Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville

July 15, 2024

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in Regular Session at 7:00

p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor Sonya Brewer, Alderman

Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem John Greenwood, IV, Alderman

Marilyn Bettes, Alderman, Secretary Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Visitors: Caitlin Correa, Justin Correa, Jeramiah Wittenburg, David Tullos, David Eppley, Linda Eppley, Verna Campbell, Robert Campbell, Ola Mallard and Jessica Bomar

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 with pledges led by Mayor Hale.

2. Minutes of Regular Meeting: June 17, 2024

**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Brewer

**Second:** Alderman Greenwood

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

3. Public Comments: Commissioner David Tullos suggested be sure to study each ordinance before passing; agenda item does not specify to what Item 16 pertains. Verna Campbell questioned the road issues, trees, etc.—referenced CR 203 and how to get things done; Mayor Hale granted Commissioner Tullos’ comments and stated further information was appropriate on a later agenda item.

4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices.

**Action – Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin

**Second:** Alderman Brewer

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

5. Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future Agendas. Alderman Greenwood presented 3 items for future discussion--1) Contract with PSVFD for emergency services, 2) city handling of emergency management, especially after Hurricane Beryl, 3) Stance of city on installation of a Plantersville ESD, 4) Alderman Brewer--Citizens involvement with city for how to connect with them—how to connect and there seems to be a disconnect (how to educate them); feels there is negative citizen perception, 5) Alderman Allphin-Treats on a Dirt Street.

6. Discuss/consider/approve: City Office/Secretary

**Discussion**: Mayor Hale reviewed ~~what are~~ responsibilities of a City Secretary—basic requirements: number of days, pay scale; attorney will be at next meeting and able to discuss various issues with the secretary position. Office Space—discussion regarding ADA accessibility; proposed plan to meet at other door, etc. will meet requirements. Handle details, particulars, office space—discuss at future workshop. Still working on opportunity for AARP Grant.

**Discussion:** Schedule Workshop for August 7 at 7:00 pm. (City Secretary/lease)

**Action-- Motion to Approve**: Alderman Greenwood

**Second:** Alderman Mallard

**Voting: Yes:** Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

7. Discuss/consider/approve: IRC and/or development requirements by the city

**Discussion**: Mayor Hale called on PSVFD Assistant Fire Chief Correa and he introduced Jeramiah Wittenburg, of PSVFD and Tomball Fire Department to speak on need for rules, etc. State has put some plans in place, but it is up to each municipality to adopt rules, ie. pass Ordinances, now to protect citizens and Fire Departments from undesired dangerous conditions/hazards.

Commissioner Tullos stated that no County IRC Rules have been adopted—but some items will be adopted in near future. Future developments will include our ETJ. (At PSVFD urging Cedars has agreed to put in fire hydrants in Sections 2-5. Water well being dug will be deeded to DPWSC. They agreed to participate in the project and provide necessary fire hydrants, etc.) We should research various neighboring cities, especially Todd Mission and review their plans. Mayor Hale has discussed process with Todd Mission City Manager.

**Motion to Approve:** IRC discussion at upcoming workshop: Alderman Brewer

**Second:** Alderman Mallard

**Voting:** Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

8. Discuss/consider/approve: Bank account change to interest bearing accounts

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale discussed item with the attorney and she, too, is researching how to proceed. The City’s official depository is First National Bank of Anderson; however, there are other institutions that could be considered for investments. Alderman Brewer questioned having an account with Debit Card. Might be considered for future information. Alderman Allphin suggested contacting Auditor with questions.

9. Discuss/consider/approve: Speed limit on SH 105 from Relay Station to Dollar General

**Discussion:** Alderman Brewer has spoken with Chad Bohne’s executive assistant to find previous studies; so far, no results. Brewer also requested a list of possible contractors who could provide assistance for future studies being considered. The assistant agreed to provide at least 3 names of people they like to work with. Prior study is for reference. Volume of traffic is the main issue.

**Action—Motion to Approve:** Request for Bids (Items 9 & 10) from 3 TxDOT recommended Contractors:Alderman Greenwood

**Second:** Alderman Allphin

**Voting:** Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

10. Discuss/consider/approve: Speed limit reduction on FM 1774 from Cedars to CR 203 or beyond

**Discussion:** Increase speed study area of consideration: Smith Lane to Carraway/McKinney Road

**Action—Motion to Approve**: Alderman Allphin

**Second**: Alderman Bettes

**Voting**: Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution**: Motion carries

11. Discuss/consider/approve: review 2023-24 budget and make notes of proposed changes

Discussion: Mayor Hale asked to consider future expenditures: election costs, insurance, secretary salary, legal expenses, Municipal Court, etc.

12. Discuss/consider/approve: Vape Shop Ordinance

Discussion: Attorney is researching how to put in place (Mayor attended Navasota Workshop—requested a copy of their suggested ordinance; most cities define area by zones which we don’t have, but attorney is checking how we can do it.

**Action—Motion to Approve:** Alderman Brewer-motion to investigate further and ask Attorney for guidance

**Second:** Alderman Bettes

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

13. Discuss/consider/approve: RV Park Ordinance

**Discussion**: Todd Mission has several ordinances in place and attorney recommended we follow their lead—change to fit our needs—keep on our agenda for next meeting.

**Action—Motion to Approve**: Alderman Bettes-motion to investigate with Attorney

**Second**: Alderman Brewer

**Voting**: Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution**: Motion carries

14: Discuss/consider/approve: Municipal Court

**Discussion:** Our attorney suggested that we work with Todd Mission (Interlocal Agreement); City Manager will check with Todd Mission City Council when Mayor Hale lets him know our plan. We would be responsible for paying a portion of fees to Todd Mission.

**Action—Motion to Approve**: research Interlocal Agreement with Todd Mission for use of their Municipal Court: Alderman Greenwood

**Second:** Alderman Mallard

**Voting:** Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

15. Discuss/consider/approve: Road Maintenance

**Discussion:** Alderman Greenwood requested, due to lack of county response, City put out bids on our immediate needs. Commissioner Tullos recommended discussion with John Steiber. Mayor Hale stated that this has been an ongoing issue for seven years (7) no action has occurred in Plantersville.

**Action—Motion to Approve**: Recommended Alderman Greenwood and Alderman Mallard do further research and evaluate how to put out for bids: Alderman Brewer

**Second**: Alderman Allphin

**Voting**: Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution**: Motion carries

16. Discuss/consider/approve: Drainage study for 350 Acre Development in Grimes County (Plantersville)

**Discussion:** (326 pages) Tullos confirmed it is the Fuchs place. Mayor has contacted County Engineer to see if county has approved and if what we received is the same submitted to the county. Request from Walter B. Moore, Associates

Information only!

17. Discuss: PSVFD Report and Concerns

Assistant Fire Chief Correa gave report. Many calls related to Storm Beryl. Pallet of water grant from Budweiser.

Working with The Cedars for fire hydrants, etc. Will be doing training with house burn outside the city limits in the future. Also conducting driver training using parking lots at St. Mary’s and High Point Elementary.

18. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda).

Blood Drive—Masonic Lodge on July 20

Grimes County Crime Stoppers (NISD Vape concerns)—August 1, 6:30 pm. GC Business Center

**Closed Session**

19. The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code

**Open Session**

20**.** Return to open meeting: take action on items discussed in closed session

21. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Approved: Attest:

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Karen Hale, Mayor Marilyn Bettes, Secretary

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