

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville  
February 17, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. p.m. on Monday, February 17 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, David Tullos, Brock Romero, Linda Eppley

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. **Approve Minutes** of Special Meeting February 5, 2025, Public Hearing February 10, 2025  
Motion to Approve: Alderman Mallard  
Second: Alderman Bettes  
Voting: Yes: Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** Jessica Bomar, spoke against approving contract between the city and PSVFD.
4. **Discuss/consider/approve:** Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable  
Discussion: None  
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood  
Second: Alderman Allphin  
Voting: Yes. Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future agendas**
  - a. Designate titles for board secretary and employed secretary to avoid confusion. Requested by Alderman Bettes.
  - b. Commercial construction control fencing. Requested by Alderman Mallard
6. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns: Alderman Greenwood presented Chief Waters' activity report.**
7. **Discuss: Road Maintenance, Grimes County Road & Bridge Engineer Jon Steiber**  
Discussion: Mayor Hale announced that Jon Steiber is unable to attend, but she read an email he sent. Base and asphalt will be installed on CR 203 to repair the Entergy damage at Entergy's expense. CR 311 will get \$21K of asphalt (two inch thickness) from ARPA grant funds. Mr. Steiber is supposed to figure and report the cost to finish overlaying CR 311 to the Mayor. R & B will dig up and repair the base in the worst spots before overlaying with asphalt. R & B is purchasing a reclaimer; will take soil samples and a give a recommendation on subgrade stabilization (12" depth), this will have a major impact preventing potholes. Alderman Brewer suggested that CR 311 repairs should be started at the Venue end of CR 311.
8. **Discuss/consider/approve: Election May 3 2025**
  - a. Last day to file for a place on the ballot was February 14, 2025, 5:00 PM: Write-in deadline February 18, 2025, 5:00 PM
  - b. Notice of Ballot Position Drawing will be posted Thursday, February 20, 2025 for Drawing for ballot position February 24, 2025, 5:00 PM at the City Office 8842 Phillips Road, Plantersville

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: city pamphlet for citizens**  
Discussion: Mayor Hale pointed out two corrections still to be made from the last meeting  
Motion to Approve: with two changes mentioned: Alderman Greenwood  
Second: Alderman Brewer  
Voting: Yes. Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
10. **Discuss/consider/approve: schedule community city meeting**  
Discussion: Alderman Bettes suggested to move city meeting and pamphlet printing to after the election because it would be a waste of money to print the pamphlet when it could change after the election.  
Motion: move to after the election and wait to print city pamphlet: Alderman Bettes  
Second: Alderman Mallard  
Voting: Yes: Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
11. **Discuss/consider/approve: PSVFD Emergency Services contract: fee for services**  
Discussion: Alderman Greenwood announced that he would abstain from voting to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest  
Motion: to approve as presented by Alderman Bettes  
Second: Alderman Brewer  
Voting: Yes: Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
12. **Discuss/consider/approve: hiring resolution for professional services of engineering and design services for 2026-2026 Texas Community Development Fund Grant, CDBG Program of Texas Department of Agriculture**  
Discussion: None  
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin  
Second: Alderman Greenwood  
Voting: Yes. Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
13. **Discuss/consider/approve: required documents to transfer money to TexPool for higher interest rate**  
Discussion: Mayor Hale explained that these documents are required to open an account to TexPool she asked if anyone would like to be able to inquire only about the account. Alderman Brewer asked if we would be getting a statement that everyone could see. No one expressed being able to inquire.  
Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes moved to approve the resolution and documents  
Second: Alderman Brewer  
Voting: Yes. Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
14. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Office move in, purchases, and particulars: a. phone, b. IT services**
  - a. Discussion: phone: Mayor Hale pointed out that Alderman Mallard had obtained pricing from several companies and AT&T was best option at \$22.50 a month with a rebate of \$70 for the \$70 phone purchase.  
Motion to Approve: to approve purchase by Alderman Greenwood  
Second: Alderman Allphin  
Voting: Yes: Unanimous  
Final Resolution: Motion carries
  
  - b. Discussion: IT service: Alderman Allphin contacted Ethan at The Nerd Bee. She gave us an information sheet on his services, she will give more information next meeting.  
Motion: No action taken

15. **Discuss/consider/approve: pay method to use for city secretary**  
 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
  
16. **Discuss/consider/approve: Rules and Procedures requested by Alderman Brewer**  
 Discussion: Alderman Brewer suggests that we need a workshop meeting for new members for meeting and city procedures education, after the upcoming election.  
 Motion: no action taken
  
17. **Discuss/consider/approve: PSVFD thermal camera requested by Alderman Brewer**  
 Discussion: Alderman Brewer said PSVFD is in need of a thermal camera and would like the city to make a donation for toward that. Mayor Hale explained that the Texas Constitution prohibits a city from giving gifts or donations.  
 Motion: No action taken
  
18. **Board update/discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on agenda)**  
 Announcements: PSVFD steak dinner fund raiser May 2, 2025: Town Hall Fish Fry March 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM: Chamber of Commerce banquet March 7, 2025

**Closed Session**

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

**Open Session**

20. Return to open meeting: Not necessary
21. Adjourn meeting at 8:04 PM

Approved:

Attest:

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 Karen Hale, Mayor

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 Suzan Jones,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_