

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

Mayor – Karen Hale

Secretary – Kimberly Allphin

Alderman – Frank Dean

Alderman – Marilyn Bettes

Absent - Mayor Pro – Tem – Kristina Keyser Mayton and Alderman – Otis Greenwood, Jr.

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors: None

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Invocation by Alderman Kimberly Allphin and Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. The minutes from January 13, 2020 were approved and stand as corrected.
3. Public Comments – No Public Comments
4. Mayor Hale advised there were no invoices or payables due at this time.
5. Alderman Kimberly Allphin presented the information provided from the Texas Municipal League Insurance Risk Pool. An approximate proposal was provided by representative Chase Patton to present at the city meeting of approximate premiums and coverage amounts based on other similar sized cities with 2 of those located in Grimes County. He will prepare a written proposal and forward as soon as possible. The program available for small municipalities with endorsements and coverage through the risk pool for the Small Municipality Program. Additional items for research include an endorsement for the Town Hall as this was the meeting location of the city monthly meeting and other optional coverage types. Alderman Allphin will report findings as soon as possible.
6. Mayor Hale reported that the special materials ordered for the TxDOT SH105/FM 1774 project were not functioning as expected and delays were back in place per Area Engineer Chad Bohne with the Texas Department of Transportation in the Bryan Office. He advised to have residents contact their office for information and/or complaints. Alderman Bettes reported that the construction south of Plantersville with the TxDOT SH 249/FM 1774 was continuing with large pillars/pylons being installed in that area.
7. Mayor Hale presented the information for the Plantersville Cemetery signage with the cost information received from the company that was recommended by Mr. Bohne at TxDOT. The signs would read Plantersville Cemetery and be placed on FM 1774 and visible from either direction. These signs must be approved by TxDOT and if approved, they will be installed by TxDOT. The cost is \$430.85 with production and delivery. Alderman Allphin moved to approve the ordering and purchasing of signs if signage approved by TxDOT as required. Alderman Bettes seconded. Motion carried. Mayor Hale provided information on the research of Electronic/Solar Speed Zone Radar signs for the city limits

when construction was complete. The company recommended by TxDOT provided an estimate in the range of \$3,250 per sign. This is an ongoing project and will continue to be researched.

8. The Election of City Officers/Aldermen will be held May 2, 2020. The early voting will be held 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for dates April 21st to April 27th. The extended hour days 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. are on April 20th and April 28th. Mail in ballots must be received by April 20th at the Grimes County Election Administrators Office. The early voting locations are the Grimes County Courthouse and the Navasota Center. Alderman Marilyn Bettes moved to issue the Order of Election as required. Alderman Frank Dean seconded. Motion carried. The Order of Election was signed by mayor and attending aldermen.
9. Alderman Mayton was absent so there was no discussion on the ID cards for city officials currently.
10. Mayor Hale reported on the current Texas Sales Tax issue. Some cities and businesses have special arrangements to source local sales tax on sales made over the internet solely to particular cities. In exchange, a business may be rebated those tax dollars. The money that the local community taxpayer expects to stay in its community is being sent to a handful of specific cities and businesses. The State Legislature is to address this matter and hopefully pass legislation clarifying the matter so that the taxes will be collected and remitted to the correct city location.
11. Community Interest Items – Alderman Dean expressed the possibility of a trash/recycle day in the future promoting service to the city such as a trash/recycle day similar to Montgomery County. This would require research with the logistics and monitoring involved. Alderman Bettes mentioned the programs of safe disposal of medications and the possibility of hiring the necessary firm to handle the disposal with state and federal guidelines.
12. No executive Session/Closed Meeting Needed
13. No Action Necessary
14. Meeting Adjourned at meeting at 8:03 p.m.