



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
August 1, 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 August 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of the proposed ordinances and resolutions, for the public, prior to the meeting.

**Invocation:** Former Police Chaplin and resident of Pleasant Valley, Larry Linville, gave the invocation.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Jesse Jordan, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer and Alderman James Smith. Aldermen James Menaugh and Rick Scarborough were not present.

Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Clerk Kathy Bolek, Fire Chief Robert Stinson, HR Manager Steve Smith and Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderman Higgins asked Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley why the sewer CD expense was coded under 30-65-6638 in the Revenue and Expense Report. This line item only has \$1,000 budgeted. The CD was \$51,383.36. Mrs. Crossley said she would investigate the matter and report back to the Finance Chairman tomorrow morning. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** No one was scheduled to address the Board.

**Public Comments:** Ron Davisson, South Brookside, was present to request a hole, located in the right of way at 6715 S Brookside Rd, be filled. Mayor Slater told Mr. Davisson the matter would be referred to the Public Works Director.

Rosalee Linhart, River Rd, was present to address the issue of the new fire station name on the sign. Mrs. Linhart said she thinks the new fire station should be called the Pleasant Valley Fire Station not the Kane-Wheeler Fire Station. She feels the Kane-Wheeler name is too confusing for people not familiar with Pleasant Valley and the name should reflect the community it serves. Mayor Slater said the matter would be taken up by the Board later in the meeting under new business.

Steven Goertzen, South Brookside, was also present to discuss the hole addressed earlier by Mr. Davisson. Mr. Goertzen said that it was filled by Public Works once but hard rains had washed it out again. Alderman Higgins asked that Director Cronk give the Board some history of the issue. Director Cronk said that Public Works had filled the hole once which sometimes will resolve the issue. When the hole came back a second time the Director immediately referred the matter to the City Engineer, who is working on it now. Mayor Slater asked the Director if he had a plate he could put over it. Director Cronk said it has delineators and caution tape around it now. He had not installed a plate over it because they need to be able to monitor the holes activity. He is worried that a plate

would not allow them to see when the hole is getting larger and the plate could also fall in without warning if the hole deteriorates enough. Alderman Higgins asked if Director Cronk could give them a timeframe for how long it would take to complete the repairs, given the engineer is working on the plans and it must go out for bid. Director Cronk said the engineer should be done in 2-3 weeks, bids would take 35 days, and then a recommendation and notice to proceed would be issued by the City Engineer. After further discussion, Director Cronk said he would install a plate, caution tape and cones.

**Mayor's Comments:** Ron and Margaret Brecke were in attendance. Mayor Slater read the proclamation thanking Ron and Margaret Brecke for their generous donation which is to be used to purchase two ballistic vests for the police department. Chief Abraham thanked Mr. and Mrs. Brecke, also.

Mayor Slater encouraged board members to attend the Metro Mayors' Caucus meeting with MODOT on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting information was included in the board packets.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Smith said that he was going to discuss proper procedures for handling complaints regarding employees but the material was already covered in the training session earlier in the evening.

Alderman Jordan reported that he is resigning his positions as Ward 3 Alderman and member of the Park Board. Alderman Jordan has accepted a position of employment that requires him to relocate to Omaha, Nebraska. The resignation is effective immediately and this will be his last meeting.

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley did not have any additional information to add regarding topics under the City Clerk and the Board did not have any questions about the material they received.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to accept the six month financial report. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk had nothing to report at this time. Mayor Slater commented that the punch list for the new fire station was very thorough and asked how long it would take to be completed. Director Cronk said he did not have a timeline for completion but that the various contractors are working on it now.

Discussion turned to the work at the I-35 and Pleasant Valley Road interchange. Director Cronk reported that MODOT did not approve opening an extra lane on east bound Pleasant Valley Road to enter south bound I-35 which the City believed would have alleviated some of the traffic congestion in front of QuikTrip. MODOT said they denied the request due to concerns that traffic coming out of QuikTrip might try to cut across multiple lanes in order to take the I-35 south bound entrance ramp which could cause traffic accidents.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that he has been working with Rita Parker of Mid-America Regional Council on obtaining pricing information on a new fire truck. Alderman Higgins asked Chief Stinson if he had a timeline. Chief Stinson said his hope is that they will have the information for the Board in early September.

Chief Stinson asked the Board if they wanted to discuss setting the date for the grand opening of the new station. The Board responded that they did not want to set a date until the date the City will take possession of the building is known.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that he is still awaiting word regarding the grant application for the ballistic vests. He has ordered two vests, funded by the kind donation of Mr. and Mrs. Brecke. The two vests are for the Chief, his vest expired in 2005, and the new officer, Officer Nave, who is wearing an expired vest as well. Vests on order take 6-8 weeks to arrive.

Chief Abraham again thanked the Brecke's for their donation. He noted that several residents have also brought food donations and either put blue lights on at their homes or displayed blue ribbons. The department appreciates the support of the community during these challenging times.

Chief Abraham also reported that the department is applying for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for police equipment. The grant will pay up to \$10,000 for officer safety equipment. The Chief will meet with Finance Chairman Higgins to discuss budgetary objectives. The grant cannot supplant the existing budget meaning the grant cannot replace budgeted funds in order to divert the money to other departments.

Mayor Slater reported that he had a request from a resident for greater traffic law enforcement at Pleasant Valley Road and Orchard. The Chief said he would take care of the matter.

**Municipal Court:** Court Clerk Kathy Bolek had nothing to report. The Board did not have any questions for the Court Clerk.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Danielle Taylor, Communications Officer, to step 4, \$13.93 per hour, effective 8/14/16. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Wes Hill, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 6, \$12.17 per hour, effective 7/31/16. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Alan Heyne, Assistant Fire Chief, to step 12, \$18.69 per hour, effective 7/31/16. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Chairman, had nothing to report at this time.

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

**New Business:** Alderman Jordan made a motion to accept his resignation effective at the end of the meeting. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – abstain, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Higgins moved to remove the sign “Kane-Wheeler Fire Station” from the new station and replace it with “Pleasant Valley Fire Station”. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. During discussion Director Cronk mentioned that in the past it had been agreed that all signs would be removed from the old fire station to ensure that no one went to the old fire station thinking it was still

in service. There was also discussion of the cost to change the sign. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

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

**Council Bill 3225**, “An Ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and PropertyRoom.com Inc for Asset Disposition Services”, was read by title only by the Assistant City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council Bill 3225**, “An Ordinance approving an Agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and PropertyRoom.com Inc for Asset Disposition Services”, was read by title only by the Assistant City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3224. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Jordan moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jordan – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 8:45pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk