



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
February 20, 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 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of the proposed ordinances and resolutions, for the public, prior to the meeting.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderman John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Mesimer, Alderman Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

Staff present: Fire Chief Robert Stinson, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Police Captain Jared McGinley, 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 Langner 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.

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

Public Comments: The City Clerk provided the Board a letter from Lyn Heflin, Pleasant Valley Road, requesting reimbursement for repairs to his sewer line allegedly caused by Missouri Gas Energy. The Board has taken up this issue on two previous occasions, November 7th and January 17th. Both times the request was denied since the expense was not related to any work performed by or property owned by the City. In both instances the Board sent Mr. Heflin a letter explaining their decision. After some discussion, Alderman Menaugh moved to send Mr. Heflin the Board's response by certified mail. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater mentioned that the Clay County EDC is holding a meeting tomorrow morning which he will not be able to attend due to a Mayor's Prayer Meeting scheduled at the same time. He asked the aldermen to consider attending the meeting. One of the speakers will be the City of Liberty's Economic & Business Development Manager, Karan Johnson, who will present an update on economic developments in Liberty.

The Mayor said last Wednesday he went to Jefferson City to talk about the affect SB 5 and SB 572 has had on the City and law enforcements ability to do their job. He met with Senator Dixon and Representative McGaugh. He thinks this meeting will help create/support legislation to address the matter.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Smith provided Board members with information concerning the employee 457 contributions. Lager's versus 457 retirement plan was discussed. No action was taken.

Alderman Scarborough thanked Chief Abraham and Director Cronk regarding installation and enforcement of speed limit signs on Chas Drive.

Alderman Higgins brought up an issue regarding parking on the corner of Linda and Sobbie Rd. When trucks park on the east side of Sobbie at the intersection it makes it difficult for cars turning south bound on Sobbie, from Linda, to see if cars are coming. Installation of no parking signs on the corner of Linda and Sobbie, on both sides of the road, was discussed. In order to enforce the signs an ordinance would need to be passed. Alderman Scarborough moved to draft an ordinance to install the signs. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Discussion continued regarding types of signs and various streets that are experiencing problems. A vote was not taken at the end of the discussion.

Alderwoman Langner shared a comment from Nolan King. She said he told her that he thought the Board was doing a very good job. She thanked him for the complement.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox requested Board approval to draft an ordinance to amend Chapter 630, Regulation of Door-To-Door Peddlers. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the request. Alderman Scarborough 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 City Clerk also requested Board approval to draft an ordinance to Section 700.370, Construction of Private Sewers. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the request. Alderman Scarborough 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 City Clerk reminded the Board that the Liberty City Council meeting to consider an application to rezone 8301 NE 69 Hwy will be February 27th at 7pm.

The City Clerk said that she was waiting on a call back from Dave McCoy, with the Public Water District, to discuss the possibility of changing the current senior discount to an income based discount instead. She will discuss the process with him to see if it is feasible from a billing standpoint and report back to the Board.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that, per his discussions with MoDOT officials, MoDOT has no plan to use concrete on Pleasant Valley Road in front of the QuikTrip entrance. The job was bid for asphalt and that is what MoDOT intends to use. MoDOT did core samples in this area to understand why the area was rutting. The core samples found that a lower quality of asphalt had been used the last time it was paved and believe that this is the cause of the problem. The construction plan for the area this time is to mill and remove the existing asphalt and replace it with 3 ¾ inches of asphalt (normally only 2" would be used) over the base, which will also be a higher quality of asphalt than what is currently there. MoDOT thinks this will prevent future failures.

Director Cronk provided the Board with a quote from Yates Electric to correct wiring for the SCBA compressor and to install a circuit for the hose dryer extractor. The wiring in the construction drawing for the SCBA compressor was not correct according to the electrician. A different breaker needs to be installed to connect the compressor. The electrical for the hose dryer extractor was not in the original plans because the Fire Department did not think they would have it for several more years. The estimate total is \$3,460 for 2 new circuits. The City cannot use another electrical company because it will void the warranty with Yates. Alderman Higgins asked if there was money in the existing budget for the expenditure. Director Cronk said that he could put it under Public Works

building maintenance line item. Alderman Higgins moved to approve the quote. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – nay, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay. Motion passed. *(Clerk's note: after a second electrician from Yates Electric looked at the wiring he said the first electrician was mistaken and the wiring is correct. No changes were needed to connect the SCBA compressor.)*

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that a 2010 Pierce fire truck is up for auction on Public Surplus, a government auction website. It has 46,000 miles on it. The pumper is currently listed at \$150,000 and is owned by the City of Texas City, Texas. Chief Stinson contacted the Fire Chief in Texas City who said the truck is in excellent condition. The reason they are selling it is it is not the type of pumper they need for industrial firefighting. The pumper is better suited for residential fires, which is what Pleasant Valley needs. Chief Stinson requested permission for him, Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne, and Fire Captain Joe Reynolds, to travel to Texas City, Texas, to inspect and drive the pumper on Wednesday. He estimated the cost of the trip to be \$700. Alderman Higgins asked Chief Stinson if he had the money within his current budget. Chief Stinson replied that he did and if necessary he would cut other expenses to absorb this cost. Alderman Higgins 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.

Alderwoman Langner asked Chief Stinson if a date for the grand opening of the new fire station had been discussed. Chief Stinson said there had been some discussion of combining it with Day in the Park on Mary 6th but no final decisions have been made. Chief Stinson asked when the next Park Board meeting was. Alderwoman Langner said it was March 6th. Chief Stinson said he will attend to discuss it with the Park Board.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that the trial for Omar Maria begins February 27th at Clay County. Mr. Maria is charged with shooting Officer Jacob Baldwin. Chief Abraham reviewed the CAR report with the Board.

Chief Abraham recommended the Claycomo Dispatch agreement negotiations should be put on hold for a couple of months until our Police Department can address some staffing shortages. The Board agreed.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with the monthly municipal court report. She also informed the Board that March is amnesty month. Anyone with outstanding warrants can resolve the charges without fear of arrest.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Beth Happy, Fire Fighter / Medic, effective 2/13/2017. 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 rescind the offer of employment to Tyler Baker, Public Works Laborer, effective 2/20/2017. 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 hire Matthew Baker, Reserve Police Officer, step 1, \$10.50 per hour *(based on current step plan)*, pending successful completion of background check, 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to change the status of Anthony Silver from Reserve Communications Officer to Full Time Communications Officer, step 12, \$17.65 per hour., effective 3/20/17. Alderswoman 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment of Robin Martin, Part Time Court Clerk, to step 4, \$13.66 per hour, effective 3/12/17. Alderswoman 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.

Alderman Higgins moved to take the agenda out of order to consider ordinances. Alderswoman 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.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3242, “an ordinance amending the Hourly Compensation Step Plan for the Police Department for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. 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.

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3242, “an ordinance amending the Hourly Compensation Step Plan for the Police Department for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill as Ordinance 3241. 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.

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3243, “an ordinance amending Section 203.030, Subsections A-D, of the Municipal Code of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, adjusting ambulance fee rates”, by title only. Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. 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.

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3243, “an ordinance amending Section 203.030, Subsections A-D, of the Municipal Code of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, adjusting ambulance fee rates”, by title only. Alderswoman Langner moved to approve the council bill as Ordinance 3242. 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.

Personnel Chair recommendations were continued.

Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Andrew Cramer, Police Sergeant, to step 7, \$22.39 per hour, effective 2/26/2017. Alderswoman 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Jared McGinley, Police Captain, to step 11, \$27.89 per hour, effective 2/26/2017. Alderswoman 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.

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. 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. 9:22pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk