



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
Regular Session  
August 3, 2015***

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Pleasant Valley Board of Aldermen was called to order at City Hall, 6500 Royal, Pleasant Valley, Clay County, Missouri, by Mayor David Slater on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of the proposed ordinances and resolutions, for the public, prior to the meeting.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Daniel Bohn, John Higgins, Linda Jacoby, Jesse Jordan, Ruth Mesimer and James Smith. Wayne Maroon and Rick Scarborough were absent.

Staff present: Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Police Chief Mark Dumolt, Fire Chief Robert Stinson, Court Clerk Kathy Bolek, Human Resource Director Steven Smith and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bohn. Alderwoman Mesimer requested a correction on page 4 of the July 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motions were amended to reflect the change. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** City Attorney Tom Capps was present to answer questions about council bill 3180, concerning out of state motor vehicle sales tax. The bill approves ballot language that gives the voters an opportunity to decide if they want to discontinue the out of state sales tax or keep it. Specifically, the ballot language is this:

*Shall the City of Pleasant Valley discontinue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?*

*Approval of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Pleasant Valley and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers.*

- YES
- NO

*If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".*

The council bill calls for the election to be held in November. The Mayor asked if anything else was on the ballot. No one was able to answer that question with any certainty. The City Clerk was instructed to contact the Elections Board to get more information. The city has until November 2016 to put the issue on the ballot.

**Public Comments:** Ron Gabbert, West High Dr, was present to address the Board. Mr. Gabbert is concerned about a house nearby that is changing the garage into a rental unit. In addition, Mr. Gabbert believes the structure that will be a rental unit is not connected to the city sewers. The property is currently zoned R-1. Director Cronk will look into it and report back.

Bob Unkefer, North Brookside, was present to follow up on a previous request. Mr. Unkefer asked if the Board ever decided whether or not to install a street light at the end of North Brookside. Mr. Unkefer says this area is very dark and suspects there could be some criminal activity taking place in this location. The Mayor replied saying the Board voted against installing another street light at this time.

**Mayor Comments:** The Mayor reported he received a call from a local business owner. The business' corporate office has certain security regulations that require their back door to be bolted closed. This is a violation of fire code. The Fire Marshall instructed the business to install some other type of locking system, like a push bar metal door, so that the occupants can get out safely in case of fire. The City Attorney commented stating city code trumps corporate rules and recommended the city enforce the fire code. The Board was in agreement with this conclusion.

The Mayor reported that Happy Bottoms had contacted him to ask if Pleasant Valley would pass another proclamation (one was passed this time last year) for diaper awareness week. The consensus of the Board was to do it. The City Clerk will prepare a proclamation for the next meeting.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Smith reported recent troubles with the city phone system and the provider's response to request for service. Windstream is currently our provider. Alderman Smith made a motion to create an RFP to put the phone service out for bid. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- nay, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- nay, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed. The City Clerk will prepare an RFP for phone services.

#### **Advisory Committees/Department Reports**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a new fire station status report. Mrs. Fox also added that a pre-construction meeting would be held this Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am so the City Architect could meet with the general and sub-contractors. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers and is open to the public.

Mrs. Fox reported that she was contacted by the Full Employment Council who said they had a temporary employee for the clerical position we contacted them about. After interviewing Jasmine Gentry and completing the normal hiring requirements, such as background checks, Jasmine was offered the temporary position. The Full Employment Council pays 100% of her pay so there is no expense to the City. She will only be working for two weeks since she is a high school student and starts school again August 13<sup>th</sup>.

The City Clerk provided the Board with a list of records that have exceeded the necessary retention. Alderman Bohn made a motion to approve the destruction list. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Mrs. Fox reported that Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to consider some changes to the current zoning language.

**Public Works:** Director Chris Cronk reported that Fleshman Construction was given notice to proceed on the fire station construction today. There was some discussion about dirt needed for various projects around the city.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson requested permission to hold the North Suburban Youth Football League weigh-ins at the fire station as they did last year. Alderman

Smith made a motion to approve the request. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Chief Stinson reported that the cardiac monitors are not in good condition and need to be replaced as soon as possible. He asked Finance Chairman Higgins if he could purchase a new unit as was planned in the capital improvements purchases budget. Chairman Higgins responded that he would investigate the matter and get back to the Chief.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Mark Dumolt did not have anything to report at this time. No one had any questions for the Chief.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk Kathy Bolek asked the Board for permission to add “municipal court” to the police entrance sign. Many people who come to the court offices have difficulty finding the court because it is not labeled on the lower level entrance sign. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the change. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The issue was discussed in more detail. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Personnel Chair:** Alderman Bohn, Personnel Chair, made a motion to accept the resignation of Communications Officer Valerie Schleicher effective July 27, 2015. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion to hire as Volunteer Fire Fighter’s, at \$7.50 per call, pending drug screen, physical and background check, the following:

Zachary McMillian	Brendon Stinson
Jonathan Myrick	Riley Yack
Michael Pierce	Ryan Volkert

Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. During discussion Alderman Higgins asked if Brendon Stinson was related. Chief Stinson replied stating Brendon Stinson is his son. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion to hire Carl Hesse and Matthew Listharthke as Fire Fighter / EMT’s, at step 1, \$10.50 per hour, pending drug screen, physical, and background check. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Wesley Hill, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 5, \$11.82 per hour, effective 8/2/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Danielle Taylor, Communications Officer, to step 3, \$13.53 per hour, effective 8/16/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Chair:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Committee Chair, had no financial matters to discuss at this time.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:**

Council bill 3180, approving the ballot language to continue out of state sales tax on motor vehicle sales. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to postpone the ordinance until more information could be obtained about the cost of holding the election in November instead of April. The City Clerk will contact the Clay County Board of Elections for information.

Council bill 3181, adjusting the annual salary of the Police Chief, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the first reading and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Council bill 3181, adjusting the annual salary of the Police Chief, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the bill as Ordinance 3180. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- absent and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

8:50pm adjourned.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk