



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
May 16, 2016*

**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, May 16, 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 John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Jesse Jordan, Alderman James Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. Alderwoman Mary Langner was not present.

Staff present: City Engineer Ron Cowger, City Attorney Tom Capps, Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Clerk Kathy Bolek, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith and City Clerk Georgia Fox. Other employees in attendance were Police Officers Mike Buchanan, Steve Wilson, Jeremy Monaco and Ira Fogg, Communications Officers Michelle Gregg and Leslie Deichler.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** City Engineer Ron Cowger was present to discuss the upcoming detour of North Church Road. MoDOT will close North Church Road for approximately six months as part of the I-35 interchange project. Traffic will be detoured to Kaill Street and Sobbie Road. After much discussion, Alderman Scarborough made a motion to install 3 new stop signs:

1. South bound Leona at Laverne,
2. West bound Hines at Leona,
3. North bound Leona at Hines, (*this sign already exists*)
4. Change one yield sign to a stop sign on east bound Laverne at Leona,
5. And prohibit parking along Kaill from Church to Sobbie Rd, to be reviewed in 90 days by the City Engineer and Board of Aldermen to determine if they should be permanently written into the code. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to take the agenda out of order. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council Bill 3214**, an Ordinance appointing Gordon Abraham as Police Chief and setting annual compensation, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council Bill 3214**, an Ordinance appointing Gordon Abraham as Police Chief and setting annual compensation, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3213. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

After the passage of Ordinance 3213, the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the new Police Chief. Afterwards, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to take a fifteen minute break for the reception in the lobby. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Mayor Slater called the meeting back to order.**

**Public Comments:** No one from the public had any comments to make.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater reported that the Civic Organization would like the Finance Committee to consider adding an equal share of the cost for an electronic sign to be installed at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Sobbie Road on the south side of the old fire station during budget preparation. The Civic Organization does not have the price yet but will submit that information to the City soon.

Mayor Slater also reported that North Kansas City School District will put a bond issue on the ballot in August. The bond will replace another bond that is maturing so there will not be an increase in taxes. The bond will be used for improvements to North Kansas City High School and to build two new elementary schools. An existing middle and elementary school will be converted to house only 6th graders called the 6th Grade Center. That will free up space in the remaining schools and pull the student body within planned capacity. These changes are dependent on if the voters pass the bond issue.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Smith discussed a recent sunshine law training he attended. Topics of discussion were closed session information, polling, and quorums.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with the bi-monthly new fire station status report. She also reported that the next construction meeting will be held May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Fox reported that KCP&L has performed a site survey concerning the electric vehicle charging station at city hall but has not sent the documents related to that survey to her. Once she has them she will provide them to the Board for their decision.

The City Clerk said she is currently trying to set the first TIF Commission meeting but so far has not been able to set a date with members and the attorney. She will continue to report the status of this to the Board.

Mrs. Fox provided the Board with a financial report regarding the capital purchases account. The reports were discussed.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the bid opening for the 2015 Street project will occur tomorrow morning at 10am. It is open to the public.

The detour of Church Road, related to the interchange, timeline has changed. They now anticipate the Church Road detour to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.

Director Cronk also reported the owner of the house at 8813 North Road will be sent a notice in accordance with Ordinance 3199 regarding dangerous buildings.

Director Cronk gave the Board an update on the cleanup at 6813 Sobbie Rd.

And finally, the Director provided the Board with an activity log of work performed 5/10-5/13/16. He asked the Board to review it when they have time.

The conversation then turned to the condition of the property located at 8601 Pleasant Valley Road. The weeds and grass are extremely high and there are several buildings in disrepair. After some discussion, the City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney about the matter.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson was not present at the meeting. Neither of the Assistant Chiefs were available for the meeting either. Mayor Slater asked if anyone knew what the “special” category meant on the monthly fire report. No one was able to answer the question. There was discussion among the Aldermen about the frequency of which there was no fire representation at the meetings. The general consensus was that a captain should attend the meeting if the fire chief and assistants were unable to attend.

**Police Department:** Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley presented the department’s monthly report.

Chief McGinley also reported that Motorola/Commenco anticipates they will have the new dispatch console up and running by Memorial Day. There were some delays installing the microwave tower due to rain.

Chief McGinley also reported that the specifications for the security cameras should be back from the consultant by later this week.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk Kathy Bolek presented her monthly report. Mrs. Bolek also reported that the incarceration fees at the county are increasing June 1<sup>st</sup>.

She also reported that Judge Svetlic will be here June 20<sup>th</sup> to give his annual State of the Court address.

Mrs. Bolek also reported that she will be out of the office May 23<sup>rd</sup> thru May 27<sup>th</sup> for the annual court clerk’s conference.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Rachel Barker, Fire Fighter / Medic, effective 5/16/16. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Erin Henderson, Fire Fighter / Medic, to step 3, \$13.26 per hour, effective 5/8/16. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Scott Winfrey, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 3, \$11.14 per hour, effective 5/8/16. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Jared McGinley, who will be resuming his duties as Police Captain, to step 10, \$23.49 per hour, effective 5/22/16. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Chairman, asked the department heads to prepare an updated needs assessment for the Capital Improvements Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. A Finance Committee meeting will also be held on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Department heads will need to have their preliminary budgets ready and have completed the Delphi revenue forecasts.

**Old Business:** Alderwoman Mesimer asked if the recycling bins in the city hall parking lot could be relocated off the parking lot onto a pad where there is now grass. After some discussion, it was determined to not be feasible due to the trees and landscaping on the east side of the lot.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

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

**Council Bill 3214**, an Ordinance appointing Gordon Abraham as Police Chief and setting annual compensation, was taken up earlier in the meeting.

**Resolution 2016-0516-01**, approving a memorandum of understanding between Pleasant Valley and One80 Development, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the resolution. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed and the resolution was approved.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – absent, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. The motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned. 9:56pm

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk