

Regular Meeting Minutes—City of Plantersville
March 17, 2025

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas, met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17 2025, in Town Hall, 11335 Lodge Lane, Plantersville, Texas.

Members Present:

Karen Hale, Mayor

John Greenwood, IV, Alderman

Kim Allphin, Mayor Pro-Tem

Marilyn Bettes, Alderman, Secretary

Absent: Dedrick Mallard, Alderman

Visitors: Jessica Bomar, Nancy McMillan, David Tullos, Tanya Tullos,
Linda Eppley, Jon Steiber, Sandra Kuta, Chuck Collins, Trenia Collins

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 followed by the pledges led by Alderman Bettes.
2. **Approve Minutes** of Special Meeting March 5, 2025, Regular Meeting February 17, 2025
Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood
Second: Alderman Allphin
Voting: Yes: Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Discuss/consider/approve: Payment of invoices and items currently due and payable**
Discussion: None
Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin
Second: Alderman Bettes
Voting: Yes. Unanimous
Final Resolution: Motion carries
5. **Discuss/consider/approve: Items to be placed on future agendas**
 - a. Designate titles for board secretary and employed secretary to avoid confusion. Requested by Alderman Bettes.
6. **Discuss: PSVFD Report and concerns:**
Alderman Greenwood presented Chief Waters' activity report.
7. **Discuss: Road Maintenance, Grimes County Road & Bridge Engineer Jon Steiber**
Discussion: Mayor Hale introduced Jon Steiber, Grimes County Road & Bridge Engineer is here to answer questions and report on current projects. Work will start on CR 311 March 18, 2025 with cold mix overlay from the ARPA funds. To finish past the ARPA portion he gave two options: cold mix right now or wait until warm weather for a better job with hot/cold mix at a slightly lower cost. Mr. Steiber said they will try to fix the low water crossing on CR 311. It might require some concrete work which we will have to pay for the concrete and he is not sure they can do that work. We might have to contract with someone else. Alderman Greenwood asked if we postpone, will they have availability to come back when we get warm weather. Mr. Steiber guaranteed they would come back. The overlay on CR 311 should last about 2 to 3 years. Greenwood asked if they would repair the other city roads. Mayor Hale said that she requested grading on Phillips Road, Post Office Road and others several times. She also requested for him to require them to grade to the center not to the ditches as they did previously, putting all the materials that we had paid for in what would be the ditches. Mr. Steiber informed us that Grimes County had paid for training on grading roads. Mr. Steiber said that it would cost from \$3000 to \$5000 to do Post Office Road and another \$3000 to \$5000 to do the other city roads. He said that they are upgrading the base material quality in an effort

to make the roads last longer. If this upgrade doesn't work, they will go up another grade. Mayor Hale asked about the new Bid Process. Grimes County has 600 miles of roads and he would like to get to Plantersville quicker but can't always. He is trying to set up a bid contract with their contractors that the cities will be able to use if they need faster service and can pay for the contracted work. We could possibly have 48 hour callouts.

Motion to Approve: Alderman Allphin: postpone finishing CR 311 to SH105 to early summer for better condition for the hot mix application.

Second: Alderman Greenwood

Voting: Yes, Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Motion to Approve: Alderman Bettes: to move forward with the Post Office Road project not to exceed \$5000

Second: Alderman Brewer

Voting: Yes, Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Motion to Approve: Alderman Greenwood: to approve up to \$5000 for addition of crushed limestone and/or asphalt to other city roads

Voting: Yes, Unanimous

Final Resolution: Motion carries

8. **Discuss/consider/approve: Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month**

Discussion: Presentation by Tanya Tullos to the city on Grimes County Child Abuse Awareness month. She read the proclamation and requested permission to post signs first week of April. Signs would be posted at Town Hall, PSVFD, City Office and other locations around the city. Mayor Hale presented Mrs. Tullos with a Proclamation from the city.

Motion to Approve: No action taken

9. **Discuss/consider/approve: Amount to transfer to TexPool for higher interest rate**

Discuss: amount to transfer. Alderman Brewer asked if funds could be transferred back and forth, answer was yes. Alderman Greenwood made a motion to close account ending 0189 by transferring to account ending 8613, and then transferring \$1.1 mil out of 8613 to TexPool, leaving roughly \$70,000 in account 8613. Alderman Greenwood asked if we could get the bank to change account ending 8613 to an interest-bearing account. Alderman Brewer asked when we can know the interest rate we are receiving from TexPool. Mayor Hale replied that we will know after account is opened.

Motion to approve: Transfer of the money as described: Alderman Greenwood

Second: Alderman Allphin

Voting: Yes, Unanimous

10. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Office move in, purchases, and particulars; phone, IT Services**

Alderman Mallard was not present to discuss the phone service, will address at next meeting.

Discussion: No action taken

Motion to approve:

Second:

Voting:

11. **Discuss/consider/approve: City Election May 3, 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, Easter Egg Hunt April 13, 2025 at Town Hall, Candidate Forum April 8, 2025 at Town Hall at 7:00pm, 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 7:45 PM

Approved:

Karen Hale
Karen Hale, Mayor

Date: 4-21-25

Attest:

Suzan Jones
Suzan Jones, Secretary

Date: 4/21/25