



**NOTICE  
VILLAGE OF PLEAK  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2022  
AGENDA**

**The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Pleak, Texas will meet in Regular Session, open to the public, on June 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleak Village Hall located at 6621 FM 2218 South, Richmond, Texas with the following agenda:**


**The Council reserves the right to go into executive/closed session on any topic posted on the agenda or which naturally flows from an agenda topic should the presiding officer or the Council decide it is in the best interest of the City to convene in executive/closed session pursuant to one of the permissible grounds for executive session under the Texas Open Meetings Act.**

**Verify quorum is present.**

- 1. Council to discuss and take action on Action Approving Agreement regarding Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as being fully qualified as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid delinquent ad valorem taxes as provided in the Section 6.30 of the Texas Tax Code.**
- 2. Council to discuss and take action to approve an Agreement for Tax Collection Services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP after having provided adequate notice as required by Section 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code and authorizing the mayor to execute said Agreement.**
- 3. Council to discuss and take action to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Imposition of a 20% Penalty for Collection Costs on Delinquent Taxes for Tax Year 2022 And Subsequent Years.**
- 4. Council to discuss and take action on adopting local option exemptions (i.e. homestead exemption) pursuant to section 11.13(n) of the Texas Property Tax Code.**
- 5. Council to approve or correct the minutes as presented from the May 10, 2022, Joint Workshop, May 18, 2022, City Council meeting, and June 1, 2022, Special City Council meeting.**
- 6. Presentation of the bank account balances, and monthly bills paid for the Village of Pleak and the bills summary for ESD # 6 for May 1 - 31, 2022.**
- 7. Council to discuss and take action on the financial reports for May 1 - 31, 2022.**
- 8. Public comments from Village Citizens - No action can be taken.**
- 9. Monthly report from the Fire Department and ESD # 6.**
- 10. Council to discuss on setting a workshop for July 2022.**
- 11. Adjournment.**

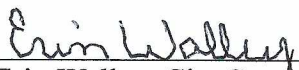
**Mayor Larry Bittner will preside.**

Approved for Posting by:

  
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Mayor, Larry Bittner

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the June 15, 2022, agenda to be considered by the Village of Pleak Council was posted on the Village Hall bulletin board on Friday June 10, 2022, by 12:00 p.m.

  
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Erin Walley, City Secretary

# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of The Village of Pleak will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent taxes owed to The Village of Pleak to be collected in the most effective manner. The Village of Pleak desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent tax collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that The Village of Pleak will enjoy.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of The Village of Pleak due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to The Village of Pleak.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of The Village of Pleak because the delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to The Village of Pleak of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.