

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
February 20, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023 in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman Secretary
Frank Dean, Alderman
Otis Greenwood, Jr., Alderman (arrived after pledges)
Carolyn Kurten, Alderman

Visitors: Sofie Lehmann, John Greenwood, Tony Mock, Jessica Bomar, Robert Fuchs, Joe Burks, Bobbye Griffith, Bobby Joe Green, Tanya Walters, David Tullis

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Kim Allphin with pledges led by Mayor Hale.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2023
Motion to Approve: Alderman Frank Dean
Second: Alderman Kim Allphin
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.
Discussion: Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices. Carolyn asked for information regarding City Accounts. The Mayor stated the City would be going out for bids for our bank
Action – Motion to Approve: Alderman Kim Allphin
Second: Alderman Carolyn Kurten
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. Mayor Hale stated Items 5 and 6 would be addressed at same time.
Discussion: Sophie Lehmann with Grant Works will present information.
6. Discuss/consider/approve: General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Model: CDBG MIT – MOD, Brazos Valley Council of Government (BVCOG). Although other roads were considered, it was decided that C.R. 203 more nearly met the various qualifications for approval for the General Land Office Grant (\$500,000 and had a better chance of meeting the LMI required for qualification.). Several other roads had easement issues (Old Schoolhouse Road—2 houses and Legge Road—3 houses. It was suggested that these two roads be considered for the CDBG MIT-Mod Grant if property owners would agree to release land required for easements and therefore, qualify for the MIT-Mod Grant. If easement acquisition was not agreed upon, then perhaps a continuation of C.R. 203 improvements be continued. submitted.
7. Discuss/consider/approve: Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Plantersville. Texas Land Grant seeking citizen approval.
Discussion: The Mayor explained that the City Attorney approved the Resolution 35-23 following her submission of the document which requires approval before funds will be issued. Frank questioned who wrote the document and Mayor Hale reiterated that she wrote portions of the resolution and our attorney approved them earlier today,

Action -- Motion: Alderman Allphin moved to accept Resolution #35-25
Second: Alderman Greenwood
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries

8. Discuss/consider/approve: Procurement Policies & Procedures for the City of Plantersville.
Discussion:
Action -- Motion: Alderman Allphin moved to accept Resolution #34-23
Second: Alderman Dean
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
9. Discuss/consider/approve: Procedures for Financial Payment for the City of Plantersville
Discussion:
Action -- Motion: Alderman Dean moved to pass Resolution #2722.
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
10. Discuss/consider/approve: Should we have the City Attorney's Office handle the Eminent Domain Report annually?
Discussion: This would be a billable action by the attorney.
Action -- Motion: Alderman Dean moved to approve
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
11. Discuss/consider/approve: Resolution for No Objection letter needed for Fuchs/Knighten family to move forward with a Bill through the Texas Legislature to form Grimes County Municipal Utility District No. 3 (Fuchs/Knighten MUD); granting a limited power of eminent domain, providing authority to issue bonds, providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.
Discussion: Robert Fuchs stated it would be a tool for selling the property.. Alderman Allphin questioned who would provide water—Bobbye Griffith, Dobbin-Plantersville Water Supply stated that DPWD has exclusive water rights and would be provider of water. Alderman Dean asked if any of property is in City of Plantersville and ETJ? It was determined that there is frontage on FM 1774 and land within the ETJ. Quite a bit of controversy ensued—both Alderman Dean and Alderman Kurten expressed concern about taking action on this issue. Alderman Kurten asked for information regarding the ETJ boundaries for the City of Plantersville and City of Todd Mission. Both asked for our City Attorney to be present before any action taken. Our attorney advised that we sign the Resolution. Mayor Hale invited Commissioner David Tullos to speak: long term repercussions—major impact for city and county; recommended that we investigate further before making decision.
Action -- Motion: Alderman Allphin moved to table this matter until a special meeting within two weeks can be scheduled with Attorney Art Pertile
Second: Alderman Kurten
Discussion: Bobbye Griffith spoke on behalf of DPWS and CCN (concentric, convenience, necessity)
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
12. Discuss/consider/approve: Resolution requesting GC Commissioner's Court to include the entirety of the City of Plantersville and our ETJ within the PSVFD service area for the safety and protection of our citizens. A proposal by PSVFD was also presented by Fire Chief Bomar to the board for more information. She stated facts to substantiate the request including the amount of water

available from all apparatus—PSVFD-7,770 gallons, TMVFD-4,000 gallons—focus on distance from department to destination and amount of available water. Chief Bomar and Chief Malone were unable to come to an agreement on boundaries other than from Hwy 249 to White Hall. This is the reason for the Resolution request that is to be presented at March 1 Commissioners Court. Alderman Kurten asked for an explanation of ETJ boundaries.

Action – Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin

Second: Alderman Bettes

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

13. Discuss/consider/approve: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Grimes County to continue performing the platting processes and related permits to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in the ETJ of the City.
Discussion: Mayor Hale stated that the wording for this Agreement (Resolution 37-23) was provided by County Attorney Jon C. Fultz. This resolution clarifies the ETJ.
Action – Motion to Approve: Alderman Dean
Second: Alderman Bettes
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
14. Discuss/consider/approve: actions required to order/conduct May 6, 2023 election of aldermen: deadline to file to be a candidate was February 17, 2023, the Secretary of State suggested day for drawing to determine order of names on ballot is February 27, 2023. (Notice will be posted no later than 72 hours before drawing date and no earlier than February 23, 2023)
This item was for information only—no action needed.
15. Discuss: PSVFD Report
January – 13 calls
8 In Service Apparatus
10 active/2 inactive firefighters
Electronic Sign installation, April 2023
Received Tier 4 level funding from County
April – Bazaar
Tier 4 Training
16. Board update/discussion. Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on agenda)
Plantersville High School Marker Dedication, February 15, 6 p.m., behind Plantersville Town Hall
17. No Executive Meeting
18. Mayor Hale Adjourned the meeting: 8:27 p.m.

Approved

Karen Hale, Mayor

Attest

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary
