



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
July 5, 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 Tuesday July 5, 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, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman James Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Police Captain Jared McGinley, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Fire Chief Robert Stinson and City Clerk Georgia Fox. Other staff present for the oath of office and reception was Police Officers Jacob Baldwin, Mike Buchanan, Ira Fogg, David Couzens and Communications Manager Michelle Gregg.

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

Alderman Scarborough moved to amend the agenda to include the Oath of Office and a brief recess. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Oath of Office: Chief Gordon Abraham introduced Taylor Nave and provided biographical information about the new officer. City Clerk Georgia Fox administered the Oath of Office.

Reception: Alderman Scarborough moved to take a ten minute recess for the reception in the lobby. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 7:36pm

Meeting resumed: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to resume the meeting. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 7:46pm

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to discuss a legal issue with the Board of Aldermen. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized under 610.021, subsection 1, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 7:47pm

During closed session, no votes were taken nor motions made.

Return to open session: Alderman Scarborough moved to return to open session. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.
8:07pm

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater asked Chief Stinson about the advertised date of the new fire station grand opening. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to require all department heads to obtain permission prior to setting dates for city events. Alderwoman Langner made a motion to approve the date set, August 20th at 9am. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – nay, Jacoby – nay, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – nay, Smith – nay. Motion failed. After further discussion, the Board directed Chief Stinson to come up with a later date, one that would be after the landscaping is done, and bring it back to the Board for final approval.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Mesimer discussed her concerns regarding the fireworks over the 4th of July weekend. Alderwoman Mesimer said that a few years ago she had sponsored a bill to allow fireworks in the city but after the last 3 days she is ready to ban them. Alderman Jordan suggested the ordinance be reviewed and possibly more restrictions put into place rather than completely banning them. Alderman Higgins said that he felt the review of the ordinance completed a few years ago was very thorough. Several aldermen discussed the use by some residents of illegal types of fireworks. Discussion continued but, ultimately, no action was taken at this time.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a fire station construction status report. There were no questions.

Mrs. Fox provided the Board with a change order request, for the keying of the new fire station, in the amount of \$5,109.50. After much discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the change order. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – nay, Jacoby – nay, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – nay. There being a tie, the Mayor cast his vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed and the change order was approved.

Mrs. Fox also reported that the other taxing jurisdictions have been notified to appoint members to the Tax Increment Finance Commission. The deadline to make these appointments is July 15th. Once the appointments are made another TIF Commission meeting will be held.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the Church Road detour should begin within 2-3 weeks, weather permitting.

Director Cronk also gave the Board an update of the fire station construction and the tentative date for completion.

Alderman Higgins reported to the Board that he had asked Director Cronk to look into the cost of Pleasant Valley taking over maintenance and landscaping of the entrance ways to Pleasant Valley from the highway which are currently maintained by MoDOT in order to improve the appearance of these areas. Alderman Higgins reports that the city of O'Fallon does this and it looks really nice. Alderman Higgins intention is to improve the appearance to promote economic development interest. Alderman Higgins moved to direct the Public Works Director to research the issue further. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye,

Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay.
Motion passed. Director Cronk will report back at a future meeting with his findings for the Board to discuss further.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson gave a status update on information related to the purchase of a fire truck. He is in contact with Mid-America Regional Council's purchasing unit which is assisting with obtaining the quotes under the Houston Galveston Area Council purchasing agreement. He believes quotes will be returned and reviewed in time to be presented to the Board, tentatively, at the August 1st meeting.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that POST requirements for police officers are changing effective 2017; from 48 hours of training in 3 years to 24 hours per year to maintain their certification. This will have an impact on the training budget for the police department.

Police Chief Abraham reported that he attended the Missouri Police Chief's Conference from June 26th to June 30th.

Chief Abraham requested approval to apply to attend the FBI Central States Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in Lawrence Kansas from September 25-30, 2016. Applications are due by July 8th. Registration cost is \$495. Lodging is \$89 per night. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the expense. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Abraham what the status was on the security cameras for city hall and public works. Chief Abraham said he is working with specialist in this field to put together the specifications for the RFP now.

Municipal Court: Court Clerk Kathy Bolek was not present for the meeting. No court issues were discussed.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Rodni Travelute, Assistant Public Works Director, to step 5, \$16.26 per hour, effective 7/3/16. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Alderman Higgins, Finance Chairman, reported that he encountered a great deal of difficulty trying to renew the sewer CD at First Bank of Missouri. Alderman Higgins contacted other banks to check rates, again, and found that one of the banks offered a 42 month CD at 1.4% interest. Alderman Higgins cashed the matured CD at First Bank of Missouri (which also required City Treasurer Rob Jones signature as second signer) and gave the check to administration to deposit until a decision by the Board could be made. Alderman Higgins moved to open a sewer CD for 42 months at 1.4% interest. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. During discussion Alderwoman Mesimer asked which bank the new CD would be opened. Alderman Higgins apologized saying he left the information at home and could not answer her question at this time. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3223, amending section 380.220, seat belt requirements, was not available for consideration at the time of the meeting.

Council Bill 3224, An Ordinance Re-Adopting Ordinance No. 3141 Establishing A Procedure To Disclose Potential Conflicts Of Interest And Substantial Interests For Certain Municipal Officials In The City Of Pleasant Valley, was read by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Higgins moved to adjourn. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. The motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned. 9:33pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk