

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville  
March 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, March 20, 2023 in 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, Alderman  
Carolyn Kurten, Alderman

All members present.

Visitors: Raymond D. Miller, Lynette Adams, Jessica Bomar, Brad Romero, John Nicks, Tanya Walters, David Tullos, Rob Whitaker, Sherry Fauth, Joe Fauth, Betty Fuchs, Ginna Fuchs, John Greenwood IV, Robert Fuchs, Joe Burke, Chris Skinner, Gail Kaciuba, Harry Walker

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Otis Greenwood with pledges led by Mayor Hale.
- 2.a Regular Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2023  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Kim Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Otis Greenwood  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
2. b Public Hearing Minutes, February 27, 2023 (submitted by Mayor Hale and read by Mayor Pro Tem Kim Allphin—Secretary unable to print Public Hearing Minutes  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Kim Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Marilyn Bettes  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
3. Public Comments: David Tullos and Harry Walker  
Topic: Tullos speaking as resident and elected official: said proposed MUD #3 statutory requirements had not been met. Asked Council not to approve. Walker: Engineer for Grimes County Road and Bridge. Concerned this is not “garden variety MUD”—could eminent domain move outside own limits and would roads be turned over to county at later date for maintenance, etc. Recommended caution with approval.
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices which were sent to all Alderman.  
**Action – Motion to Approve:** Alderman Frank Dean  
**Second:** Alderman Otis Greenwood  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

5. Discuss/consider/approve: Sherry Fauth, representative of the Grimes County Child Welfare Board, presented information about National Child Abuse and Prevention Month. She and Mayor Hale read the Plantersville Proclamation declaring April as National Child Abuse and Prevention Month. Mrs. Fauth also invited those present to attend the ceremony at the GC Justice Center, April 5, 2023, presented by Scotty's House.  
**Discussion:** Carolyn Kurten asked what does Grimes County offer and what is Scotty's House?
6. Discuss/consider/approve: Resolution for No Objection letter: for Grimes County Municipal Utility District No. 3 (Fuchs/Knighten MUD)  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale asked City Attorney Art Pertile to speak first. He explained purpose and process for creating a MUD. This allows Legislature to approve a "paper" MUD and allows them to move forward to become a governmental entity. Only two ways to create MUD's—Legislative Procedure or through TCEQ. Other steps are required to "get the ball rolling". Bettes questioned wording of No Objection letter. Dean questioned why not given information sooner. He asked for more explanation before proceeding with the issue.  
**Action: Motion to Table until next meeting:** Alderman Frank Dean  
**Second:** Alderman Carolyn Kurten  
**Voting:** Four in favor—Dean, Kurten, Bettes, Greenwood; two opposed—Allphin, Hale  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries  
(No further discussion allowed)
7. Discuss: Ordinance Prohibiting Off-Premises Billboards and Electronic Billboards within the Corporate City Limits and ETJ  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale asked Attorney Pertile to speak first and explain legal steps involved in the Ordinance. Alderman Kurten questioned why we are discussing this. The mayor has been approached why billboards are being allowed. Pertile stressed that this is one time city has control over ETJ. Kurten suggested a workshop to include citizens and sign companies to hear comments from each. Alderman Dean questioned regulations and thought ordinance not needed at this time. Alderman Allphin stated that this Ordinance is strongly needed. It was first discussed by City in 2017. TML recommends attorney written document. Mr. Pertile advised workshop with interested parties in near future. Set a date so that sign industry can participate; recommended June since Legislature is currently in session.
8. Discuss/consider/approve: Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 6, 2023 Election of Aldermen  
**Discussion:** Candidates: Mayor Hale, Alderman Kim Allphin, Alderman Otis Greenwood  
**Action – Motion to Approve Certification of Unopposed Candidates:** Alderman Dean  
**Second:** Alderman Kurten  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
9. Discuss/consider/approve: Order of Cancellation of May 6, 2023 Election of Aldermen  
**Action – Motion to cancel May 6, 2023 Election:** Alderman Dean  
**Second:** Alderman Greenwood  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
10. Discuss: PSVFD change in service area and concerns involved with that change  
Commissioner Tullos asked to speak on dispute. Commissioner's Court was asked to solve issue between Todd Mission and Plantersville Volunteer Fire Departments as to who would service SH 249 and southern parts of Plantersville that were in question. Therefore, all of the City of

Plantersville will be covered by PSVFD. The Court granted SH 249 to Todd Mission excluding the area within Plantersville. Commissioner Tullos found that the Interlocal Agreement with the PSVFD and the City did not include fire protection within the city limits. He recommended that be addressed as soon as possible. A PSVFD Board Member, John Greenwood also asked that be rectified immediately.

11. Discuss: PSVFD report  
PSVFD Fire Chief Jessica Bomar reported on calls, apparatus, number of prospective members; Bazaar in April; monthly meetings--second Monday. Her report also included an update on the sign which is scheduled for erection during the month of April and is not what the City-PSVFD contract specified. The mayor questioned if the report covered the solution to the major concerns by the City that the contract agreement regarding the PSVFD sign is not being followed. John Greenwood stated that the PSVFD voted to move forward with their design as "they" designed it and will return the grant money if the city requires that the contract specifications be followed.
12. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda.  
April 16, PSVFD Bazaar  
April 5, Child Abuse and Prevention Ceremony at GC Justice Center  
March 25, Plantersville Cemetery Association Workday  
April 29, Plantersville Crawfish Festival, Deep Roots Winery  
  
Alderman Dean requested Walking Quorum Law be placed on April Agenda with explanation from City Attorney
13. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
14. No Action Taken Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
15. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Karen Hale, Mayor

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary

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