

Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2019

The Board of Alderman of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

The following members were present:

*Mayor – Karen Hale                      Secretary – Kristina Keyser-Mayton*  
*Mayor Pro Tem – Kimberly Allphin    Alderman – Marilyn Bettes    Alderman – Otis Greenwood Jr*

The following members were absent: *Alderman - Clay Godfrey*

Thus constituting a quorum:

Visitors: Frank Dean (newly elected Alderman), Judge Lester Underwood (installing officer), Sue Underwood and Delisa Greenwood

1. Mayor Karen Hale called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Otis Greenwood and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag were recited.
2. The minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2019 were approved as presented.
3. The canvass results determined from the canvass of the precinct returns provided by the Grimes County Election Administrator are as follows: Karen Hale, Mayor total votes 67 (elected), Alderman: Kimberly Allphin total votes 58 (elected), Marilyn Bettes total votes 45 (elected), Frank Dean total votes 41 (elected), Clay Godfrey total votes 36, John Greenwood IV total votes 33, Otis Greenwood total votes 49 (elected), Kristina Keyser-Mayton total votes 41 (elected). Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Allphin made a motion to accept the canvass and keep canvass housed at the Grimes County Elections Administrator's office, seconded by Alderman Otis Greenwood with each Alderman voting Yes, the motion carried.
4. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Judge Lester Underwood installed each of the newly elected City of Plantersville Board of Alderman members, which included the Mayor and 5 Aldermen. Mayor – Karen Hale, Alderman – Kimberly Allphin, Alderman - Marilyn Bettes, Alderman - Frank Dean, Alderman - Otis Greenwood, Alderman - Kristina Keyser-Mayton. Upon installation, newly elected Alderman Frank Dean took his seat with the Board of Aldermen  
Newly Elected 2019 Board of Aldermen  
*Mayor – Karen Hale    Alderman – Kristina Keyser-Mayton    Alderman – Kimberly Allphin*  
*Alderman – Marilyn Bettes    Alderman – Otis Greenwood Jr.    Alderman – Frank Dean*
5. The Aldermen drew lots to determine which 2 Aldermen would have two-year terms and the remaining 3 Aldermen will have one- year terms this cycle. The Alderman that drew lots to serve a two-year term are Alderman Kimberly Allphin and Alderman Otis Greenwood. The Alderman that drew lots to serve a one-year term are Alderman Marilyn Bettes, Alderman Frank Dean, and Alderman Kristina Keyser-Mayton.
6. Each of the City of Plantersville Board members shared a profile to get acquainted with each other.
7. Alderman Otis Greenwood made a motion to nominate Kristina Keyser-Mayton as Mayor Pro Tem, with 6 votes for and 0 against Kristina Keyser-Mayton was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.
8. Alderman Marilyn Bettes nominated Alderman Kimberly Allphin as Recording Secretary, with 6 votes for and 0 against Kimberly Allphin was elected as Recording Secretary.

9. There were no public comments.
10. There are no invoices currently due and payable.
11. Alderman Kimberly Allphin made a motion to participate in the Grimes County Courthouse 125th Birthday Celebration on June 15, 2019 in Anderson from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, seconded by Alderman Marilyn Bettes, with each Alderman voting Yes, the motion carried.
12. The City of Plantersville Board of Alderman will take turns staying after the meeting to put up the table and chairs and lock the doors after each meeting.
13. The Texas Demographic Center Release of 2017 Population Estimated of the total population of Grimes County in 2010 was 26,604, in 2017 was 28,231, and in 2018 was 28,491.
14. Items of public interest: Mayor Karen Hale stated that every elected member is required to complete a 1 hour Open Meeting Act training as well as a 1 hour Public Information Act.  
Alderman Kim Allphin asked for the hazardous conditions on SH 105 caused by TxDOT's confusing marking, lack of proper signage, and lack of slower speed limits in a construction zone to be included on the next agenda. Alderman Allphin has received many calls from the public about this dangerous situation which is causing a large number of accidents.  
Alderman Marilyn Bettes reported that there is construction on FM 1774 by FiberLight which will be some type of fiber optic cable installation when it is completed.
15. No closed meeting needed.
16. Mayor Karen Hale adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.