

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville  
June 12, 2023

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 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  
Carolyn Kurten, Alderman

Members Absent:

Otis Greenwood, Alderman

Visitors: John Nicks, David Tullos and Tanya Walters

1. Call to Order: Quorum established. Mayor Hale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Alderman Kim Allphin with pledges led by Mayor Hale.
2. Minutes, May 22, 2023  
**Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Kurten  
Alderman Dean questioned (due to absence from last meeting) Bank Depository Resolution, deadlines, and when ad would appear—Mayor Hale replied with information.  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
3. Public Comments: No Public Comments
4. Invoices and items currently due and payable.  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale reviewed the invoices which were sent to all Alderman. Alderman Kurten questioned why Rental Payment to Plantersville Town Hall was \$1200 instead of \$2400 as approved. Mayor Hale stated the PTH Board declined a rent increase and invoiced the City for \$1200.  
**Action – Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Bettes  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
5. Discuss/consider/approve: the updated Grimes County and Participating Jurisdictions Emergency Management Plan and authorize the Mayor as signatory: GC Emergency Management Services Coordinator, David Lilly  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale introduced Mr. Lilly to explain and answer any questions. Plan has to be revised every 5 years which was done and approved by Commissioners Court. He discussed how county responds to emergencies, disasters, fires, etc. Some of the changes allowed for common sense decisions to be made by the EM Coordinator. In case of City emergency, the Mayor serves as the EM Director. Alderman Dean questioned amount of budget. Response was, there is very little budgeted and nothing out of our city budget.  
**Action – Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Dean  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
6. Discuss/consider/approve: road repairs and improvements needed on all city maintained roads: list from each Alderman—repairs needed, prioritized from worst to not as bad  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale asked at previous meeting for each Alderman to drive roads and bring list to meeting. Alderman Allphin stated that she drove a few roads, Alderman Kurten and Alderman Dean said they didn't drive any, Alderman Bettes had a prioritized list of roads and reasons for priority and Mayor Hale also had a prioritized list. Alderman Dean specified that he thought Maggie Lane should be first on the list. Alderman Bettes and Mayor Hale agreed that a major priority is the number of people that travel a road. Alderman Allphin spoke with a contractor and asked if willing to look at locations and give repair

estimates. Motion was to investigate cost to city for repairs to Post Office Road east of FM 1774 to east edge of parking lot.

**Action - Motion to Approve:** Alderman Bettes

**Second:** Alderman Allphin

**Voting:** Yes. Unanimous

**Final Resolution:** Motion carries

7. Discuss: Texas DOA CBDG 2023-2024 project  
**Discussion:** As previously reported, Mayor Hale stated that all information has been submitted and we are waiting for their decision.
8. Discuss/consider/approve: GLO CBDG MIT MOD - Old Schoolhouse Road Project  
**Discussion:** Mayor Hale stated the City is waiting on the MIT MOD survey results
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:** After discussion about process Alderman Kurten made motion to table the Ordinance 07-18; however, after more discussion amended her motion to postpone.  
**Action: Motion to Postpone Action:** Alderman Kurten  
**Second:** Alderman Dean  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Motion carries
10. Discuss: Walking Quorum Law explanation  
**Discussion:** Since Alderman Kurten agreed to change her previous motion from tabling to postponement, both #9 and 10 will be postponed until City Attorney Art Pertile is present.  
**Action: Motion to Approve:** Alderman Allphin  
**Second:** Alderman Dean  
**Voting:** Yes: Unanimous  
**Final Resolution:** Approved
11. Discuss: PSVFD report  
Mayor Hale reported that the new PSVFD sign is up and working. PSVFD’s regular Board Meeting was on same night as our meeting; therefore, no one was available to give the FD report.
12. Board Update discussion: Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda).  
July 1-Truevine Church, CR 203, fundraiser for HVAC for church building (BBQ sandwiches-\$10 donation)  
TML “Cities” Conference in Navasota, May 12-Alderman Bettes attended and reported on event  
Alderman Allphin reported on activities and participation at Grimes County Fair
13. Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
14. No Action Taken Executive Session/Closed Meeting: None
15. Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Approved

Attest

Karen Hale, Mayor

Marilyn Bettes, Secretary