



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
January 5, 2015***

Call to Order: A 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, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Daniel Bohn, John Higgins, Linda Jacoby, Wayne Maroon, Ruth Mesimer, Rick Scarborough and James Smith. John Henry was not present.

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

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

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to talk to the Board about a zoning question. Mr. Brant recommended to the Board that they approve the zoning changes recommended in the Comprehensive City Plan adopted in 2006. The City Clerk will contact AGC Engineers to get assistance in making any necessary updates and preparing the legal descriptions required to give notice of the Planning and Zoning meeting so P&Z can review the plan and make a recommendation to the Board.

Public Comment: No one from the public wished to address the Board.

Mayor's Communication: Mayor Slater asked Jim Hampton from the Clay County Economic Development Council to speak to the Board. Mr. Hampton provided the Board with information about the demographics of Pleasant Valley and general information about the Clay County Economic Development Council. After Mr. Hampton was done, the Mayor asked the Board if they would like to become members. Membership is \$750 per year. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to join the EDC. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. After a great deal of discussion, the vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- nay, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- nay, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- nay and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

At this time Alderman Scarborough made a motion to take the agenda out of order. Alderman Maroon seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Building Design Committee Recommendations: Details of the Building Design Committee meeting held on 12/30 were discussed. Alderman Smith, Chairman of the Building Design Committee, made a motion to appoint WSKF Architects as the architects for the new fire station project. *(Up to this point WSKF has worked as consultants on the design/build project. This will*

change the project to a design/bid/build product delivery method as well as changing WSKF's role.) Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the proposed changes and cost estimate as presented by Mark Spurgeon at the Building Design Committee meeting on 12/30. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Mayor's Communication, continued: The Mayor also discussed the upcoming capital improvements sales tax on the ballot in April (*this tax will replace the expiring storm water sales tax*). He emphasized the importance of the passage of this tax, which will not increase the City's tax rate, so the City can continue addressing infrastructure and equipment needs that have been deferred for far too long. He stated that the new fire station is being built because new pumper trucks are too large to fit in the existing station. But if the sales tax is not renewed in the April election, the City may not be able to afford to purchase a new pumper for 10-20 more years, which is desperately needed now, along with other important projects like storm water improvements, equipment replacement, etc. He again emphasized that we are not asking for a tax increase. We are simply asking the voters to keep the sales tax rate at the same level that it has been. If the cash flow continues to be good the City could look at possibly reducing the property taxes in August which would more directly impact the residents of Pleasant Valley. He urged Board members to talk to their constituents about the issue.

Aldermen Comments: No one had anything else to discuss at this time.

Advisory Committees/Department Reports

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox reminded the Board that the second meeting in January will be held on Tuesday, January 20th due to Martin Luther King Day on Monday. She also reminded the Board that the economic development incentives policy meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:00pm. She provided Board members with their packets.

She provided the Board with the fire station status report. There were no questions or discussion.

She reported that candidates had filed for all wards/positions except ward 3. Candidate filing closes at 5pm on January 20th.

Public Works: Director Chris Cronk reported that recent discussions with MoDOT indicated the interchange construction will probably not begin at the anticipated time, January 15th. They do expect the work to start in a few weeks, though.

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne was not able to comment on the ISO ratings topic on the agenda and deferred the topic to a later date when Chief Stinson would be available to discuss it.

Police Department: Police Chief Mark Dumolt presented some informational material to the Board. One of the items he brought to the Board's attention is a plan by Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), under the direction of the Public Safety Commission Board, to upgrade their 911 emergency system infrastructure by replacing the current T-1 network with a microwave network. Our communications department is a public safety answering point (911)

therefore we are included in this upgrade. The upgrade will include changing the equipment at the tower near the fire station building and on the rooftop of the police department at city hall. It will also include installing cabling from the tower shelter to the equipment room and installation of workstation equipment in the equipment room and dispatch area. This upgrade will be performed at no cost to Pleasant Valley. MARC is completely funding it.

The Mayor asked the Chief if he felt the new digital radio system that Pleasant Valley purchased several months ago helped Officer Baldwin receive assistance faster than if we still had the old radios. The Chief agreed that the new system helped officers respond faster to the situation, inside and outside the City. The Mayor commented that this was some of the deferred maintenance we were able to replace, that he had mentioned earlier in the evening, which was paid for by the capital improvements fund.

Municipal Court: Court Clerk Kathy Bolek did not have anything to report at this time.

Personnel Chair: Alderwoman Mesimer, Personnel Committee Chair, made a motion to enter into closed session authorized by 610.021, subsection 3, regarding personnel. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 8:46pm

Closed Session: During closed session, and after some discussion, a vote was taken. Alderman Bohn made a motion to terminate Cary Renfrow, Communications Officer, effective 1/6/15. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Open Session: 9:10pm. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Personnel Chair, continued: Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to accept the resignation of Grant Venable, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 1/5/2015. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to hire Stephen Winfrey, Fire Fighter/Paramedic, at step 6, \$13.91 per hour, pending background check, drug screen and physical. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Michelle Gregg, Communications Manager, to step 13, \$20.67 per hour, effective 1/18/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Anthony Silver, Reserve Communications Officer, to step 12, \$13.15 per hour, effective 1/18/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Kathy Bolek, Court Administrator, to step 6, \$16.81 per hour, effective 1/4/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Matt Franck, Fire Fighter/EMT, to step 10, \$13.05 per hour, effective 1/4/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an annual rate adjustment for Michael Buchanan, Reserve Police Sergeant, to step 3, \$14.32 per hour, effective 1/18/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Finance Chair: Alderman Higgins, Finance Committee Chair, reported the sewer CD discussed at the last meeting was rolled over at the KCB Bank in Kearney. The interest rate is 0.7% for a one year term.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

No ordinances were considered.

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, Henry- absent, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.
9:55pm adjourned.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk