

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville  
December 14, 2020

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor  
Kristina Keyser Mayton, Alderman Mayor Pro Tem  
Kimberly Allphin, Alderman Secretary  
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman  
Frank Dean, Alderman

Members Absent:

Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman

Visitors present: Carol Kurten, Julee Kuta Wilson, Sandra Kuta, Paula Whitely and her granddaughter

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hale led the invocation with pledges recited.

2. Minutes: Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020 – With addition to Item 10 by Alderman Dean adding “law firm of Blake Beckham, The Beckham Group, representing plaintiffs”.

**Motion to Approve with Correction:** Alderman Bettes

**Second:** Alderman Allphin

**Voting** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

Special Meeting Minutes from November 23, 2020

**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Marilyn Bettes

**Second:** Alderman Mayton

**Voting** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

3. Public Comments: Sandra Kuta
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable:  
Mayor Hale presented financial statement of all currently due and payable for the City of Plantersville to Aldermen.  
Discussion: Review of Town Hall Rental of \$1,200.00 for City of Plantersville Meetings and Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues of \$175.00, budgeted items.  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin moved to pay all outstanding invoices and items.  
**Second:** Alderman Bettes  
**Voting** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
5. May 2021 Election of Officers:  
Discussion: Mayor Hale advised Notice of Deadline to file an application for place on the ballot for the City of Plantersville Election was issued today. Filing will begin January 13, 2021 and ends February 12,

2021 with Grimes County Elections Administrator, Lucy Ybarra. The filing options are in person, by mail and by email. There are 2 Aldermen positions and 1 Mayoral. The Notice of Deadline has been posted on website, Facebook, and City Bulletin Board.

**Action:** None

6. CD Account to move funds from Reserve Account

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale provided information regarding the guidelines of FDIC and amount insured up to \$250,000 in any single account. The recommendation to establish another account as a Certificate of Deposit. The board discussed the matter and the time length for CD as it is normally 6 months or 12 months.

**Action - Motion:** Alderman Bettes moved to open a 6 Month Certificate of Deposit, City of Plantersville CD #1 with the city banking facility, First National Bank, in the amount of \$245,000. The remaining funds in the Reserve Account will be \$105,000.

**Second:** Alderman Allphin

**Voting Yes:** Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

7. Posting local events on City Website – Possible guidelines, ideas, etc.

**Discussion:** Alderman Allphin advised that research has revealed many cities only list their specific events on city calendars. It seems they have a link to their Chamber of Commerce or Business Economic Department that has community/town calendar with local events. Alderman Allphin will contact Mr. McNally with Grimes County Chamber for input and recommendations to present to the board.

**Motion to Table:** Alderman Allphin

**Second:** Alderman Mayton

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

8. Notice Special Meeting on December 16, 2020 resolution designating an administration service provider for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund application and project implementation

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale provided update on the committee meeting with requests sent to 6 firms (minimum allowed is 3 requests) for proposals to administer the specified grant, that is due by Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Three proposals have been received as of today, December 14, 2020. All proposals received by 12/15/2020 deadline will be presented at Special City Meeting on December 16, 2020.

**Action:** None

9. State Comptroller Transparency Star Program

**Discussion:** The Board discussed the State Comptroller Transparency Star Program and the qualifications and extensive financial reporting necessary with mandated guidelines to apply for this designation. The board agrees that the City does not have the resources required for the Transparency Star Program at this time.

**Action:** None

10. Entergy transmission line: letter to oppose the options located on main city roads “Proposed Alternative Substation Site and Site Boundary” on FM1774, SH 249, and particularly at the SH 249 intersection

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reported that inquiries had been made by citizens to send a formal letter of opposition from the City of Plantersville to Entergy regarding substation sites within the city limits of Plantersville, particularly those along main roads.

**Action – Motion:** Alderman Bettes requested a city resolution be prepared Opposing all Substation Sites within the city limits of Plantersville.

**Second:** Alderman Dean

**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

11. Community Interest:

Local events – Free Food Distribution will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 available at the Relay Station Event Center for persons in need. It is income based and provided by the Brazos Food Bank with distribution by The Lighthouse Sober Living organization. COVID drive through testing sites are set up within the county in Todd Mission, Anderson, Navasota and Bedias. NISD has closed the school campus' this week with higher COVID cases and students are on virtual learning again. Plantersville has 5 active COVID cases.

12. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None required

13. No Action Taken,

14. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved  
Karen Hale, Mayor  
01-11-2021

Attest:  
Kimberly Allphin, Secretary  
01-11-2021

\*Corrected minutes – Item 10 adding law firm of Blake Beckham, The Beckham Group, representing plaintiffs.

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

(AVISO DE FECHA LÍMITE PARA PRESENTAR UNA SOLICITUD PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that an application for a place on the City of Plantersville  
(name of political subdivision/party)

Regular/Special/Primary Election ballot may be filed during the following time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
(Circle one)

(Se da aviso por la presente que una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta de la Elección

Regular/Especial/Primaria de City of Plantersville se pueden presentar  
(marcar una con círculo) (nombre de la subdivisión política/partido)

durante el siguiente horario: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm)

### Filing Dates and Times:

(Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)

Start Date: January 13, 2021

(Fecha Inicio)

End Date: February 12, 2021

(Fecha Límite)

Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

(Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing an application in person for place on the ballot:

(Dirección a física para presentar una solicitud en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

100 S. Main, Anderson, TX 77830

Address to mail an application for place on the ballot (if filing by mail):

(Dirección a donde enviar una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por correo))

PO Box 375, Anderson, TX 77830

Email or Fax Number to send an application for place on the ballot:

(Dirección de correo electrónico o número de fax para enviar una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta)

Llucy.ybarra@grimescountytexas.gov



Signature of Filing Officer  
(Nombre en letra de molde del Oficial de Archivos)

Karen Hale

Printed Name of Filing Officer  
(Firma del Oficial de Archivos)

December 14, 2021

Date Posted  
(Fecha archivada)