

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
April 21, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2025, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor

Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem

Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

John Greenwood, IV, Alderman

Marilyn Bettes, Alderman, Secretary

Sonya Brewer, Alderman

Visitors: Linda Eppley, Jessica Bomar, Tyler Austin, Chuck Collins, Trenia Collins, Ed Bill, Terry Bratcher, Brett Bratcher, Verna Campbell, Robert Campbell, Fran Davis, Cynthia Waits, Nancy Jane McMillian, Richard Jacobs, Virginia Stutts

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 followed by the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Regular Meeting March 17, 2025 and Emergency Meeting March 7, 2025

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Mallard

Voting: Yes: Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

3. **Public Comments:** Brett Bratcher: CR 203, needs a motion passed to fund major repairs. Ed Bill, pave entries to 1774 from driveways and roads. Verna Campbell, CR 203 desperately needs repairs, who does city road repairs, does the city have an office clerk. Robert Campbell, CR 203 needs repairs, why haven't the population signs been changed since there has been growth.
4. **Discuss/consider/approve: Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable**
Discussion: None
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Brewer
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future agendas**
 - a. City needs a permit process for temporary businesses (food and sales), needs certificates for payment of sales tax, health inspections and concession certificates. Requested Alderman Allphin.
 - b. CR203 discussion requested by Alderman Brewer. Mayor explained that is on this agenda.

c. Request for Road and Bridge Engineer and our County Commissioner attend a monthly meeting to answer questions about road maintenance process.

6. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:**

Alderman Greenwood presented Chief Waters' activity report.

7. **Discuss: Road Maintenance, CR 311, CR 203, gravel roads Grimes County Road & Bridge Engineer Jon Steiber:**

Discussion: Jon Steiber did not attend.

CR 311: Mayor reported on Arpa materials have been applied and when warmer weather comes the city material to be purchased will be applied. Alderman Allphin questioned why the discussed concrete work had not been done.

CR203: Mayor read Mr. Steiber's recommendations. Complete rebuild, CR203 is at the end its useful life. The base is structurally unsound and has no structural integrity. Alderman Greenwood made a motion to engage Steve Duncan to review and provide a probable estimate of cost to have CR203 redone per Jon Steiber's recommendations and approve two bids for the work on CR203 and for an on-call work order maintenance contract. Much discussion about Plantersville seldom getting any maintenance done. We get promises but we don't get road work.

Gravel roads: Alderman Greenwood pointed out that we have approved \$5,000 for Post Office Road and another \$5000 for the other city gravel roads last month. None of that work has been done. Mayor Hale appointed Alderman Greenwood to communicate with Road & Bridge to carry the projects out and with Engineer Steve Bleyl about the CR 203 project.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood made the above motion in the CR203 section.

Second: Alderman Mallard

Voting: Yes, Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

8. **Discuss/consider/approve: Remove Burn Ban**

Discussion: None

Motion to approve: Remove burn ban Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Mallard

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Office purchases, and particulars: phone, IT services**

Discuss: Phones: Alderman Mallard no luck getting phone companies to respond to his request regarding phones/service for the City Office. Alderman Allphin reached out to a company (Intrepid Telecom) for information was quoted \$119 phone line, \$25 to program phone, \$70 monthly service, installation \$300.

IT services: Alderman Allphin stated she would get back to mayor next month.

Motion to approve: motion to enter in contract with Intrepid or MidSouth whichever has the best price made by Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Brewer

Voting: Motion carries

Motion to approve: motion to have a sperate city phone which can be handed over to whoever can cover made by Alderman Brewer.

Second: Alderman Allphin

Voting: Motion carries

10. **Discuss/consider/approve: discuss City Secretary designations**

Discussion: Alderman Bettes concerned about confusion and signatures with having a Board Secretary and a City Secretary hired by the city. Mayor Hale explained that the City Attorney recommended we only have a hired City Secretary to avoid confusion.

Motion to approve: Motion to only have a hired City Secretary by Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Mallard

Voting: Motion carries

11. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Election May 3, 2025**

Early voting start Tuesday, April 22, 2025 and ends Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Candidates: Mayor: Kim Allphin, Karen Hale

Alderman: Sonya Brewer, Brett Bratcher, Sandra Kuta

12. **Board update/discussion.** Items of community interest (no action may be discussed, except to put on an agenda)

PSVFD Steak dinner May 2, 2025 \$25, Crawfish Festival April 26, 2025, County Fair in June.

Closed Session

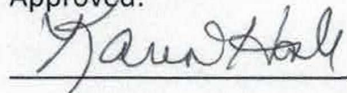
13. The Aldermen may meet in closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code
No Closed Session necessary

Open Session

14. Return to open meeting: Not necessary

15. Adjourn meeting at 8:02 PM

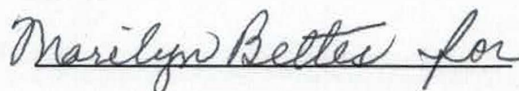
Approved:



Karen Hale, Mayor

Date: 5-19-25

Attest:



Suzan Jones, Secretary

Date: 5-19-25