

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
April 20, 2026

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Kim Allphin, Mayor
John Greenwood, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman
Absent: Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Brett Bratcher, Alderman
Sandra Kuta, Alderman
Misty Hemminger, City Secretary

Visitors: Kobi Buvinghausen, Chuck and Trenia Collins, Linda Eppley, Justin Correa, Jessica Bomar, Dave Tullos

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Allphin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Allphin gave the invocation and the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes:** March 16, 2026
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
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.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Project Induction Town Hall 1 Overview and Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives.** Ken Cognet and Emma Samaniego from Public Management, Inc. provided a presentation regarding the City's Comprehensive Plan project. The presentation included an overview of Town Hall 1, the purpose and scope of the comprehensive plan, the project timeline, and draft goals and objectives for the City of Plantersville. The Board was advised that the plan is intended to serve as a long-term planning document and will address such matters as land use, housing, drainage, hazard mitigation, community facilities, and zoning. Ken Cognet reported that the first town hall had a good turnout, surveys remain available, and at least two additional town halls are planned. Draft goals discussed included investing in resilient infrastructure, strengthening and expanding the sales tax base for long-term fiscal sustainability, and maintaining the small-town character of Plantersville while accommodating growth. The Board discussed the importance of continued public participation through surveys, town halls and community outreach.
Motion: no action taken, information only
6. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Assistant Chief Justin Correra presented the Volunteer Fire Department report. He reported that the department responded to ten calls in April and forty calls total in January and February. He announced that the Fire Department's Annual Steak Dinner Fundraiser will be held on May 8. He also noted that the department had recently participated in multi-company training, water supply training, and training at High Point Elementary. Additionally, he reported that the Easter event held at Town Hall was very successful and well attended, with positive feedback from both local families and visitors from surrounding communities. The Board discussed the event turnout, community response, and support received.
Motion: no action taken, information only

7. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Public Right-of-Way Ordinance regulating use of public rights-of-way in the City limits.** The Board considered an ordinance regulating the use of public rights-of-way within the city limits. Mayor Allphin explained that the ordinance would allow the City to better control use of rights-of-way through a City right-of-way permit, facility mapping, registration requirements, restoration requirements, and utility relocation requirements for City projects and infrastructure improvements. The need for the ordinance arose during a current grant project when utility relocation concerns were identified.

Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood

Second: Brett Bratcher

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

- * Mayor Allphin also presented related information concerning debris, parked vehicles, and obstructions in city ditches and rights-of-way and advised that the City Attorney recommended the City consider an ordinance addressing health and safety concerns associated with obstruction and deterioration of public streets, drainage and rights-of-way. A motion was made by Alderman Kuta to authorize the City Attorney to research the matter and present information and recommendations at the next City meeting.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Kuta

Second: Alderman Bettes

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Resolution against Large Scale Developments and Data Centers in Grimes County and across the State of Texas**

The Board considered a resolution expressing concerns about the increasing number of large-scale development, energy infrastructure, battery storage, and data center projects in Grimes County and across the State of Texas. Mayor Allphin read the proposed letter addressed to Judge Fauth and the Grimes County Commissioners expressing concerns regarding cumulative impacts on regional infrastructure, rural roadways, drainage, flood risk, water resources, and public safety capacity. A motion was made by Alderman Greenwood to approve the resolution and present it to the Commissioners Court and Judge Fauth.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Bratcher

Voting: Yes. Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

9. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: General Road Maintenance in City, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Road 311**

Mayor Allphin reported that the City purchased asphalt materials and that Grimes County Road and Bridge assisted by picking up, delivering, and installing the materials. Repairs and improvements were completed in the areas of concern, including severe washout areas. Mayor Allphin expressed appreciation to Grimes County Road and Bridge, Commissioner Fauth, and others who assisted with the work. She also reported that the City had received contracts back regarding general pavement reconstruction and maintenance and could now move forward with Eubanks Excavation on additional work.

Motion: no action taken, information only

10. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Miti-Mod Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates**

Mayor Allphin reported that a grant meeting was held that morning and that additional attorney documents regarding deeds and parking lot information had been completed. She stated that, due to delays associated with obtaining required historical commission approvals, the City received approval for an extension of the project timeline. The project was reported to be moving forward, with the possibility of putting the project out for bid in the coming months.

Motion: no action taken, information only

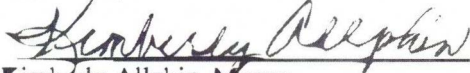
11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: TDA 2025-2026 Community Development Grant Project Application CDV25-0218 County Road 203 Rd Status, Easement and Updates**
Mayor Allphin provided an update regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture County Road 203 project and stated that the project remained in the initial stages of approval and paperwork.
Motion: no action taken, discussion only
12. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Ordinance 2026 adopting the first amendment to the FY 25-26 Budget for the City of Plantersville for additional support law enforcement services with Grimes Co. Sheriff Office**
The Board considered Ordinance No. 2026-46 adopting the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to provide additional support for law enforcement services through Grimes County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Allphin explained that a formal budget amendment was required to add the \$35,000 line item previously approved for additional law enforcement services. She also reviewed the financial standing, noting that the City was operating conservatively within budget and that actual expenditures to date remained well below projected totals.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Bettes
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
13. **GCSO Report: Support Law Enforcement**
Mayor Allphin presented a monthly report regarding law enforcement services being provided by the Grimes County Sheriff's Office. She reported that officers had been highly visible within the City and were working varying days and times, including weekends and weekdays, to help deter speeding and criminal activity. From April 7 through the date of the meeting, the report reflected approximately twenty hours of service, warnings issued, citations referred to Justice of the Peace Underwood, calls for service, and multiple area patrols. Officers were also checking local businesses and making patrol rounds in areas of concern, including areas where building materials had been stolen. Mayor Allphin also reported that one deputy had made an arrest on an outstanding Harris County warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The Board discussed the positive impact of the additional law enforcement presence.
Motion: no action taken, discussion only
14. **Discuss/Consider: Implementing as a municipality the Texas Health and Safety Chapter 437-Regulation of food service establishments, food stores, mobile food units and roadside food vendors operating within the City limits.**
Mayor Allphin presented draft information regarding a proposed ordinance regulating mobile food vendors and temporary food establishments operating within the City limits. She explained that the issue arose from citizen concerns and recent food trailer and roadside vendor activity within the City. The draft ordinance would provide health and safety standards, prohibit operation in public rights-of-way and provide enforcement and penalties. The Board discussed exemptions or accommodations for produce sales and nonprofit or community organizations such as churches, 4-H, and youth groups. The Board also discussed the need to eventually address permanent food-related businesses as development continues within the City. It was noted that Texas House Bill 2844, effective July 1, 2026, would create a statewide licensing system for mobile food vendors, and the City Attorney should consider that when preparing the ordinance. A motion was made by Alderman Bettes to proceed with the ordinance regulating mobile food vendors and temporary food establishments and to assign an ordinance number as a first step toward addressing these issues.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes
Second: Alderman Kuta
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries.
15. **Discuss Items of Community Interest (no action can be discussed except to add to an agenda)-Recent and Upcoming Events**
The board discussed recent and upcoming community events, including the Plantersville Crawfish Festival this Saturday; the Volunteer Fire Department Annual Steak Dinner on May 8; the Grimes County Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Awards Dinner on May 14; and the St. Joseph Annual Homecoming

Memorial Day Bazarre. It was also noted that donations for the Fire Department raffle, live auction, and bucket items were being accepted.

Motion: no action taken, discussion only

16. **Closed Session: no closed session**
17. **Open Session: Return to open meeting; may take action on items discussed in closed session**
No closed session, no action taken
18. **Adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m.**

Approved:



Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

Date: 5-18-2024

Attest:



Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

Date: 5-18-2024