



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Regular Session
March 21, 2016*

Call to Order: A regular session 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 21, 2016 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: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Daniel Bohn (arrived at 7:40pm), Alderman John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Jesse Jordan, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

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

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. During discussion, the City Clerk requested that the Board remove the minutes from 3/15/16 from the consent agenda since they were not ready in time for review prior to the meeting. She also provided the Board with a supplemental expense report that increased the General Fund expenditures by \$3,859.99 making the total \$30,307.13. Alderwoman Jacoby and Alderman Scarborough upheld their motions agreeing to the amendment of the consent agenda. The vote was as follows: Bohn – absent, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:

No one was scheduled to appear to address the Board.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater recognized City Clerk Georgia Fox's excellent work on recent legal issues and the rezoning project. The Board agreed. Mrs. Fox thanked the Mayor for the acknowledgment.

Mayor Slater reported that he testified in Jeff City on March 16th in opposition to senate bill 572. The Mayor said that 5 people testified in support of the bill and 40 testified against it. Mayor Slater said that he is opposed to the bill because lack of code enforcement causes blight which in turn leads to increases in crime. This bill:

- Lessens a city's ability to rehabilitate neighborhoods and protect property values for citizens;
- Removes the use of graduated fines for repeat offenders;
- Has little effect on the most egregious violators, who will be unmoved by a \$200 fine which greatly impedes a city's ability to hold nuisance violators responsible;
- All cities, large and small, across this state deal with nuisances and derelict properties;

After a \$200 (maximum allowable fine) citation is issued, violators have no incentive to remove rubbish and trash, tall grass, noxious weeds, derelict cars, flammable materials; unhealthy and unsanitary conditions.

- Cities cannot afford to use taxpayer dollars to clean up unsafe and unsanitary conditions on private property.
- This legislation could, over time, greatly affect the overall health, safety and property values of neighborhoods (a fundamental purpose of local government).

Mayor Slater reported that the bill sponsor, Senator Eric Schmitt, was only in attendance during the testimony in support of the bill, leaving without listening to any of the testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Mayor also reported that Clay County EDC has a meeting on March 22nd where state legislators will be available to discuss this and other issues.

Aldermen Comments: No aldermen had any additional comments to make.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with the bi-monthly new fire station status report. Alderman Scarborough asked if the station would be completed by the original completion date of April 1st. The City Clerk said that the completion date has changed and she would contact Fleshman Construction for updated information to share with the Board.

The City Clerk reported that she is still researching information related to drafting a drone ordinance. She thinks she will have one ready for consideration by the next meeting.

The City Clerk reported that Trista Rauls contacted her about possible annexation into Pleasant Valley. Ms. Rauls would also like to zone this land for commercial use. Mrs. Fox discussed with the Board several challenges to the land and proposed use. Ms. Rauls was still looking into the matter further and would submit a written request if/when she decides to move forward.

And finally, Mrs. Fox provided the Board with a financial report showing the cost of the rezoning project.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk had nothing to report at this time.

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne had nothing to report at this time.

Police Department: Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley presented his monthly report to the Board. Alderman Higgins asked Chief McGinley the status on the dispatch console. Chief McGinley said that parts are still arriving for the new console. He expects them to begin assembling the new console in the next week or so. The old console is still operational. They experience a few issues with it from time to time.

Municipal Court: Court Clerk Kathy Bolek presented her monthly report to the Board. Mrs. Bolek also reported that she applied to the state for reimbursement of interpreter's fees, and it was approved, in the amount of \$439.

Personnel Committee: Alderman Bohn, Personnel Chairman, made a motion to approve the termination of Riley Yack, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 3/21/16. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Human Resource Manager Steve Smith reported that the interview panel had completed interviewing candidates and narrowed it down to two candidates. The Board had previously expressed interest in meeting with the candidates before making a decision so HR Manager Smith asked when the Board would like to meet. The meeting date of Thursday March 24th at 2pm was agreed to by all. This special session is intended to give the Board an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions. A final vote to approve a candidate will not be held until the next regular meeting on April 4th.

Finance Committee: Alderman Higgins, Finance Chairman, did not have anything to discuss at this time.

Old Business: Alderwoman Mesimer provided the Board with the information from her research of the minutes regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to begin the process of purchasing a new fire truck. There was no second of the motion. Alderman Higgins made a motion to table the issue until the 2016/17 budget preparation in May. Alderman Bohn seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay. Motion passed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3205, an Ordinance amending Chapter 605, Article II, Section 605.023 by adding subsection A-3, compliance with other ordinances, under business license restrictions, was read by title only. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve Council Bill 3205 and place it on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – nay, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3205, an Ordinance amending Chapter 605, Article II, Section 605.023 by adding subsection A-3, compliance with other ordinances, under business license restrictions, was read by title only. Alderman Scarborough made a motion to approve Council Bill 3205 as Ordinance 3204. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – nay, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3206, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3195 and Ordinance No. 3200 by changing the expiration of an existing moratorium to the applications and issuances of certain new business licenses and building permits on certain property within the City of Pleasant Valley, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve Council Bill 3206 and place it on second reading. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3206, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3195 and Ordinance No. 3200 by changing the expiration of an existing moratorium to the applications and issuances of certain new business licenses and building permits on certain property within the City of Pleasant Valley, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve Council Bill 3206 as Ordinance 3205. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3207, an Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley and AGC Engineers Inc for the professional services relating to the 2015 street surfacing project, was

read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve Council Bill 3207 and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3207, an Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley and AGC Engineers Inc for the professional services relating to the 2015 street surfacing project, was read by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to approve Council Bill 3207 as Ordinance 3206. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3208, an Ordinance amending Title II, Chapter 205, Section 205.320, pet licensing period, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to approve Council Bill 3208 and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3208, an Ordinance amending Title II, Chapter 205, Section 205.320, pet licensing period, was read by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to approve Council Bill 3208 as Ordinance 3207. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Bohn – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay. Motion passed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Bohn 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, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 8:30pm

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk