

Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2019

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

*Mayor – Karen Hale*

*Alderman – Marilyn Bettes*

*Alderman – Frank Dean*

*Alderman Secretary – Kimberly Allphin*

*Alderman – Otis Greenwood, Jr.*

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

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 November 11, 2019 were approved as presented.
3. Public Comments – Public comment made by Mrs. Greenwood. She stated that the recent parade event held in the City of Plantersville was rather dangerous with several almost accidents and it did not represent the city well with diversity and organization. She would like the City to research options to make parades and events more diverse and safer. Collaborate with the citizens and the local organizations that could enhance the parade or city events.
4. Mayor Hale advised the current invoices due and payable include the following: CETA Membership Dues \$200.00; Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues \$150.00; Post Office Box Rental \$64.00; and the Texas Municipal League Membership Dues \$591.00. Alderman Frank Dean moved that all invoices presented be paid. Marilyn Bettes seconded. Motion carried.
5. Alderman Secretary Kimberly Allphin advised the website has been updated with the addition of Alderman Dean's photo and bio. Also, the update to Alderman's Bettes information as she requested.
6. Mayor Hale advised that Kristina Keyser Mayton was working on the name ID card project and it would have to be addressed at next meeting as Ms. Mayton absent.
7. Mayor Hale reported that the research continues on the Electronic Traffic Speed Signage. She had spoken with TxDOT Representative Chad Bohne and he would forward information regarding the requirements for TxDOT in order to install at future date. There are specific guidelines and permissions required from Texas Department of Transportation.
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 should resume with equipment and materials being delivered to work site within the next week. Road construction should be active by December 16, 2019 as planned. The water materials have been ordered to complete the section of roadway that had been delaying project. A motion was made by Alderman Bettes to provide an informational announcement in the Navasota Examiner regarding the status of the construction project

and the reinitiating of road work in the city limits. Motion seconded by Alderman Greenwood. Motion carried.

9. Alderman Kimberly Allphin reviewed the only insurance proposal received at this time. It is a package type of policy coverage and includes many endorsements that are part of their package. It includes employee coverage, property coverage, etc. The approximate annual premium is \$3,400.00 with \$2,000,000 Aggregate / \$1,000,000 Occurrence. Alderman Allphin has contacted other resources including Texas Municipal League as they seem to offer a better option with only the coverages needed and do not charge for endorsements not required. She will report findings at next meeting for review and discussion.
10. Mayor Hale reported that she had spoken with TxDOT Chad Bohne regarding Right of Ways in the city limits. She was informed that there is no data base for this information. It must be researched on a case by case basis. Additional research continues and will be presented as available.
11. Mayor Hale informed group that the Plantersville Cemetery Sign had been requested to TxDOT Chad Bohne. It was being ordered and would be placed on FM 1774 as requested.
12. Census 2020 was discussed regarding the importance to complete the Census in the upcoming year as it factored into many grants and awards available to communities and cities. The information allows for greater possibility to qualify. Mayor Hale and Alderman Bettes had attended informational meeting for the census. The general recommendation is to let your neighbors, friends and residents about the benefits of completing the upcoming census.
13. Mayor Hale reported on the 2018 Demographics Report she received from UT San Antonio. It includes the state's population by race, gender and county location. The population for Grimes County in 2018 was 28,871. Additional information is available at their website UT San Antonio.
14. Proclamation Review for the upcoming VFW 4006 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday was discussed and reviewed. The proclamation is to be presented at the event on January 11, 2020. Alderman Allphin moved that the City of Plantersville prepare and present proclamation to the VFW 4006 by Mayor Karen Hale. Alderman Bettes seconded the motion. Motion carried.
15. Mayor Hale had researched the speed bump and speed limit option with the Road and Bridge Supervisor Mr. Walker. He advised that in most cases the speed bumps/ramps were not a reliable source as there would be movement on roadway from his experience. Also, the speed limit is currently 35 MPH. Discussion was held and options to improve the safety issue with the Venue 311 traffic should be addressed to local law enforcement. The recommendation to ask the local residents and neighbors on CR 311 to research what can be done to improve safety for pedestrians, children and property and present findings to the city.
16. Community Interest Items - #1 Parade Event and the safety issues and complaints that city officers had received from multiple citizens and businesses. They felt the event lacked proper organization and safety issues with the traffic and current road construction. Special events and parade guidelines should be addressed for safety and traffic issues. Recommendations to research other cities and towns guidelines and request that this issue be placed on Agenda at future meeting. Extending invitation for collaboration for improvement and safety from citizens, participants, businesses and organizations that would be interested. #2 Website ADA compliance issues that affect the community and citizens was discussed with research provided by Alderman Dean. This will be a future endeavor and he wanted to

advise that all businesses, organizations and municipalities will be required to have certain coded software as part of website access with legal ramifications such as fines, penalties, etc. if not compliant.

17. No Executive Session/Closed Meeting Needed.

18. No Action Necessary

19. Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.