/approve: Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable
Discussion: New invoice from Only 1 Rentals with additional delivery fee added
Motion to Approve: Alderman Mallard
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future agendas
None.
6. Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns: Alderman Greenwood reported PSVFD personnel were at Emergency Management meeting. With current prediction of freezing temperatures our location is listed as a warming center.
7. Discuss/consider/approve: City Election
Discussion: a) Mayor Hale stated that Election Administrator requires 2 points of contact to receive Election Results. The Mayor and one other. Alderman Allphin nominated Alderman Greenwood.
Motion to approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
d) Joint Election Agreement with GC Election Administrator.
Motion to approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
e) Order the Election
Motion to approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8. Discuss/consider/approve: resolution designating Navasota Examiner as official newspaper for the city.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
9. Discuss/consider/approve: discuss Todd Mission Police Dept. trying to remove PSVFD from "Fill the Boot" locations within Plantersville City Limits
Discussion: Alderman Greenwood requested, due to current weather conditions, that this be postponed until our next meeting.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
10. Discuss/consider/approve: Steve Duncan with Bleyl Engineering discuss Grant 4 MIT MOD project, road abandonment of CR 201 from Legge Rd. to FM 1774 for safety issues, and other engineering for city topics
Discussion: Mayor Hale asked that we postpone discussion until Mr. Duncan arrives
11. Discuss/consider/approve: Public Hearing for discussion of 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Fund Grant, CDBG Program of Texas Department of Agriculture: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6 pm, notice will be in newspaper on January 29, 2025. RFQ's for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Service deadline for submission is January 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Plantersville is invited to submit a fully-developed Project Application
Discussion: Mayor Hale presented the above as information only.
12. Discuss/consider/approve: City Office move in, purchases, and particulars
Discussion: Mayor Hale asked the PSVFD for permission to change the locks at the City Office for security reasons since the current locks have been there for some time.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
Additional consideration: Mayor Hale asked if Alderman Greenwood or Alderman Mallard (who previously investigated phone set-ups) would be able to follow through with that issue? Alderman Mallard volunteered to get the phone set-up in place. (Alderman Allphin offered to provide info from her office phones change-over last year.)
13. Discuss/consider/approve: PSVFD Emergency Contract fee for service
Discussion: Alderman Greenwood suggested we postpone and discuss at same time as Public Hearing; Mayor Hale said it would conflict with Plantersville Town Hall Meeting already scheduled for 7:00 pm on February 4, so another date would be needed. Alderman Allphin moved to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, February 5 at 5:30 pm to discuss both Agenda items 9 and 13.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
14. Discuss/consider/approve: city pamphlet for citizens
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin moved to postpone until Regular February 17 meeting (with changes recommended tonight and also include city/community meeting schedule)
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Unanimous
15. Discuss/consider/approve: city/community meeting schedule
(Added in Motion and Approved for discussion at Regular February 17 meeting)

16. Discuss/consider/approve: Olsen & Olsen, LLP Local Government Seminar, January 30, 2025, 8:30 to 4:00
Discussion: For information only—Mayor Hale and Alderman Bettes attended one of their meetings in Stafford. Must register to attend.
17. Discuss/consider/approve: road maintenance
Discussion: The Mayor and Aldermen continue to receive road issue complaints—CR 311, CR 203, Phillips Road, Post Office Road, etc. Alderman Allphin stated that the road repairs usually stop just before her residence and close to the Venue 311, even though the road continues and has huge potholes beyond where they stop.
18. Board update/discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on agenda)
Mayor Hale stated that PSVFD now has another Thermal Imaging Camera thanks to fundraising efforts of Alderman Brewer
Alderman Bettes reported Special Recognitions for the family of Sgt, Butler, Navasota PD officer killed in line of duty; i.e. meals to be provided for NPd, GC Sheriff's Dept and family (coordinated by GC Chamber of Commerce)
March 14 – PTH Fish Fry and Raffle
10. Steve Duncan arrived and discussed Old Schoolhouse Road, Legge Road, engineering issues for Plantersville—provided surveys of the MIT MOD (Old Schoolhouse Rd. project) for all to see. How to make closure of part of CR 201 work best for safety.....TxDOT and previous and current County Engineers recommend the road closure for safety reasons, with necessity for consideration of how to do that with the safest end product.

Closed Session

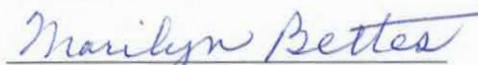
16. The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code
No Closed Session necessary
17. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm

Approved:


Karen Hale, Mayor

Date: 2-17-25

Attest:


Marilyn Bettes, Secretary

Date: _____