



**City of Pleasant Valley Missouri**  
**Meeting of the Board of Aldermen**  
**Regular Session**  
**September 21, 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, September 21, 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, Rick Scarborough and James Smith. One seat for Ward 2 is vacant.

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

**Oath of Office-** The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mary Langner, 8702 Linda Lane, to replace the vacant ward 2 alderman seat. The Board voted to appoint Mrs. Langner at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Langner's family was present in the audience. She introduced them at the request of the Mayor.

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

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** City Architect Mark Spurgeon was at the meeting to request the Board's decision on exterior materials/colors for the new fire station. He explained the difference in the materials and colors. The following were the options:

Option 1- Roof, gutter and downspout- dark bronze; metal panel siding- warm white;  
Brick wainscot- Sedona NT

Option 2- Roof, gutter and downspout- dark bronze; metal panel siding- surrey beige;  
Brick wainscot- Cimarron

Option 3- Roof, gutter and downspout- surrey beige; metal panel siding- warm white;  
Brick wainscot- Old Williamsburg

*(see exhibit page for more information)*

The Board approved option 3.

**Public Comments:** Ron Davis, 6521 South Brookside, was present to address the Board. Mr. Davis had two issues of concern. One, he suggested the city could have saved money by burning down the house at 6813 Sobbie instead of tearing it down. Mr. Davis was informed that DNR does not allow houses to be burned down as an acceptable form of demolition. His complaint also included the dumpsters located on the property. Secondly, Mr. Davis complained that the park located at the intersection of South Brookside and South Church was inaccessible to the public. The Mayor explained to Mr. Davis that the property he referred to was private

property not public. The city park is located behind city hall at 6500 Royal Street. Mr. Davis asked that more signs be installed so directions to the city park are clearer.

**Mayor Comments:** The Mayor requested closed session pursuant to 610.021, section 1 legal, section 2 real estate, and section 3 personnel. Alderman Higgins made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021, sections 1-3. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 7:45pm.

**Closed Session:** During closed session no votes were taken nor motions made.

**Open Session:** Alderman Smith made a motion to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 8:20pm.

**Aldermen Comments:** There were no comments.

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with the bi-monthly fire station construction status report. There was no further discussion of the report.

The City Clerk provided the Board with a report contrasting the budgeted site improvements for the new fire station with actual costs (estimated) based on the contractor's bid.

**Public Works:** Director Chris Cronk reported that Reddi Services is currently performing the sewer scope maintenance. The project is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  complete. There is a break on Linda Lane that will need to be repaired but the cost will not exceed the contingency amount already approved by the Board.

Alderman Smith asked Director Cronk when Missouri Gas Energy will repair the road cuts they made on River Road while relocating gas meters and lines. Director Cronk said he will contact MGE's subcontractor to get more information and report back.

Alderman Higgins asked the Director to explain the dumpsters Mr. Davis brought up earlier in the meeting. Director Cronk explained that the dumpsters at 6813 Sobbie Road are for construction demolition materials only. No trash or other materials that could cause odor are in the dumpsters, only concrete and wood. Regarding the length of time it has taken to complete the demolition, Director Cronk explained that the Public Works Department was not able to begin the project until November of last year due to when the city took possession of the property and the time allotted for the previous owner to remove their personal property. Obviously this was not a good time to start this type of project due to the weather. There was not a lot of time in the spring between the weather improving and the start of mowing season. During mowing season 2 of 3 public works personnel are busy mowing full time to maintain all the city's property and street right of ways. Building permits increase as well as other maintenance projects in the spring. Despite the setbacks, the shed and the barn have been demolished and the land cleaned up. The house demolition will be completed as soon as possible.

Alderman Smith asked the Director when they would begin crack sealing streets. Director Cronk responded that he is on a waiting list for a machine and should have it the last week of October or first week of November.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson provided his monthly report. He also wished to expound on the subject of the property at 6813 Sobbie. The property has been utilized by the fire department for numerous training events such as ladder, ventilation and search and rescue training.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Mark Dumolt presented his monthly report. There was no further discussion.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk Kathy Bolek presented her monthly report. She also provided the Board with Municipal Court Operating Order #2015-01. There was no further discussion.

**Personnel Chair:** Alderman Bohn, Personnel Chair, made a motion to accept the resignation of Fire Fighter / Medic Tim Dice effective 9/21/15. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion to approve the annual rate adjustment for the following employees: Craig Farley, Fire Fighter / Medic, Step 4, \$13.66 per hour, effective 9/13/15  
Marc Wachter, Fire Captain / EMT, Step 11, \$16.80 per hour, effective 9/13/15  
Damon Foulks, Public Works Laborer I, Step 2, \$13.46 per hour, effective 9/13/15  
Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Bohn made a motion, based on the Personnel Committee's recommendation, to change supplemental insurance providers from Aflac to American Fidelity and life insurance provider from The Principal Financial Group to American Fidelity. Reasons for the recommended change were: \$1600/year savings in life insurance premiums, all insurance benefits would fall under the MPR umbrella of services, increased options in coverage, the stability of American Fidelity Assurance Company as a third party administrator of benefits, and maintaining greater compliance with Section 125 requirements. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- nay and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Chair:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Committee Chair, made a motion to take the agenda out of order in order to discuss the recommended amendments to the budget for capital purchases just before the consideration of council bill 3185. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

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

**New Business:** Alderman Scarborough expressed concern regarding the condition of the old Shell gas station located at 6610 NE 69 Hwy. Weeds, dilapidated fencing, and the condition of the building were among some of the complaints. Chief Dumolt said that his department has not been successful in contacting the owner. The owner is registered as 8386 Blackburn Partners LLC, according to county tax records. The City Clerk will contact the city attorney to discuss possible options to get the property cleaned up.

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

Alderman Higgins reviewed the capital purchases schedule with the Board. The budget amendment was discussed.

Council bill 3185, amending the 2015/16 budget, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

Council bill 3185, amending the 2015/16 budget, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve council bill 3185 as Ordinance 3184. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- nay, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn- aye, Higgins- aye, Jacoby- aye, Jordan- aye, Langner- aye, Mesimer- aye, Scarborough- aye and Smith- aye. Motion passed. 9:00pm.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk