



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
March 16, 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, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of the proposed ordinances, for the public, prior to the meeting.

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

Staff present: Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Clerk Kathy Bolek, Police Chief Mark Dumolt, Police Captain Jared McGinley, Fire Chief Robert Stinson, 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. Alderwoman Mesimer discussed a couple of concerns on the revenue and expense report. First she asked for details about a recruiting advertisement listed on the expense report. HR Manager Smith responded to her inquiry. Then Alderwoman Mesimer asked about a line item she felt should be under supply not equipment. After some discussion the vote was held. The viva voce vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- nay, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: Mike Groszek, of Troutt, Beeman & Co. PC, presented the 2013 audit findings to the Board. Mr. Groszek explained that the delay in completing the audit was partially due to the City's purchase and set up of the fixed assets software during the regularly scheduled audit. He noted that everything previous audits had recommended had been completed, such as providing a Management Discussion and Analysis, purchasing and transitioning to the new fixed asset software, etc. He had no further recommendations at this time and stated the City was in very good financial health.

Public Comment: John and Diana Reinert, of 7818 Pleasant Valley Rd, came forward to discuss their concerns about the beaver's dam behind their house. Many options to remove the beavers and their dam were discussed. It was agreed that removal of the dam while the beavers were still there was futile. The City is unable to perform work on private property so the City will assist by providing information to Mr. and Mrs. Reinert about private pest control services and contacts within the Missouri Department of Conservation that can help with this problem.

Mayor's Communication: Mayor Slater provided the Board with a letter from the USS Missouri Commissioning Committee. The letter offered an opportunity for the City to provide their flag to be flown on the USS Missouri. The City no longer has a city flag in its possession so one would have to be made. Alderman Bohn said that he would be willing to pay for the new flag and asked Director Cronk to order it and let him know the cost.

Aldermen Comments: There were no additional comments made.

Advisory Committees/Department Reports

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with the fire status report. There was no further discussion of the report.

Mrs. Fox provided a timeline regarding updating the zoning regulations and map. She stated the timeline was tentative until she could meet with the City Engineer to discuss his part in the project. She said she would provide a more detailed and accurate timeline once she receives the engineer's information. She also briefly discussed the need for council bill 3164, amending Section 400.280 of the City Code, which will be taken up later in the meeting.

Mrs. Fox asked the Board if they wanted to meet with attorney Joe Lauber in a work session to finish the economic development incentives policy. Alderman Bohn made a motion to meet with Mr. Lauber again. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. The Board then set the meeting date for April 16th at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Fox provided the Board with information regarding a proposal from Crown Castle for a 60 year easement at the cell phone tower on the fire station property. The City currently has a 25 year lease agreement with Crown Castle that expires in 2030 (Crown purchased the lease from T-Mobile in 2012). After some discussion, Alderman Bohn made a motion to table the issue to allow more time for consideration. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- nay. Motion passed.

Public Works: Director Chris Cronk came forward to discuss the progress of the I-35 and Pleasant Valley Rd interchange. Currently MoDOT is removing dirt from Sobbie Rd to use near the highway.

The Director also discussed the progress on cleaning up the property at 6813 Sobbie Rd (commonly referred to as the Fisher property). So far they have removed four 20 yard dumpsters and three 40 yard dumpsters of debris. Quite a bit of metal on the property has been recycled. Public Works will begin tearing down the house within the next few weeks.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson provided his monthly report to the Board. There was no further discussion related to the report.

The Chief also commended some of his EMS personnel for correctly diagnosing stroke symptoms in the field and transporting the patients directly to St. Luke's neurological unit resulting in a better outcome for the patients.

Police Department: Police Chief Mark Dumolt provided his monthly report to the Board. The Board did not have any questions related to the report.

Alderwoman Mesimer expressed concerns about construction-related trucks entering Pleasant Valley Rd, at Sobbie Rd, without yielding because there is not a stop sign going north bound on the future Sobbie Rd yet. After some discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to prepare an ordinance to add a new stop sign at this intersection (Chapter 335 of the City Code). Alderman Maroon seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Henry- nay, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- nay, Maroon- nay, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- nay and Smith- nay. Motion failed.

Municipal Court: Court Clerk Kathy Bolek provided the Board with her monthly court report. Alderman Scarborough asked Mrs. Bolek how SB 5 (reducing the fine to general revenue ratio from 30% to 10%) would impact court revenue if passed. Pleasant Valley's fine to general revenue is currently 19%, as reported in the 2013 audit discussed earlier. Mrs. Bolek responded that

it would decrease revenue by an estimated \$160,000 per year, nearly half the annual revenue from fines and court costs.

Personnel Chair: Alderwoman Mesimer, Personnel Chair, made a motion to appoint Alderwoman Jacoby to the Personnel Committee. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to accept the resignation of Raul Gonzalez, Fire Fighter/EMT, effective 3/16/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to rescind the offer to hire Sheila Motta as Part Time Court Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to rehire Robin Martin as Part Time Court Clerk, at step 2, \$12.36 per hour, pending background checks, drug screen and pre-employment physical. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the annual rate adjustment for Erin Larson, Fire Fighter/Medic, to step 2, \$12.36 per hour, effective 3/15/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve an adjustment to volunteer pay for Erin Larson, who had completed one year of employment, from \$7.50 per call to \$10.00 per call, effective 3/15/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Finance Chair: Alderman Higgins, Finance Committee Chair, was not present for the meeting. No finance issues were discussed.

Building Design Chair: Alderman Smith, Chairman of the Building Design Committee, reported that a Building Design Committee meeting was held on March 12th. Interior colors of the new fire station and other details were decided during this meeting. (*note: see 3/12 meeting minutes for more information*)

Old Business: Alderwoman Mesimer wanted to discuss future possible uses of the Fisher property. She recommended the City discontinue use of “city lot” (7823 Pleasant Valley Rd) and use the Fisher property (6813 Sobbie Rd) instead in order to save the monthly rental fee for city lot. Public Works uses city lot to store materials that they use regularly such as top soil, mulch, etc. The idea was discussed but no motions were made for or against this change.

New Business: Alderman Maroon expressed concerns about whether the City should pay for a City Treasurer. He felt these duties could be handled by other staff. Alderman Maroon made a motion to remove Rob Jones as City Treasurer. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. During discussion, the City Clerk reported that the position of City Treasurer is required by City Code (Article VI). If Mr. Jones is removed it will still be necessary to appoint another person to this

position. The Board could, however, change the City Treasurer's salary, at any time, by ordinance. She also cautioned against consolidating this position with other finance positions since this would lead to less segregation of duties which is not recommended by auditors since it is contrary to generally accepted accounting and risk management principals. Mayor Slater noted that since Mr. Jones has been treasurer (2007) he has never asked for an increase in salary. Currently the City Treasurer is paid \$300 per month. The City Treasurer is responsible for checking completed bank reconciliations to ensure they are consistent with the balance sheet, preparing six-month financial reports published in the newspaper, monitors city investments, bonds, and basically acts as a second, independent, person to examine and monitor financial transactions. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Henry- nay, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- nay, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- any, Scarborough- nay and Smith- nay. Motion failed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3164, repealing and replacing Section 400.280 (subsections 2-3) of the Pleasant Valley City Code regarding the proper board to oversee changes and amendments to zoning regulations, was read by title only. This bill's intent is to correct a procedural/typographical (?) error in the code. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3164, repealing and replacing Section 400.280 (subsections 2-3) of the Pleasant Valley City Code regarding the proper board to oversee changes and amendments to zoning regulations, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the bill as Ordinance 3163. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye 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, Henry- aye, Higgins- absent, Jacoby- aye, Maroon- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 9:32 pm adjourned.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk