

**Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville  
December 15, 2025**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 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  
Sandra Kuta, Alderman  
Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

**Visitors:** Kobi and Valerie Buvinghausen, Chuck and Trenia Collins, Nancy Jane McMillan

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Allphin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Kuta gave the invocation and the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes** of Regular Meeting November 17, 2025  
**Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood**  
**Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher**  
**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. The report on Treats on Dirt Street also presented with special thank you to the event chair, Valerie Buvinghausen.  
**Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes**  
**Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard**  
**Voting: Yes. Unanimous**  
**Final Resolution: Motion carries**
5. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Alderman Greenwood advised the PSVFD Christmas party with Santa and dinner was a remarkable success. He reported the generosity of the community and other organizations with the toy drive provided enough gifts for each visiting child. The activity report was provided by Alderman Greenwood as the PSVFD officers had an additional meeting and unable to attend.
6. **Discuss/consider/approve: General City Road Maintenance in City, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Road 311**  
Discussion: Mayor Allphin advised she had spoken with TxDot Supervisor, Justin Kalisek at the Navasota office. He will inspect the entrances at Post Office Rd., Town Hall, and the PS Fire department to advise if assistance can be obtained in those areas of the TxDot right of way. Alderman Greenwood stated that in the Houston area TxDot areas, the right of way is a car length. Alderman Kuta asked if TxDot assists when driveways onto SH 105 have trees overgrown. She stated that near the restaurant and residents' homes, the overgrowth hinders views from exit driveways. Mayor Allphin is researching signs with bridge limits, road limits, etc. as recommended by GCR&B Supervisor Napier.  
**Motion: no action taken, discussion only**
7. **Discuss/consider/approve: GLO Street Mit-Mod Grant Project 24-065-080-735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Status, Easement and Updates**  
Discussion: Mayor Allphin advised a meeting was held today and progress has been made with the streamlined survey presentation, the correspondence to the Texas Historical Commission and Grimes Co. Historical Commission, Chair Kathy Wells. The correspondence was required for the environmental survey portion of the grant presentation.

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Alderman Greenwood noted that it was mentioned today in the meeting that the estimates for project obtained in 2023 will have to be adjusted with the bid in 2026.

It is anticipated that it will be increased with construction costs.

**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 provided copies of the award document received from Commissioner Sid Miller with his congratulations as the City of Plantersville has been awarded the grant funds in the amount of \$750,000. The qualifications were met and progress can be made with engineer and project manager, Aron Miller with Public Management. Mayor Allphin confirmed the attendance of the pre-award meeting that was held on November 18, 2025.

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

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Comprehensive Planning Application 100759-AA Status, additional notices and completed updates**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin advised the city has completed the initial portion of the reports required with Project Manager, Dalton Aiken with Public Management. The reports have been uploaded to the TDA website and will be reviewed. Survey information is required and will be available online and paper form per information provided. Mayor Allphin will email general survey to the board for review and suggestions.

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

10. **Discuss/consider/approve: Welcome Signage – Texas Dept of Transportation information and guidelines**

Discussion: Mayor Allphin presented documents regarding guidelines and research regarding the welcome signage as requested by Alderman Kuta and Greenwood. Discussion was held regarding the mandates and guides by TxDOT. Alderman Bettes expressed the city had immediate needs with roads and maintenance at this time and did not feel signage was a needed expense. Mayor Allphin advised that there are alternatives to an expensive monument, board/vinyl signage if area available from citizen along highway frontage. This would just show pride in our community and in the past organizations such as FFA/4H groups would post welcome signs.

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

11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Additional information regarding Temporary Closing of Maggie Rd from FM 1774 to CR 202**

Discussion: Alderman Mallard announced that he had spoken with heirs to the property of Simmons and the property has taxes due and funds are not available to pay them. The mobile home is being relocated and there is no issue temporarily closing the road/drive as the property is vacant and unsecured. Alderman Greenwood stated the temporary closing signage and detour information can be provided to place at each end, the road is partially impassable due to condition. The board agreed this would prevent injury and/or damage to autos attempting to use the lane. Mayor Allphin advised that she had researched the lane and it is not listed as a true road or lane, the prior city documents found from GCR&B indicate it is a private lane/road. Alderman Greenwood stated he had researched the roads and lanes, the state does not own a road, if in the city limits it is allocated to the city. If the city board deems a safety hazard to the public, it would have initiative to temporarily act such as a closure.

Alderman Kuta recommended Maggie Lane, a private drive from information provided be temporarily closed for the safety of public and the conditions of the roadway and overgrown areas.

**Motion to Approve: Alderman Sandra Kuta**

**Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes**

**Voting: Yes. Unanimous**

**Final Resolution: Motion carries**

12. **Discuss Items of Community Interest** (no action may be discussed, except to put on the agenda)  
Discussion: Mayor Allphin complemented Alderman Kuta for organizing the Christmas parade and the event was an immense success with increased attendance, floats, and community involvement. The weather was very pleasant for the day. Alderman Kuta advised that the Friendly food mart would be closing as the new store would be finished soon with the current area demolished and removed.

An agenda item was recommended by Alderman Kuta to research and address individuals that would like to be part of the city with voting rights. It was agreed by the board to list item on next agenda. area and finish at the fire station. She also stated the food distribution is on Thursday at the Relay Station, please let the community know about this resource for community members in need.

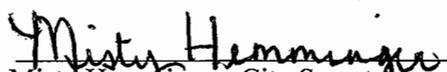
13. **Closed Session**  
(There was no closed session)
14. **Open Session**  
Not Applicable
15. **Adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m.**

Approved:

  
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Kim Allphin, Mayor

Date: 1-17-26

Attest:

  
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Misty Hemminger, City Secretary

Date: 1/17/26