

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
July 20, 2026

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in Plantersville Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Kim Allphin, Mayor
John Greenwood, IV, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marilyn Bettes, Recording Secretary, Alderman
Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Brett Bratcher, Alderman
Sandra Kuta, Alderman
Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

Visitors: Caitlin Correa, Kobi Buvinghausen, Chris Salge, Ken Coignet, Briana Vargus, Emma Samaniego, Zachary Votaw, Chuck Collins, and Trenia Collins

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Quorum established. Mayor Allphin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Kuta gave the invocation and the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Brett Bratcher
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** Public comment from Chris Salge, AirMed Care.
4. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Review and Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable.**
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Discussion: Review of Dues and Payables presented to the Board of Alderman with copies of financial records with bank standings, investment, and sales & use tax receipts with mixed beverage allocation.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:** Lieutenant Caitlin Correa presented the Plantersville-Stone Volunteer Fire Department (PSVFD) activity report, providing an update on recent call volume and training activities. She reported that the department responded to 12 calls. She advised the department to be awarded several grants, including a Training Grant and a Booster Grant. Lieutenant Correa informed the board that the Fire Department has an area for firefighters to stay at the station for night calls. Mayor Allphin expressed appreciation to the PSVFD for its continued service to the community, ongoing recruitment efforts, and mutual aid assistance provided to neighboring departments and jurisdictions.
Motion: no action taken, information only
6. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Presentation by the Public Management team with information regarding the upcoming Town Hall Community in accordance with the General Land Office Community Resilience Planning Grant.** Presentation and digital media files were provided with information provided by Brianna Vargus, Emma Samaniego and Ken Coignet. The information will also be provided at the scheduled GLO Town Hall Meeting number 2 on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
7. **Discuss: GCSO Report - Support Law Enforcement**
The report included the monthly summary of the activity of the assigned officers on duty. This includes traffic citations, defective equipment, expired registration, etc. Officers also responded to domestic related incidents, welfare checks, patrolled local area and stops at local businesses.

The Board discussed the positive impact of the increased law enforcement presence and expressed its appreciation for the services provided. Several aldermen mentioned appreciation from several residents and citizens also.

Motion: no action taken, information only

8. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: General Road Maintenance in City, Repair and Status of County Road 203 and County Rd 311:** Mayor Allphin reported on recently completed road repairs and improvements in areas of concern. She also informed the Board that Grimes County Road and Bridge had performed mowing and tree-trimming work along CR 203. GCR&B also placed CR 311 on the schedule as soon as available to mow and tree-trim. GCR&B Supervisor Napier is to provide materials needed and city to purchase for repairs to washed out areas of CR 203.
Motion: no action taken, information only
9. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Old Schoolhouse Rd/Legge Rd Updates and Review:** Zachary Votaw with Bleyl Engineering presented information regarding the status of the progress report with planned work and construction to begin soon. Alderman Greenwood and Alderman Mallard had specific questions regarding the culverts planned and the recommendation to upgrade the type of culvert. This would be a better option for the city with maintenance and repair in the future. Mr. Votaw obtain cost information and provide to Alderman Greenwood to present to the city for review.
Motion: no action taken, information only
10. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Street Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 Review of bids and award construction contract for street improvements.** Mr. Votaw presented the street improvement construction bid procedures and guidelines with the public announcement in local newspaper and CivCast, which is an online service used by many municipalities, engineers, etc. in Texas for public infrastructure projects to advertise for bids on projects. The project bids were opened by Engineer Votaw for the City of Plantersville on July 9, 2026, at the Bleyl Engineering Office in College Station. The construction bid awarded Site Utilities and Construction LLC for \$236,062. Alderman John Greenwood made motion to approve the award to Site Utilities and Construction LLC for the street improvement Texas General Land Office Grant Project 24-065-080-E735 in the amount of \$236,062.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Secretary of signatories on the contract and additional documents required. Alderman Bettes seconded the motion.
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
11. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: TDA 2025-2026 Community Development Grant Project Application CDV25-0218 County Road 203 Rd Status, Easement and Updates.** Zachary Votaw with Bleyl Engineering provided an update on the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) County Road 203 Project. He reported that construction is anticipated to begin in early August at the top of the hill on County Road 203. Work will then proceed to the culvert and continue as far as project funding allows. The Board discussed installing a new culvert and replacing the retaining walls. A temporary roadway will be provided for residents of County Road 203 during construction. Alderman John Greenwood made motion to authorize a budget up to \$5,000 for surveying services to be completed in conjunction with the County Road 203 Project. Alderman Dedrick Mallard seconded the motion.
Motion to Approve: Alderman John Greenwood
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
12. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: GLO Community Resilience Planning Grant Project F294 Status; additional notices and completed updates.** Mayor Allphin provided information on the status of current surveys from the residents and community. Mayor Allphin asked that the Board continue to share the post on their social media and the printed surveys for completion are located at the city office. These can be mailed if desired.
Motion: no action taken, information only

13. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: The possibility/planning of a future Municipal Complex for the City of Plantersville at 15985 FM 1774 in Plantersville, Texas**
Mayor Allphin presented information regarding USDA grant and loan opportunities, as well as strategic planning resources available to rural cities and towns. The Board discussed consulting with City Attorney Joseph Hayes regarding the preparation of a draft agreement between the City and the Fire Department concerning the proposed property transfer. The agreement would establish a timeframe within which the City must begin or complete construction and would provide for the property to be reverted to the Fire Department if the City does not proceed with the project or elects to withdraw from the agreement. Alderman Marilyn Bettes made motion to have attorney draft an agreement and investigate roadway easement by fire department along with applying for USDA funding. Alderman Dedrick Mallard second.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
14. **Discuss/Consider/Approve: Thursday, October 22, 2026, as the Date for the 2026 Treats on a Dirt Street Community Event:** The Board discussed Treats on a Dirt Street event to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, with Valerie Buvinghausen serving as the event chairperson. Alderman Marilyn Bettes made a motion to hold Treats on a Dirt Street on October 22, 2026; appoint Valerie Buvinghausen as chairperson; and allocate up to \$750 for event-related expenses. Alderman Dedrick Mallard second.
Motion to Approve: Alderman Marilyn Bettes
Second: Alderman Dedrick Mallard
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
15. **Discuss Items of Community Interest (no action can be discussed except to add to an agenda)-Recent and Upcoming Events**
The Board discussed recent and upcoming community events. Discussed Town Hall event Bingo on August 3rd and the Taste of Grimes County on September 3rd at Expo Center.
Motion: no action taken, information only
16. **Closed Session: (none required)**
17. **Open Session:**
18. **Adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.**

Approved:


Kimberly Allphin, Mayor

Date: 08-17-2026

Attest:


Valerie Buvinghausen, City Secretary

Date: 8-17-26