



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
January 17, 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 17, 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 and Alderman James Smith. Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer and Alderman Rick Scarborough were 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 and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

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

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: No professional service providers were scheduled to address the Board.

Public Comments: Lyn Heflin, Pleasant Valley Road, submitted a request for reimbursement for sewer issues and other expenses. This issue was addressed by the Board at the November 18, 2016 meeting. The Board declined Mr. Heflin's request because the expenses were not a result of the City's property or actions. At that time a letter was sent stating this. Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to instruct the City Clerk to send the original letter, dated 11/18/2016, to Mr. Heflin again. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Rosalee Linhart, River Road, was present to thank the Board for making the change to the sign on the new fire station.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater reported that, during recent regional meetings he has attended, the topic of recruiting police officers has come up frequently. Graduating classes continue to see declines in enrollment. Regional representatives have discussed contacting the new governor and state legislature to see if some kind of solution to the shortage can be achieved.

The Mayor nominated Anthony Crawford, Timber Creek Lane, to the vacant seat in Ward 3. Alderman Higgins moved to approve the appointment. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. Mr. Crawford will be sworn in at the February 6, 2017, meeting.

Mayor Slater reported that he held the letter to Missouri Gas Energy because good progress was made on the repair to North Elm Street. He also said he had obtained an ordinance from Blue Springs regarding city right of ways and utility work. The City Clerk will review the ordinance and prepare a draft for the Board's consideration.

Mayor Slater reported that he had spoken with officials of the Clay County EDC. He asked them to provide a list of projects they have worked on within the City of Pleasant Valley. The Mayor

said Pleasant Valley needs to work with the EDC but the EDC needs to also be held accountable to make sure that our membership dues are a sound investment. *(note: in the 1/3/17 meeting the Board voted against renewing Pleasant Valley's membership with the Clay County EDC)*

Mayor Slater reviewed the current balance sheet with the Board. The Mayor expressed concerns with recent comments about the City's financial condition. He noted that real estate and personal property taxes received from the county this month were \$261,151 and that the balance of all accounts was \$3,078,244.

Missouri Municipal League sent the Mayor a request asking the City to consider contributing 5% of our TracFone settlement to MML for legal expenses incurred in the suit. Five percent of our settlement would be \$168.29. Alderwoman Langner moved to approve the request. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Higgins responded to the Mayor's comment regarding the City's financial condition. He said while the City has spent money on many important projects recently the City's financial condition is still good. However, Alderman Higgins cautioned, that all out of budget expenditures be carefully considered by the Board before making a decision. The financial condition of the City will not continue to be good if careful planning is not given to expenditures. More money will have to be allocated towards public safety in the near future, and then sustained indefinitely, and this should be kept in mind when considering various expenditures.

Alderman Higgins provided the Board with a statement from the Pleasant Valley Board of Aldermen to be read at the Liberty City Council meeting regarding rezoning application P&Z Case 16-41R&PDP. He asked for the Board's support. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the action. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Langner discussed the proposed purchase of a sign, by the civic organization, to be placed at Pleasant Valley Road and Sobbie Road near the old fire station. The civic organization wants to split the cost with the City. But, until a set amount is determined, the Board cannot vote on the issue. The expense would require a vote of the Board since it is an expense not included in this year's budget. Director Cronk also expressed concerns regarding traffic safety related to the placement and type of sign.

Alderman Higgins moved to take the agenda out of order so Council Bill 3241 could be considered. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3241, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOURLY COMPENSATION STEP PLAN FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF PLEASANT VALLEY, MISSOURI" was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

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

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that candidate filing closed at 5pm today. All open positions have one candidate each.

Mrs. Fox reported that she had spoken to the Public Water District regarding the senior discount being changed to an income based discount. Mr. McCoy said he would investigate the matter and get back to her.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk requested approval for \$121.50 for Bernadette Rowland, Birchwood Drive, for a sewer backup that was caused by tree roots in the City's main sewer line. Director Cronk provided the Board with a copy of the invoice from Razor Rooter. Alderman Higgins moved to approve the reimbursement. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. Reddi Services was contacted by the Director to clear the City's line. There will be expenses related to this repair as well.

Director Cronk requested approval of payment to Triple C Underground in the amount of \$134,932.50 for work performed related to the 2015 Storm Water Project. This amount does not include the 10% retained by the City until all lien wavers and other paperwork are submitted and approved. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the payment. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. There is also still a change order on this project for storm water work at Sobbie Road and Pleasant Valley Road. The estimated cost of this work is \$8,500. Alderwoman Langner moved to approve the change order. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. This work will also require a detour at this intersection for 2 days but performing the work before MoDOT asphalts this area will save the City tens of thousands of dollars. Once the dates are known we will advertise to get the word out to the public.

Alderman Smith thanked Director Cronk for his hard work and dedication.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson was fully staffed for the ice storm. Fortunately the weather was not as bad as was forecasted. The police department was able to utilize the new fire station during the storm as well.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham provided the Board with the monthly Crime Activity Report.

Chief Abraham reported that Claycomo's Board of Trustees will review the Dispatching Agreement proposal from Pleasant Valley at their next meeting.

Chief Abraham reported that the City received \$4,894.80 from LLEGB. The grant is for purchasing equipment for the police car that will be purchased in FY 2017.

Chief Abraham discussed the Department of Justice Cops Hiring Grant Program with the Board. This grant will pay for any positions that are frozen or furloughed. It is a 3 year grant (with a possible 4th year extension) that pays 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officers, up to \$125,000 per officer. The intent of the grant is to help agencies retain the staff that they have. The grant application opening is this spring. Currently the police department has 3 vacant positions. Mayor Slater asked Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, if she was prepared to make a recommendation regarding the grant. Alderwoman Jacoby said she was not at this time. This matter will be reviewed further by the Personnel Committee meeting on February 6th since they did not have full attendance this evening.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with the monthly report. Mayor Slater commented that he liked the way that Mrs. Everhart tied the court report and budget numbers together in her report.

Court Administrator Everhart also brought to the Board's attention a compliance issue with new court operating order 37.04. "Municipal division facility's exterior and interior signage shall convey an appearance to the public that it is a separate and independent branch of government." She recommended a change to the signage on the front of the building, the 6502 Royal entrance door and above the doorway going into the council and court chambers. Alderman Higgins requested that she bring back an estimate of the cost for discussion at the next meeting.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Michelle Gregg, Communications Manager, to step 15, \$23.45 per hour, effective 1/15/2017. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Anthony Silver, Reserve Communications Officer, to step 14, \$14.69 per hour, effective 1/15/2017. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Michael Buchanan, Reserve Police Sergeant, to step 5, \$15.76 per hour, effective 1/15/2017. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve a change of status for Jeremy Monaco, Full Time Police Officer to Reserve Police Officer, effective 2/2/2017. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Phillip Hudson, Captain / EMT, to step 2, \$12.88 per hour, effective 1/29/2017. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a.

Finance Committee: Alderman Higgins, Finance Chair, had nothing further to report at this time.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to adjourn. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – absent, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:10pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk