



City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
December 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 Monday December 5, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. There is one position in Ward 3 that is vacant.

Staff present: Police Sergeant Andrew Cramer, Fire Chief Robert Stinson, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Interim Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Police Sergeant Michael Buchanan, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

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

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: Carl Brown, rate setting consultant for GettingGreatRates.com, presented the sewer rate study and recommendation to the Board and answered all of their questions. The recommended rate for residential was as follows:

Gallons Used	# of Customers	Current Bill for this Volume	Model Bill for this Volume	Bill Increase or Decrease	Percentage of Change
0	93	\$28.00	\$21.56	(\$6.44)	-23%
1,000	130	\$28.00	\$26.31	(\$1.69)	-6%
2,000	174	\$28.00	\$31.07	\$3.07	11%
3,000	183	\$32.00	\$35.82	\$3.82	12%
4,000	141	\$36.00	\$40.57	\$4.57	13%
5,000	81	\$40.00	\$45.32	\$5.32	13%
6,000	50	\$44.00	\$50.07	\$6.07	14%
7,000	27	\$48.00	\$54.83	\$6.83	14%
8,000	15	\$52.00	\$59.58	\$7.58	15%
9,000	8	\$56.00	\$64.33	\$8.33	15%
10,000	16	\$60.00	\$69.08	\$9.08	15%
15,000	5	\$80.00	\$92.84	\$12.84	16%
20,000	3	\$100.00	\$116.60	\$16.60	17%
30,000	4	\$140.00	\$164.12	\$24.12	17%
40,000	2	\$180.00	\$211.64	\$31.64	18%
50,000	4	\$220.00	\$259.16	\$39.16	18%

The weighted average is a 14% increase which represents \$6 per month. The recommended rate will allow the City to maintain the reserves necessary to replace the sewer lines starting in 2024 and the restructuring of the rates will be more equitable to all users. Mr. Brown also recommended that discounts not be given to any group but that if they were given they should be based on a means test. The Board will discuss the recommendations further at the next meeting in preparation for the public hearing. The public hearing to discuss the sewer rate restructuring is scheduled for January 3rd at 7pm.

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Slater requested that the City Clerk note in the minutes that 90 minutes was spent on this subject so the residents would know that it was thoroughly reviewed. Alderman Higgins said he felt that was minimal considering the millions of dollars the subject represents.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater informed the Board and staff that an open house at the Shoal Creek Police Station is scheduled for tomorrow night at 5:30pm. The Kansas City Public Works Department is improving NE Pleasant Valley Road from North Brighton to Searcy Creek Parkway. Public Works representatives will be present to answer questions, show design plans, and discuss how the upgrades will benefit the neighborhood. Mayor Slater encouraged everyone to attend.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner reminded everyone that the Pleasant Valley Civic Organization's Christmas Dinner is Monday, December 12th. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a year to date comparison of business licensing and building permits. Mrs. Fox said both were up significantly over last year due to the hail storm on November 2nd.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk provided a storm water project update. Director Cronk said the work on River Road is mostly complete. They are still working on South Brookside.

Director Cronk reported that Church Road was originally scheduled to reopen on February 1st but the contractor says they will be asking for an extension from MoDOT due to the extensive rain we received in August.

Director Cronk reported that Mayor Slater and he met regarding the complaint about the house located at 8813 North Rd. A notice will be sent to the owner of the property giving them 30 days to begin the repairs or further enforcement action will be taken.

Mayor Slater asked Director Cronk if the street lights had been replaced because the lights seem to be brighter. Director Cronk said all the street lights are being changed over to LED bulbs. About 75% of the City has been done.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that the Fire Department started operating out of the new fire station on December 1st. More items will be moved from the old station over the next few weeks. Chief Stinson said that they had some difficulties with the phone

service provider, security camera provider, copier service, and card key system knocking each other off line but he thinks it is resolved and doesn't anticipate any problems in the future.

Chief Stinson reported that last Saturday they did Santa on the Fire Truck and handed out over 500 bags of candy. He thanked Mayor Slater for his help.

Police Department: Police Sergeant Cramer discussed an assault call near Ravena and Pence and several car larcenies in the area of Ravena, Rose, Schell, and South Brookside. Most of the vehicles affected were unlocked. The police put a reminder in the November flyer reminding people to lock their vehicles.

Municipal Court: Interim Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with a summary of changes required by Court Operating Order 37.04 that became effective September 20, 2016.

Mrs. Everhart requested permission from the Board to close the court office on January 27th so the court clerks could attend training. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the closing. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Karen Berens, Reserve Communications Officer, to step 9, \$12.67 per hour, effective 12/4/16. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Closed Session: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, as authorized by RSMo. 610.021, subsection 3, regarding personnel matters. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. Mayor Slater requested that the motion be amended to include 610.021, subsection 1, regarding legal matters, too. The first and second motions were amended accordingly and the vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:50pm

During closed session, Alderman Smith moved to extend the meeting until 10:45pm. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. No other votes were taken during closed session.

Open Session: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 10:30pm

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to promote Sarah Everhart to full time Court Administrator, step 3, \$16.44 per hour, effective 10/23/16. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

After some discussion regarding holiday pay for full time employees on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Alderman Higgins moved to make a onetime exception to the policy to approve time and a half pay for employees working on those days. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on Saturday and Sunday this year. The days the City officially recognizes as the holidays are Friday December 23rd and Monday December 26th. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. Alderwoman Mesimer asked HR Manager Steve Smith what the estimated cost would be. HR Manager Smith said it is estimated to cost around \$3,000. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye,

Jacoby – nay, Langner – nay, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: After some discussion questioning the accuracy of the invoice from American Digital Security, Alderman Higgins, Finance Chair, moved to hold the payment until further investigation in order to ascertain if the City received all of the security equipment listed on the invoice. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

No ordinances were scheduled for consideration.

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, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 10:40pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk