



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
February 6, 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 Monday, February 6, 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 Mesimer, Alderman Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. 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.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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.

**Oath of Office:** The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Anthony Crawford. Alderman Crawford will fill the vacant Ward 3 position. Alderman Crawford lives on Timber Creek Lane. (*note: official vote to appoint taken at 1/17/17 meeting*)

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

**Public Comments:** Tony Reinhart, from the Clay County Economic Development Council, was present to address the Board. Mr. Reinhart explained what the EDC does and their future goals. After some discussion, the Mayor asked that the EDC provide the City with a list of businesses and types of assistance given to Pleasant Valley in the past.

Joe Ellis, North Brookside, submitted his comments to the Board regarding single service provider trash service. Mr. Ellis listed several advantages to a single service provider system. Mayor Slater spoke in favor of the change. Alderwoman Mesimer said she had spoken with several people who are against single service trash. Mayor Slater said that until four aldermen are in favor of putting it on the ballot it could not go to a vote of the people. No motion was made as a result of the conversation.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater nominated Joe Ellis to the Tax Increment Finance Commission. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the appointment. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Slater nominated Daniel Shaver to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the appointment. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Slater provided the Board with use tax information from Missouri Municipal League. Pleasant Valley currently does not have a use tax. Use tax is a sales tax on out-of-state purchases. Recently Amazon decided to pay use tax in the state of Missouri. Supporters of use tax say this development further illustrates the importance of the use tax in leveling the playing field for traditional brick and mortar stores as they compete against out-of-state sales made through the Internet. Mayor Slater said it is too late to get the issue on this April's ballot but he would like to see the Board consider putting it on the ballot in the near future.

Mayor Slater reported that the Pleasant Valley Civic Organization is considering the purchase of a digital sign. The Board is invited to attend a showing on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.

Mayor Slater said he is unable to attend the MML Legislative Conference on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. However, the Missouri Mayors' Caucus will meet on the 15th at 10 AM in Jefferson City and he will attend that. He set up a meeting with Senator Dixon and Representative McGaugh at 1:30pm to hopefully fix issues in 2015's SB5 and 2016's SB572 that have hampered local law enforcement's ability to do their job.

Mayor Slater also reported that Gary Cross, Missouri Representative from District 35 (Lee's Summit area), has filed a bill that proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate taxation on personal property. This would cost the City of Pleasant Valley \$61,000 annually in lost revenue. It would cost the North Kansas City School District \$1.8 million annually. Mayor Slater suggested that anyone who thinks this is a bad idea should give Mr. Cross a call at 573-751-1459 or email him at [Gary.Cross@house.mo.gov](mailto:Gary.Cross@house.mo.gov).

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner continued on the subject of the PVCO digital sign. She said the civic organization hopes to share the cost and use of the sign with the City. This will require detailed discussions between the Board of Aldermen and the Civic Organization about who will administer the sign messaging, who will be responsible for maintenance and utilities, traffic safety concerns, placement of the sign, etc. Alderman Scarborough said he would not be able to attend the meeting. He asked Alderwoman Langner if she would report back to the Board with information from the meeting. Alderwoman Langner said she would be happy to report back but did encourage other Board members to go since ultimately the whole Board will need to decide on the matter.

Alderwoman Langner also asked if more 'No Parking' signs could be erected. On some streets cars are parking on the side of the street with prohibited parking because there are few signs indicating it is a no parking zone. Mayor Slater asked Director Cronk if he could report back to the Board with the total cost of the signs and labor. Director Cronk said the cost of each sign is \$35/each. Alderman Scarborough asked that the matter be taken up at the next budget meeting.

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that, after researching the Blue Springs Right of Way ordinance regarding utilities, there is nothing in the ordinance that is not already in our current city code.

The City Clerk reported that the auditors are still working on the FY 2015 audit and she has not received the draft of the audit yet. A draft of the audit is necessary in order to prepare the Management Discussion and Analysis that is included in the final copy of the audit. She spoke to the auditors last week and they said they hoped to have the draft ready by this week.

The City Clerk presented the Board with a special tax bill for 8218 Pence. The Public Works Department mowed the property last October. Invoices sent to the owner of the property have been ignored. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve Special Tax Bill 2017-0206-01. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. The bill will be filed with the Clay County Recorder's office.

Mrs. Fox reported that the new date for Liberty City Council's review of the application to rezone property located at 8301 NE 69 Highway is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

The City Clerk reported that she had a legal issue to discuss with the Board in closed session but that the discussion could wait until the Board entered closed session regarding a personnel matter, later in the meeting.

The City Clerk reported that there are currently 4 full time police officer, 1 full time dispatcher, 1 full time public works laborer and 1 part time court clerk positions vacant. She brings this matter to the Boards attention simply to point out that all departments are working very hard to keep up with day to day operations.

In December and January, the City Clerk worked with General Code to update our online codes and city code books. She expects this project to be completed in the next few weeks.

And finally, the City Clerk requested approval of vacation time from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the traffic switch at the interchange planned by MoDOT will occur tomorrow. He posted this information on Nextdoor.com and sent it via email to staff and the City Council.

The Park Board has set the annual Day in the Park event for May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm.

Alderman Higgins asked Director Cronk about the paving of the area in front of QuikTrip. After some discussion, Director Cronk said he will talk to MoDOT to see if they will consider installing concrete in front of QuikTrip instead of asphalt. The City has concerns that asphalt will not hold up to the heavy truck traffic that area incurs. Director Cronk will talk to MoDOT and report back to the Board.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson recommended that the ambulance fees be increased, based on concerns raised by National Billing and Collections, which is the vendor that provides ambulance billing and collection services to the City. He provided the Board with information regarding our rates compared to seven other ambulance districts. Our current base rate is \$588 and \$10.65 per mile. Chief Stinson recommended that the base rate be increased to \$700 and the mileage rate to \$13 per mile. In the past, other applicable charges may be added to the bill. Insurance companies no longer pay for other charges besides the base rate and mileage. Nonpayment of these other charges is the reason the increase in base rate and mileage is recommended. Alderman Higgins moved to instruct the City Clerk to draft an ordinance for Board consideration to increase the rates. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Chief Stinson provided the Board with a list of surplus property to be sold or discarded. After some discussion, the Board asked Chief Stinson to look into alternatives to sell the surplus property through a third party that would also be in accordance with City Code Section 125.021. Suggestions were vendors like PropertyRoom.com or GovDeals.com. Chief Stinson will report back at the next meeting.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that the replacement car for unit #701 has been received.

Chief Abraham also requested approval of the quote for equipment for a patrol car, which was funded by the LLEBG grant. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the quote from 911 Custom in the amount of \$5,370.05. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with the December 2016 traffic disposition reporting information. There was no further discussion of court matters.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Michelle Green, Communications Officer, effective 2/11/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Ryan Volkert, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 2/6/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Rebecca Dillon, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 2/6/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Damon Foulks, Public Works Laborer, effective 1/20/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the pay adjustment for Laura Gunter and Jason Taylor-Ohmes, Volunteer Fire Fighters, from \$7.50 to \$10 per call, effective 2/6/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the status change for Jacob Baldwin, from Full Time Police Sergeant to Reserve Police Sergeant, and setting the rate of pay at step 6, \$16.23 per hour, effective 2/12/2017. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve a change in the rate of pay for Jeremy Monaco, Reserve Police Officer, to step 10, \$13.70 per hour, effective 2/3/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Tyler Baker, Public Works Laborer, at step 2, \$13.46 per hour, pending background checks, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for John Baker, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 8, \$12.91 per hour, effective 1/29/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Closed Session:** Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized under 610.021 (1&3), after a ten minute break. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:00pm.

9:00pm-9:10pm Break

9:10pm- During closed session, no votes were taken nor motions made.

*610.021. Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public governmental body is authorized to close meetings, records and votes, to the extent they relate to the following:*

*(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. However, any minutes, vote or settlement agreement relating to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or any agent or entity representing its interests or acting on its behalf or with its authority, including any insurance company acting on behalf of a public government body as its insured, shall be made public upon final disposition of the matter voted upon or upon the signing by the parties of the settlement agreement, unless, prior to final disposition, the settlement agreement is ordered closed by a court after a written finding that the adverse impact to a plaintiff or plaintiffs to the action clearly outweighs the public policy considerations of section 610.011, however, the amount of any moneys paid by, or on behalf of, the public governmental body shall be disclosed; provided, however, in matters involving the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the vote shall be announced or become public immediately following the action on the motion to authorize institution of such a legal action. Legal work product shall be considered a closed record;*

*(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such decision is made available to the public. As used in this subdivision, the term "personal information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;*

**Open Session:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 10:15pm.

**Personnel Committee, continued:** After some discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to increase the rate of pay for all hourly police officer positions by \$2.75 per hour and Communications Officers by \$1.00 per hour with the increase to Communications being contingent on the approval of the dispatching contract with Claycomo. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – nay, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – nay. Motion passed.

After some discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to begin recruiting for a Part Time Court/Administration Clerk. This position will replace the currently vacant position of Part Time Court Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**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.

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

No ordinances were scheduled for consideration.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 10:25pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk