



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Public Hearing
July 6, 2015***

Call to Order: A public hearing with 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, July 6, 2015 at 6:55 p.m. *(delayed waiting for quorum, originally set for 6:30)*

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

Staff present: Public Works Director Chris Cronk, City Engineer's Ron Cowger and Art Akin, and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

Public Comment: Dale Schmutzler, State NFIP Coordinator, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, was available to answer questions from the public and city council and staff. Mr. Schmutzler provided flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for public inspection. This public hearing was held in accordance with Pleasant Valley City Code Section 405.070 and in order to educate the public regarding the proposed changes to the map and regulations *(under consideration at the city council meeting immediately following the public hearing)*.

Eight citizens were present to participate in the public hearing. The current city FIRM's are from 1977. Mr. Schmutzler also provided new maps which show the difference in water paths and potential flood areas as compared to the 1977 map. The new map adds some areas that were previously out of the flood area and removes some areas that were previously in the flood area.

The requested change, from SEMA, is part of a national directive from the federal government to update all cities' flood insurance maps. Platte County has been completed. Clay County is underway and expected to be completed by August 3rd. Then Jackson County will be next.

Regarding construction regulations, existing structures are grandfathered in; the regulations would apply to new construction only. An addition to an existing structure of more than 50% of its original value would be considered new construction and would be subject to the new regulations. For new construction, residents in the flood plain will be required to file an application for flood plain development with the Public Works Director (flood plain administrator). Current city code already requires this provision.

Members of the audience, city engineers and board members asked several questions. One of the questions asked by a board member was what would happen if the proposed changes were not accepted by the board. Mr. Schmutzler responded by saying the City of Pleasant Valley would be excluded from the federal flood insurance program, meaning residents would not be able to obtain flood insurance. Some lenders require flood insurance coverage on certain home loans. In addition, in the case of federal declarations of disaster, there is a difference in benefits paid to communities that are a part of the flood insurance program ("eligible communities") and those that are not. It is also something that is considered if the city were to apply for federal grant funding.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Bohn seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- absent, Maroon- absent, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.
7:45pm adjourned.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk