



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
January 3, 2017*

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, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Fire Chief Robert Stinson, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

Oath of Office: The oath of office was administered by the City Clerk to Police Detective Richie Meadors. The promotion of Jacob Baldwin to Police Sergeant was also discussed.

Break for Reception: Alderwoman Mesimer moved to take a 10 minute break for a reception for the officers. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 7:37pm

Return to Session: Alderwoman Langner moved to return to the meeting. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 7:47pm

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. During discussion, the City Clerk noted several scrivener's error which were corrected after the draft minutes were sent to the Board. Alderman Higgins moved to remove the payment of \$500 to the Clay County Economic Development Council from the consent agenda. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote on the motion to remove the payment to Clay County EDC was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. The original motion to approve the consent agenda was amended to approve the consent agenda as amended. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: City Attorney Tom Capps was present to answer any questions that might come up.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater reported that he had spoken with Star Development and there was nothing new to report at this time.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Mesimer said that in the past the City Treasurer had investigated CD rates at banks to make recommendations about the city's investments and that, over time, this responsibility had transitioned to the Finance Committee Chairman. Alderwoman Mesimer suggested that if the Finance Chair did not have time to research the information he could defer the matter to other members of the Finance Committee. Finance Chairman Higgins thanked her for her suggestion.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox announced that all incumbents had filed except the city collector. There are no contested seats. The only positions with no filings are the collector's position and ward 3 alderman. The deadline for filing is January 17th.

The City Clerk reported that the FY 2015 audit is nearly done. She anticipates the auditor will meet with the Board in February to present it.

The City Clerk provided the Board with information regarding researching changing the senior sewer discount to a low income sewer discount. Things to consider are labor, safekeeping of customers confidential information, etc. One idea offered in order to avoid the cost and liability just mentioned is to set the guidelines in accordance with existing state programs such as food stamps and Medicaid. Then the city could just require the letter from the Division of Family Services stating that the applicant qualified under their rules. This would allow us to use the work the state has already done. The Clerk suggested that the implementation of a change, if approved by the Board, needs to be over several months to allow plenty of time to give existing recipients an opportunity to reapply under the new rules.

The City Clerk provided pictures documenting recent problems with the recycling program. First, the WCA is supposed to pick up the recycling on Mondays and Fridays. For the last several weeks they have only picked it up once per week instead of twice. Repeated contact with WCA has not met with success in resolving the issue. Secondly, people are not breaking down the boxes, they are leaving trash not recycling materials, and when the bins are full some people continue to leave their recycling, placing it on the ground instead of in the bin. Examples of items left just within the last month are mattresses, recliners, small refrigeration units and vacuums in addition to bags of household trash. After some discussion, Alderman Higgins made a motion to discontinue the recycling program. There being no second, the Board moved on to other topics.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the storm water project is done, other than to return when the weather is nice to seed some areas.

Construction on the I-35/Pleasant Valley Rd interchange has slowed due to the winter weather.

Director Cronk said tomorrow Public Works will be installing the letters on the new fire station. Yesterday they finished preparing it for installation.

This week they will also be filling in potholes.

Mayor Slater asked Director Cronk if Missouri Gas Energy has responded to our requests to restore the hole on N Elm Street that was left from an emergency gas repair on November 9th. The Director said that all MGE will say is they have it scheduled; they will not give a date. After further discussion, City Attorney Tom Capps suggested that he could send a letter. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the expense related to the City Attorney sending a letter to MGE. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

There was some discussion about future storm water projects. It was determined that other than the next storm water project which is at Sobbie Road and Pleasant Valley Road, or any emergency repairs, the city would wait until next winter to bid other storm water projects on the list.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that the Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Glenaire.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that two businesses, Precision Collision and Hot Spot Pools, Hot Tubs & BBQ, donated new toys that in turn the Police Department went out on Christmas Eve and donated to families in the community. The Chief sent a letter to the businesses thanking them for their donation.

Chief Abraham requested the Board's approval to send the proposal to provide dispatching service to Claycomo to the Claycomo Board of Trustees. He also asked if the Board would like the City Attorney to review the proposal before it is sent. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to have the City Attorney review it. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – abstain, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. Alderman Scarborough moved to send the proposal to Claycomo after the attorney's review. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart had nothing to report at this time. No one had any questions for her.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Committee: Alderman Higgins, Finance Chair, provided the Board with a copy of the 2016 Fund Balance Discussion that was last reviewed at budget time. He asked the Board to read this before upcoming meetings to refresh their memories regarding the goals and objectives that were set when preparing this year's budget. Alderman Higgins also reviewed the six month Revenue and Expense report with the Board, noting which revenue line items were over/under budget. Alderman Higgins cautioned against approving any out of budget expenses without also identifying what additional revenue or budget cuts would fund said expenditures.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3240, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3090 AND SECTION 700.710, SUBSECTION 3, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT VALLEY, MISSOURI, IN ORDER TO ADJUST THE CURRENT SEWER RATE STRUCTURE TO REFLECT A SEWER BASE RATE OF \$21.56 PER RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNT AND A RATE OF \$4.75 PER 1,000 GALLONS AND A SEWER BASE RATE OF \$21.56 PER COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT AND A RATE OF \$11.76 PER 1,000 GALLONS OF WATER USED" was read by title only by the City Clerk. 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, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:00pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk