

Meeting Minutes - Corrected  
March 9, 2020

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

*Mayor – Karen Hale*

*Mayor Pro Tem – Kristina Keyser Mayton*

*Alderman – Frank Dean*

*Secretary – Kimberly Allphin*

*Alderman – Marilyn Bettes*

*Absent - Alderman – Otis Greenwood, Jr.*

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors: None

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Invocation by Mayor Karen Hale and Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. The minutes from February 10, 2020 were approved as read.
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 for the City Board insurance coverage. Printed copies were presented to the mayor and alderman for their review of the program available through the TML insurance program. The coverage is available as listed with no additional endorsements such as medical payments. The program guidelines were discussed with the premium proposal/application as provided by representative Chase Patton with TML Insurance Risk Pool. The proposal requires a signed request to bind coverage and the annual premium payment of \$986.86. Alderman Frank Dean moved to complete the bind request and obtain the insurance coverage as presented with annual payment. Alderman Kimberly Allphin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Mayor Hale reported that there has been no activity or progress with the TxDOT SH105/FM 1774 project. The delays were back in place per Area Engineer Chad Bohne with the Texas Department of Transportation in the Bryan Office and water issues. 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 is continuing south of Plantersville with equipment and materials.
7. Mayor Hale advised that Mr. Bohne with TxDOT advised the signage at the Plantersville Cemetery must be brown and not green as originally planned. There is a historical marker in the cemetery and a brown sign is required. Mayor Hale contacted the sign company and the cost was the same as the prior green sign. It has been ordered and will be delivered.
8. The Election of City Officers/Aldermen will not be required as there were no additional candidates that signed up besides the three current Alderman. Mayor Hale reviewed the guidelines with election procedures and an order of cancellation is required. Alderman Kimberly Allphin moved that the Order

of Cancellation of the City Officers Election be prepared and signed. Motion seconded by Alderman Marilyn Bettes. The Order of Cancellation was completed with signatures as required and would be posted in accordance with state guidelines.

9. Mayor Hale reported on the Census Boundary project that she has been working with and had received a CD with a map of the city of Plantersville and census area. She confirmed the city limit areas for the Census board as requested. Mayor Hale encouraged the promotion of the Census with completion as soon as possible so that the city citizens, Grimes County residents and the entire state of Texas would benefit with additional funding for programs from the Federal government. There are to be mobile units in Grimes County to assist citizens to complete and file the census.
10. The Freedom of Information Act from the Texas Comptroller's Office was obtained by Alderman Kristina Keyser Mayton and the report of the current Texas Sales Tax revenue. Mayor Hale had completed a review of the sales tax from inception to the current date of February 2020. Some cities and businesses have special arrangements to source local sales tax on sales made over the internet solely to specific cities. In exchange, a business may be rebated those tax dollars. Mayor Hale reminded that the sales tax monies from Amazon, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and other retailers contribute to the local economy. She asked that all taxpayers be vigilant with the sales tax issues and the possible changes that the state legislature may address in the future.
11. Mayor Hale stated that there had been a request for city billboard ordinance and guidelines. This matter is being researched and additional information would be presented as obtained. A billboard company had contacted Mayor Hale regarding placing a sign on SH 105 in the city limits. Alderman Dean provided additional information on guidelines that he was aware of in the state. Mayor Hale is also contacting the Texas Beautification – TxDOT regarding codes and permits.
12. Community Interest Items – Mayor Hale advised that an individual with website management and design (BVCOG) had offered to meet with the city to review and discuss the current website. It would be a workshop held to be determined with date and time. The recent event with the Lighthouse Sober Living was attended by Kimberly Allphin. The dinner was nice and informative regarding the facility and the individuals seeking assistance and help. The organization is assisting the community with open meetings and a meal on Wednesdays with all welcome. They offer additional information and one on one counseling is available.
13. No executive Session/Closed Meeting Needed
14. No Action Necessary
15. Meeting Adjourned at meeting at 8:30 p.m.