

**Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville  
October 20, 2025**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

**Members Present:**

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

Brett Bratcher, Alderman  
Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

**Absent:** Sandra Kuta, Alderman

**Visitors:** Valerie and Kobi Buvinghausen, David and Tanya Tullos, Dave and Dorothy Tullos, Charles and Trenia Collins, Nancy Jane McMillan

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Allphin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Allphin gave the invocation and the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes** of Regular Meeting September 15, 2025, Public Hearing Budget FY 2025-2026 Minutes September 15, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes September 29, 2025  
**Motion to Approve: Alderman Brett Bratcher**  
**Second: Alderman John Greenwood**  
**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. Payables include PS VFD Service Contract, legal expense, office supplies, city event Treats.  
**Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood**  
**Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher**  
**Voting: Yes. Unanimous**  
**Final Resolution: Motion carries**
5. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** PSVFD Board Member Greenwood provided report as there was a fire call in progress and the assistant chief unavailable. Information provided included the success of the Fill the Bucket on recent weekends, more volunteers needed for the upcoming Saturdays. Mayor Allphin will post on city website and city social media to aid in this process. There were several grass fires that had occurred over the past month and with the severe drought conditions, the fire department wanted to encourage safety as burn ban has been issued by Commissioners Court for all of Grimes County.
6. **Discuss/consider/approve: General City Road Maintenance, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Road 311**  
Discussion: Mayor Allphin advised that Grimes Co Road and Bridge, Ben Napier was responding to the issue of CR 311 and the deterioration of the recent overlay of road materials at the curve area of road. He is going to inspect this area to determine the best recourse. Also, Phillips Road damages with dump trucks and heavy traffic is being reviewed with proper permits from the owner of the property and the contractor hauling. Remarks from County Commissioner Tullos advised that the company, HuntCo Construction has contacted the GCR&B department and has proper permits. The repairs for Phillips Road will be taken care of after haul contract completed by HuntCo, owner Hunter Adams.  
Alderman Bratcher asked that CR 203 be inspected for repairs and the effort should be made at the end of the road going forwards to FM 1774. He stated that repair materials currently have started at the entrance of CR 203 and materials do not make it to the end of 203.  
Alderman Greenwood stated the CR 203 project with grant continues and regarding ROW easements on CR 203 will be addressed with the Planning Community Grant with surveys of metes and bounds, with expense being shared with the city.

Alderman Bettes advised that TXDot needs to be contacted regarding Post Office road and the deep holes from FM 1774 to the roadway. It is heavily traveled by residents with postal services at the Post Office. Alderman Bratcher inquired about the general road maintenance and the availability of slowing traffic on FM 1774 and SH 105, especially with heavy traffic of the Tex Ren Fest. Additional discussion regarding the options of electronic signage and the budget for purchasing. Alderman Bratcher will contact resources for current prices of signs. Mayor Allphin will contact BV Regional TXDot Office for additional information. **Motion: no action taken, information only for further research**

7. **Discuss/consider/approve: GLO Street Mit-Mod Grant Project 24-065-080-735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/ Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates**

Discussion: Alderman Greenwood advised that progress continues with the grant project. The major issue with the Plantersville Baptist Church and easement parking area has been resolved as the church board donated the ROW easement to the City. It is a small parcel of property at the curve area of roadway. The two properties involved are the church and the Tullos' on the other side of the roadway. Mayor Allphin acknowledged the Tullos' in attendance and asked if they had questions regarding the project as the City would like to provide any additional information. Mr. Dave Tullos indicated they had some questions and his son, Commissioner Tullos would address them on their behalf. Question - the impact on property will be very limited as the roadway will continue to exist in same footprint with a small adjustment for the curve area with church property. Also, the drainage impact of FM 1774 and CR 202 is being reviewed as part of the road project as a whole. Alderman Greenwood provided a screenshot of the current road plans and advised that he would provide additional hard copies to the Tullos' for their review. The trees on Tullos' property should not be affected and the drives will have culverts to assist in drainage.

Alderman Bettes inquired as to the Texas Historical Commission and the status of the church review. Alderman Greenwood advised that it has been submitted to THC and their response time is at least 30 days to review. Alderman Bettes asked if Grimes Co HC has to respond also. Alderman Greenwood advised he would check with grant project manager. Mayor Allphin stated that a joint virtual meeting had been held with all parties of the GLO Street Project 24-065-735 and the environmental is in process as part of the compliance of grant.

