

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
May 19, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present: Sonya Brewer
Karen Hale, Mayor
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman

Sonya Brewer, Alderman
John Greenwood, IV, Alderman
Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Visitors: Jessica Bomar, Nancy McMillan, Chad McMillan, David Tullos, Sandra Kuta, Tim Kuta, Debbie Jollisant, Carolyn Kurten, Fran Davis, Tony Mock, Deen Miller, Chuck Collins, Trenia Collins, Larry Jollisant, Brett Bratcher, Terry Bratcher, Robbie Allphin, Johnny Mock, Jackie Lechinger, Gertrude Austin, Larry Halliday, Shannon Halliday, Linda Eppley, Elizabeth Piper, and Joe Fauth

1. **Call to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Alderman Allphin followed by the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes** of Regular Meeting April 21, 2025 and Special Meeting May 9, 2025
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** Jessica Bomar offered congratulations to newly elected officials, read scripture and spoke a prayer; Carolyn Kurten spoke against the Order of the Agenda (swearing in being last Agenda item); Fran Davis referenced the patch work completed on CR 203 and questioned when other work would begin—she also offered Congratulations to Newly elected officials.
4. **Discuss/consider/approve:** Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable
Discussion: Alderman Allphin questioned attorney fees; Alderman Greenwood commented on Bleyl Engineering payment
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Mallard
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 positive feedback on the PSVFD Dinner. In spite of the rain, there was a record attendance and also a record income of \$42,500.
7. **Discuss/consider/approve: Road Maintenance as performed by the County Maintenance Department;** \$50,000 allotted from Entergy for CR 203 repairs—soft spots will soon turn to potholes and the existing number of potholes remains to be determined. Bleyl will put job out for bids—currently waiting on Steve Duncan to proceed—repairs to include all the area to the south end of CR 203. Alderman Greenwood is waiting on illustration to check area to be repaired—this information has been verified by email with more information to follow. CR 311 is still on plan for overlay—project needs to provide longer lasting results.
8. **Discuss/consider/approve: Signatory Resolution for the 25/26 CDBG Grant Application** (grant 6 and update)

Discussion: Alderman Allphin disagreed with 2023 wording. No Board Secretary is listed and the deadline is listed as today, May 19. Alderman Millard proposed the following wording: the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem shall serve as the City's Chief Executive Officers. If a third signer is needed, it will be the designated Grant Secretary.

Motion to Approve: with changes, Alderman Mallard

Second: Alderman Brewer

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: update on ARPA Grant** (grant 2, inventory of culverts TBD)
Alderman Greenwood will investigate since CR 203, CR 311 and several other roads are eligible for culverts
10. **Discuss/consider/approve: Ordinance/Letter for TML...Procurement Laws Made Easy** for Community Resilience Grant (grant 5 and update)
Discussion: None
Motion: to approve as presented: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes, Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
11. **Discuss/consider/approve: update on MIT MOD Schoolhouse Road Grant** (grant 4)
Discussion: Alderman Greenwood reported information from Steve Duncan with Bleyl Engineering that the project should be completed by 2026. He is waiting for specific documentation. The project is slowly progressing, and his proposed completion date is sometime in 2026.
12. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Office purchases, and particulars: new phone number for the City Office: 936-236-2000**
Discussion: There were some questions regarding the GoDaddy Account which will be cancelled. The Nerd Bee will be our contact for assistance--\$95
Once totally operational the cost will be \$250. There will also be an application submitted for a dot/gov website and Email address at the state rate.
13. **Discuss/consider/approve: request to be released from Plantersville ETJ**
Discussion: According to Rules established by the Texas Legislature in 2023, a subdivision must be released upon request. (They are still required to follow the County Subdivision Rules.) The action can be delayed for 45 days.
Motion to Postpone until next meeting: Alderman Brewer
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
14. **Board update/discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on agenda)**
St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Memorial Day event—May 25
Grimes County Fair—first week of June (June 1-7)
Senior Day, Grimes County Fair—June 7
15. **Discuss/consider/approve: pay method to use for city secretary** *NO MUST BE WR*
Discussion: Decide between W-2 or form 1099; after discussion 1099 was decided best
Motion: to approve payment by 1099 method by Alderman Brewer
Second: Alderman Mallard
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries

Closed Session

15. The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code
No Closed Session necessary

Open Session

16. Return to open meeting: Not necessary
17. INSTALLATION: Judge Joe Fauth, Installing Officer
Mayor: Kiimberly Allphin Alderman Brett Bratcher Alderman Sandra Kuta
18. Transfer of documents to Mayor Elect Allphin
19. Adjourn: 7:54 p.m.

Approved: .

Kimberly Allphin
Kimberly Allphin, Mayor Elect

Attest:

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Date: 06-16-2025

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