

Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2019

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2019 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*

*Alderman – Otis Greenwood, Jr.*

*Absent - Mayor Pro – Tem – Kristina Keyser Mayton*

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors: None

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were previously recited at the Public Hearing Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. The minutes from August 12, 2019 were approved as presented.
3. Public Comments – No Public Comments
4. Mayor Hale advised that an invoice was received from the Navasota Examiner in the amount of \$18.00 for the public hearing notice. Alderman Marilyn Bettes made the motion to pay Navasota Examiner invoice as presented. Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. A.  
Mayor Hale reviewed the Proposed Amended Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. Alderman Marilyn Bettes made motion to amended the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 with the added categories of City Memberships and Dues of \$400.00 and Franchise Right of Way Firm Fee of \$20,000. Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
  
B.  
Alderman Frank Dean made the motion to adopt the Amended Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 with Ordinance prepared by Mayor Karen Hale. Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Alderman Frank Dean provided copy of the ID card that he had obtained from website service. The approximate cost is \$30.00 per card. Discussion was held and Mayor Hale will contact Judge Fauth regarding the county id system and the cost associated with their system. The matter tabled for further research.
7. Mayor Hale advised that all Alderman have completed the Ethics and Training as required by the State of Texas.
8. Biographies for the City website can be updated with information and photo. Please email to Mayor Hale or City Secretary Alderman Kim Allphin.

9. Alderman Frank Dean reported that the Electronic Traffic Speed Signage as that of Todd Mission city limits is available from vendors that specialize in this type of city/state signage. General discussion was held to obtain 3 bids from vendors that are recommended and approved with the State of Texas and TxDOT. Alderman Frank Dean will continue research and report back with findings.
10. Discussion of an ordinance to temporarily lower speed limits through the TxDOT project. Ordinance 14-19 was presented to lower speed zones at the city limits to 60 mph and 50 mph within 1 mile of the intersection. Alderman Kim Allphin made the motion proceed with Ordinance 14-19. Alderman Marilyn Bettes seconded the motion. Discussion was held and currently this was the only option to lower speed limits. A vote was called on the motion and it carried with 4 Yes votes by Alderman Marilyn Bettes, Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman Kim Allphin and Mayor Karen Hale with 1 No vote by Alderman Frank Dean. Motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no.
11. The Entergy Franchise Tax Payment has been received; the amount is \$20,297.18.
12. No additional discussion or items of community interested were presented.
13. No Executive Session/Closed Meeting required.
14. Mayor Karen Hale adjourned meeting at 8:02 p.m.