**Motion: no action taken, information only**

8. **Discuss/consider/approve: TDA 2025 2026 Community Development Grant Project Application CDV25-0218 County Road 203 Status, Easement and Updates**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin reviewed progress of the TDA grant and the additional reports submitted regarding the necessary culvert and drainage completed by Bleyl Engineering. The additional endorsement insurance recommended by TDA is being researched with insurance carrier. She also stated that the grant manager Aron Miller is completing reports to TDA Grant Manager Elliott Crunk on our behalf.

**Motion: no action taken, information only**

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Comprehensive Planning Application 100759-APP Status and Updates**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin advised the grant procedures with additional resolutions have been submitted as required and a scheduling of award meetings with GLO and Public Mgmt Grant Manager will be in the near future. Mayor Allphin stated the additional compliance reports submitted with corrections and additions of the required insurance with endorsements recommended by GLO.

**Motion: no action taken, information only**

10. **Discuss/consider/approve: Closure/Temp Closure of Maggie Rd, FM 1774 to CR 202**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin stated that several residents have concerns about the deterioration of the road and the overgrown weeds and dangerous conditions of Maggie Rd. It is simply a private drive that serviced one property and that property is not being maintained or occupied. It is vacant and overgrown with limited access. Alderman Greenwood requested the road be temporarily closed for safety reasons and the road has been considered private as it only serves property owner access. The property owners feel this would be a temporary solution as vehicles are accessing the road and appear to be involved in illegal activities. The property owners on each side of the road have contacted Grimes Co Sheriff Department with no response, the situation has become worse as it provides easy access to the area at the back of CR 202 and the toll road 249. Mr. Wetuski has stated that he could install an access gate at one entrance and provide temporary closure with road closed signage and construction barrels. Recommendation to research the guidelines with limiting access and research if private road as it may have not been accepted by the county prior to the city incorporation.

(Cont'd) The lane may still be private and not public road. Clarification was provided by Commissioner Tullos that all roads in Texas are owned by the state, not the city and not the state. He suggested further research and contacting TXDot and legal advisor.

**Motion by Alderman Greenwood: Approve temporarily closing Maggie Road/Lane with guidelines from the City Attorney regarding legal ramifications pursuant to state guidelines.**

**Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher**

**Voting: Yes. Unanimous**

**Final Resolution: Motion carries**

11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Welcome Signs at City Limits/Within City**  
**Discussion:** Mayor Allphin recommended that this item be moved to next meeting as Alderman Kuta was researching guidelines with TXDot and was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.  
**Motion: No action taken, discussion only**
12. **Closed Session: The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 551**
13. **Open Session: Return to open meeting: may take action on items discussed in closed session Texas Government**
14. **Discuss upcoming city event – Trunk and Treat on a Dirt Street on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; report from event chair – Valerie Buvinghausen.**  
**Discussion:** Valerie provided information regarding the final details of event and the additional responses received from new sponsors/participants. She also noted that the school notices were completed and sent home with the students at High Point Elementary. The final confirmation of light delivery and portable restrooms on schedule. Valerie noted that additional volunteers will be at the event to help with the City Table and she has decorations and containers for the treats, pencils and miscellaneous.  
Alderman Greenwood stated that both fire trucks will be parked at the entrances to prevent vehicles from traveling on Lodge Lane for additional safety of the participants and the attendees.  
**Motion: No action taken, discussion only**
15. **Discuss Items of Community Interest (no action can be discussed except to add to an agenda)**  
**Upcoming Events:** PS VFD Fill the Bucket on Saturdays of Tx RenFest - volunteers needed.  
Announcement that Grimes Co Judge Fauth has been appointed to Texas Commission on Jail Standards by Gov. Gregg Abbott. Reminders of the Plantersville Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 10 am with PS VFD Christmas Dinner on the same day from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.
16. **Mayor Allphin adjourned meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**Approved:**

**Attest:**

*Kimberly Allphin Marilyn Bettes*

**Kimberly Allphin, Mayor**

**Marilyn Bettes, Board Secretary**

**Date: 11-17-2025**

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