

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville

May 22, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2023 in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor  
Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Marilyn Bettes, Alderman Secretary  
Carolyn Kurten, Alderman

Members Absent:

Frank Dean, Alderman  
Otis Greenwood, Alderman

Visitors: Raymond Miller, Marc Benton, John Nicks, Herb Williams, Jessica Bomar, Brad Romero

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Kim Allphin with pledges led by Mayor Hale.
2. Minutes, April 17, 2023  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Kim Allphin with correction Item 13, should read May Agenda  
**Second:** Alderman Marilyn Bettes  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
3. Public Comments: John Nicks asked city to budget for needed repairs on Post Office Road from FM 1774 to past driveway entrance to PO parking area.
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices which were sent to all Aldermen. Kim questioned attorney fees; Mayor Hale clarified attorney fees paid last month.  
**Action – Motion to Approve:** Alderman Marilyn Bettes  
**Second:** Alderman Kim Allphin  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
5. Discuss/consider/approve: June Meeting on a legal holiday. Mayor Hale reminded all that Regular June meeting date is on Legal Holiday; board voted to change meeting to Monday, June 12 at the previous meeting.
6. Discuss/consider/approve: request by PSVFD for the city to contract with PSVFD designating PSVFD as the fire department for the City of Plantersville.  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale stated that a contract is needed and our attorney would be contacted. Alderman Kurten questioned if PSVFD had an attorney, and should the two attorneys collaborate on the contract? Fire Chief Bomar replied they were in process of talking with an attorney. It was agreed that the two attorneys collaborate on a contract designating PSVFD as the fire department for the city.  
**Action:** Motion made by Alderman Kurten  
**Second:** Alderman Bettes  
**Voting:** Yes. Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
7. Discuss: Texas DOA CBDG 2023-2024 Project – CR 203

**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reported that all paperwork had been submitted; no answers have been received.

8. Discuss/consider/approve: GLO CBDG MIT MOD - Old Schoolhouse Road Project  
**Discussion:** Survey document has been posted, but has not begun.
9. Discuss/consider/approve: Requested addition to agenda-wording as submitted: “to revise Ordinance 07-18, Rules of Procedure – City of Plantersville, Section 2. Notice of Meetings (Agenda) 2.3, from “The Mayor shall be responsible for preparing the Agenda for Board Meetings. The Mayor may determine which items to include on the agenda, provided that the Mayor shall include any item requested in writing and signed by at least two (2) Board Members and any incomplete past agenda item to Mayor shall include any item requested in writing and signed by one (1) Board Member at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting.”  
Attorney produced Ordinance 07-18C Section 2.3 to address this within statutory guidelines  
**Discussion:** Art sent recommendation for what we should do...after major discussion regarding his suggestions a vote was taken to not approve addition to revise Ordinance 07-18-C.  
**Action:** Alderman Kurten  
**Second:** Alderman Kim Allphin  
**Voting:** Yes: Alderman Kurten, Alderman Allphin  
No: Alderman Bettles  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
10. Discuss: Resolution-bank depository policy; ad in local newspaper required; all local banks will be contacted--Resolution 3933  
**Action: Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Kurten  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Approved
11. Discuss/consider/approve: road repairs and improvements.  
**Discussion:** This item was placed on the agenda as requested by Alderman Allphin. Mayor Hale asked that each council member drive the roads and bring a prioritized list of improvements needed to next meeting. According to Alderman Allphin there is too much misinformation regarding why roads are not being repaired. The Mayor also asked for any road repair resources or persons available for our consideration.
12. Discuss: MidSouth Synergy Todd Mission Substation.  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reported she had received information that MidSouth Synergy would be building a substation within the Plantersville City Limits and naming it Todd Mission Substation. She contacted the company to inform them that it was located within Plantersville City Limits; they agreed it would be named MidSouth Synergy Plantersville Substation.
13. Discuss: Walking Quorum Law explanation  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale submitted a question from board to Attorney Pertile; who replied with a Memorandum to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Kurten requested that the discussion be postponed since Alderman Dean was absent and it was he who requested the information.  
**Action:** Motion made by Alderman Kurten  
**Second:** Alderman Allphin  
**Voting:** yes. Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
14. Discuss: PSVFD report

PSVFD Fire Chief Jessica Bomar reported on calls, apparatus, and a 40% increase in active fire fighters. There is continuing training, 1 truck being revamped for rehab capabilities and new gear will soon be available for firefighters.

15. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda).  
May 28-St. Joseph Catholic Church Bazaar, Memorial Day  
May 29-Plantersville Cemetery Association Annual Meeting, 10 am, PTH  
July 1-Truevine Church, CR 203, fundraiser for HVAC for church building (Barbeque sandwiches-\$10 donation)
16. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
17. No Action Taken Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
18. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved

Karen Hale, Mayor

Attest

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary