

Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2019

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2019 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 – Marilyn Bettes

Alderman – Otis Greenwood, Jr.

Absent – Alderman – Frank Dean and Secretary Alderman – Kimberly Allphin

Thus, constituting a quorum:

Visitors: Mrs. Delisa Greenwood

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation by Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr. and Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. The minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2019 were approved as presented.
3. Public Comments – No Public Comments
4. Mayor Hale advised there were no invoices or payables due at this time.
5. Bio and photo still needed from Alderman Frank Dean for city website.
6. Discussed ID cards for city officers and those available at nametagwizard.com. The cost per tag is \$10.99. Alderman Kristina Keyser Mayton made motion to purchase ID cards for the current 2-year term officers which are Mayor Karen Hale, Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr. and Alderman Kimberly Allphin. Alderman Greenwood seconded. Motion carried.
7. Research continues regarding Electronic Traffic Speed Signage at this time.
8. TxDOT update presented by Mayor Hale. She spoke with Chad Bohne with the TxDOT office overseeing the SH105/FM1774 project. He stated that the construction has been delayed with the water issues and obtaining materials needed to proceed with construction. He advised that TxDOT is negotiating with materials company on price. Mr. Bohne stated that the City of Plantersville has no fault in this delay in any way. This project was started prior to city formation and complaints should be addressed to TxDOT. Individuals should contact the Bryan District TxDOT office for additional information and to discuss the construction.
9. Insurance proposals were not available as Alderman Kimberly Allphin was absent.
10. Mayor Hale is contacting Scott Houston with Texas Municipal League regarding the use of municipality right of ways, otherwise called right of way fees (or franchise fees). These are not a tax. Cooperative (Co-Ops) are required to pay a right of way fee. Mid-South Synergy advised that the company will charge customers a billing for this, however research indicates a charge cannot be made to the customer. Additional research continues and will be presented as available.

11. The Central East Texas Alliance (CETA) was discussed with membership for upcoming year 2020. Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion for the city to join Central East Texas Alliance organization. Alderman Kristina Keyser Mayton seconded motion. Motion carried.
12. No community interest items presented.
13. No Executive Session/Closed Meeting required.
14. Mayor Hale adjourned meeting at 8:14 p.m.