

Regular Meeting Minutes – City of Plantersville
October 11, 2021

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

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

Absent – Alderman Otis Greenwood, Jr.

Visitors: Kevin King, Carl Olson, Sal Farsel, Brian Fitzsimmons, Melissa Bochat, and Jeremy Duncan

1. Call to Order: Quorum was established. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation by Alderman Allphin and followed by pledges.

2. Minutes: Public Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2021

Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes

Second: Alderman Dean

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2021

Motion to Approve: Alderman Mayton

Second: Alderman Bettes

Voting Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

3. Public Comments: Kevin King

4. Invoices and items currently due and payable: None

5. Entergy Customer Service Manager, Melissa Bochat addressed the board. She is assigned to Grimes County and the City of Plantersville. She advised that a presentation had been prepared to review and inform the board and citizens about the Castle 230kV Transmission Line and Substation Project that is planned for construction in Grimes and Montgomery Counties. This will serve the area south of Plantersville. Multiple routes have been submitted to the Texas PUC for the project and these routes are under review at this time. The Entergy representatives – Carl Olsson, Sal Farsel, Brian Fitzsimmons, and Jeremy Duncan in attendance presented information about the proposed routes, the type of transmission line towers and construction, procedures, and the right of way requirements. Discussion held as Mayor Hale and the Board of Alderman inquired about the proposed routes and the matter in how these routes are obtained from local landowners, the effects of the construction on property and the proposed time frames of construction. Entergy's website provides additional information and the proposed route maps at www.entergy.com with link to Castle 230kV Transmission Line and Substation Project <https://www.entergy-texas.com/transmission/castle/>. Entergy has Corporate Grants and Funding

available that focus on improving the quality of life in communities where Entergy operates through strategic investments in education/workforce development, low income/poverty solutions and environmental programs. More information is available www.entergy.com.

6. Entergy PUC/amend Certificate of Convenience & Necessity/add electric transmission infrastructure in Grimes County: Application of Entergy Texas, Inc (ETI) for approval to amend its transmission Cost Recovery Factor.
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the Entergy PUC ETI correspondence, and it requires no action. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) decides the rating factors and implements them according to their guidelines.
Action - Motion: None
7. TDEM ARP Allocation Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the allocated CLFRF funds awarded to the city of \$50,325.00. The first half of the funds received by the city with the remainder to be sent by direct deposit to the city. The allocation was less than anticipated as the factor used in determining the allotment was based on Budget Year 2019. This was the only year used and with factor applied the allocation is \$50,325.00.
Action - Motion: None
8. 2021-2022 Community Development Fund, Community Development Block Grant
Discussion: Mayor Hale has been in touch with city representatives at GrantWorks regarding the status of the Community Development Block Grant. GrantWorks advised that this grant is still pending, and the City of Plantersville was still in a very favorable position to receive funds.
9. Road Repair / Road Maintenance
Discussion: Mayor Hale is still working with GCR&B. The need to dig ditches and replace damaged/non existing culverts is of high priority. Mayor Hale stated that the county will provide the labor and equipment for installation, the resident is required to provide the culvert. The county will then install the culvert and reuse soil matter to cover the culvert. If other road material is desired, the resident will need to provide this at time of construction/installation. The resident will have to comply to make progress in the road repair and maintenance project.
Action- Motion: None
10. Email change for board members when current contract expires
Discussion: Alderman Allphin advised the 4-user email plan at current sale rates would be \$533.22, this provides 30% promotional savings, the recommendation is to place order this week. The subscription runs annually from year to year or a 3-year plan. The website carrier does not offer .gov extensions, it is offered through specific providers and additional research is required. Alderman Dean asked that the city check into the option of adding the two current email premium boxes with the 4-user plan for additional savings.
Action - Motion: Alderman Dean moved that the subscription purchase of the new four user plan and the two premium user plans with a budget allotted of up to \$1,000.00.
Second: Alderman Mayton
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
11. Community Outreach “Treats on a Dirt Street,” Thursday, October 28, 2021, with set up completed by 5:30 p.m. and open to public 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Discussion: Alderman Allphin advised that notification was received from High Point Elementary that the school PTO will host a trunk or treat on the same night, October 28, 2021,

from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Alderman Allphin has six individuals/businesses reserved treat spots, Mayor Hale, and Alderman Bettes advised two more individuals/businesses for total of eight spots needed. Banners were discussed with the option of sizes and three-by-eight banner size was the best. The wording on banner should be more concise and reusable. The date line should be open for update each year, white letters on dark background. Alderman Allphin will contact local citizens regarding the upcoming event and seek volunteers to assist at the function. Alderman Bettes has received notification from Stoneham Food Mart the donation of bottled water for participants and visitors. Mayor Hale reviewed the budget for event of \$750.00 with current and anticipated costs.

Action – Motion: None

12. Mayor/Alderman Update/Discussion: Items of Community Interest: Streets on a Dirt Street

13. Discuss/Consider/Approve City Attorney – Requires Executive Session/closed meeting

14. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: Commenced at 9:05 pm and adjourned at 9:18pm

15. Reconvene Regular Meeting at 9:18 pm

Action – Motion: Alderman Frank Dean moved to hire law firm Olson & Olson, LLP as our City Attorney

Second: Alderman Kristina Mayton

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

16. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.