



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
Regular Session  
December 7, 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 Board President James Smith, on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor David Slater arrived at 7:40pm.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Daniel Bohn, Linda Jacoby, Mary Langner, Ruth Mesimer, Rick Scarborough and James Smith. Jesse Jordan arrived at 7:35 pm. John Higgins was absent.

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

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scarborough. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- absent, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** Mike Groszek, Troutt Beeman & Co., P.C., presented the annual audit to the Board. Notable events in FY 2014 were sales tax increased 26% and investment in capital assets increased 21% over the previous year. No material weaknesses were found in the audit. Mr. Groszek stated that the City continues to be in excellent financial health and is well managed. The City Clerk included an addendum (*requirement of senate bill 5*) to the audit that shows the general to fines ratio for FY 2014 was 17%. When FY 2014 ended June 30, 2015, the statutory maximum for this ratio was 30%. Effective August 2015 the statutory limit was reduced to 20%. The ratio is well under these limits.

**Public Comments:** No one from the public addressed the Board.

**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Slater asked the Board if they were in favor of increasing the minimum age to purchase cigarettes from 18 to 21 as other metropolitan cities have done recently. The Board was not in favor of changing the age.

Mayor Slater discussed purchasing a new fire truck. (*This was discussed in more detail under the "Fire Department".*)

Mayor Slater discussed out of state sales tax on vehicle purchases. This measure is on the Pleasant Valley ballot in April. If approved by voters, it would allow Pleasant Valley to receive sales tax on vehicles purchased in states other than Missouri. If rejected by voters, state and county taxes would still be applicable to out of state purchases; only the city sales tax amount would be not apply. The Mayor is in favor of the proposition in order to level the playing field between Missouri and Kansas auto dealerships.

Mayor Slater also discussed a possible county or state measure to pass a 911 tax on cell phones to fund 911 dispatching services. The Mayor said Missouri remains the only state in the U.S. where cellphone users don't have to pay a surcharge to fund its 911 system. That leaves it up to a shrinking number of landline users and businesses to pay for a service in which a majority of emergency calls are originating from wireless devices. The Mayor is in favor of approving a sales tax on cell phones as well.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Smith reported that the house at 8008 Pleasant Valley Road is for sale. The City Clerk will look into the matter further and report back to the Board.

Alderman Smith also discussed the replacement of the Board's chairs in the Council Chambers. Last March the chairs were repaired by the Public Works Department due to a tipping hazard but it was considered to be a temporary solution. The City Clerk budgeted replacement of the chairs under administration for the 2015-2016 financial year.

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with the bi-monthly fire station construction status report. Mrs. Fox also provided the Board with a timeline of the building construction based on information provided by Fleshman Construction.

Mrs. Fox reported that candidate filing for the April 2016 election will begin December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am and ends January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Notices have been posted on the bulletin board at city hall, the city's website, and published in the PV Civic flyer and Liberty Tribune.

Mrs. Fox reported the status of the rezoning project. She is still waiting for the legal descriptions from the City Engineer. On a related note, she spoke to Attorney Joe Lauber regarding the next step for the TIF plan. He recommended appointing a TIF commission. He also recommended holding a special meeting with representatives from Liberty, the Pleasant Valley Board of Aldermen and representatives from his firm in order to determine the best way to proceed regarding the TIF plan. *(Clerk's note: A few days later a meeting was scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm)* During the discussion, Alderman Scarborough asked Mayor Slater what the criteria is for TIF Commission candidates. No one was certain of the answer. The City Clerk said she would find out what the criteria is and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Fox also reported to the Board that the City currently holds shares of stock in Principal Financial Group which is the same company the City uses for employee life insurance benefits. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> the City is changing its plan provider to American Fidelity. The current dollar value of the stock is \$16,723.26. She asked the Board if they wanted to cash the stock since the City no longer does business with Principal. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to cash the shares of stock and deposit it in the general fund. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- nay and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Public Works:** Director Chris Cronk reported that he had met with Ciara Oehring, Environmental Specialist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, regarding the odor that has been present in the air for several months. The City has received numerous complaints regarding the odor. DNR took samples of the air in Pleasant Valley and surrounding areas and found that the odor does not rise to the levels prohibited by Chapter 6, Section 10 CSR 10-6.165, Restriction of Emission of Odors, in the Missouri Air Pollution Control Regulations *(in the Board packet)*. Ms. Oehring recommends that any calls received by the City should be referred to her office and to Ford Motor Company.

Director Cronk also provided the Board with a detailed update concerning cleaning up the property at 6813 Sobbie Road.

Alderwoman Langner asked if the house on North Road had received a letter yet concerning the condition of the house. After some discussion it was decided that further action would be delayed until the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting when the City Attorney would be available to answer some legal questions related to the topic.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that the "Santa on the Fire Truck" event went well.

Later, discussion returned to the purchase of a new fire truck. Chief Stinson said it would take at least six months for the truck to be built. The Mayor asked the Board if they had any objections to Chief Stinson meeting with Capital Improvements Chairman James Smith to start planning for the purchase.

There were no objections. In addition, Chief Stinson said he would obtain more details about purchasing options and report back to the Board.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Mark Dumolt had nothing to add in addition to his report. Mayor Slater complimented the Chief on the article in the Kansas City Star regarding his retirement and his service to Pleasant Valley.

A reception will be held on January 4, 2016 from 6pm to 7:30pm honoring Chief Dumolt's service.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk Kathy Bolek presented her monthly report. Normally this would be done at the second meeting of the month but Mrs. Bolek had it ready so she presented it. There were no questions.

**Personnel Chair:** Alderman Bohn, Personnel Chair, made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Karyn Berens, Reserve Communications Officer, at step 8, \$12.30 per hour, effective 12/20/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

After some discussion regarding recruiting efforts for the police chief position, Alderman Scarborough made a motion to use an all law enforcement interview panel. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. Discussion continued. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- nay, Jordan- nay, Langner- nay, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- nay. Motion failed.

Human Resource Manager Steve Smith recommended that plans should be made to appoint an interim chief since a candidate will probably not be hired by the time the current chief retires. Mayor Slater asked Alderman Bohn to take up the issue at the next Personnel Committee meeting.

**Finance Chair:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Committee Chair, was not present at the meeting.

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

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

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

No ordinances or contracts were scheduled for consideration.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 8:35pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk