



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
April 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 Monday, April 3, 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 Ruth Mesimer and Alderman Rick Scarborough. Alderman James Smith was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Oath of Office: The City Clerk administered the oath of office to new Police Sergeant Cheena Simpson. Afterwards, Alderman Scarborough moved to take a ten minute break for a brief reception in the lobby. 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 – absent. Motion passed. 7:36pm

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to session. 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 – absent. Motion passed. 7:46pm

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater said that through Clay County EDC the City has the ability to list property it wants to sale on their website. He asked the Board if they were interested in listing the City's property, located at 6801 and/or 6813 Sobbie Road, for sale. Alderwoman Mesimer said she did not think it would be a good idea since the old fire station (6801) is being used by all departments as storage and for public works equipment and animal shelter. She questioned where public works and storage for all departments would be relocated, if the property was sold, and at what cost. Alderwoman Jacoby said she thinks the City should wait until other development near these properties occurs since that could be a catalyst for more development interest. Alderwoman Mesimer also expressed concerns about the lack of parking for a future business at the old fire station. Mayor Slater said that additional parking could be shared with the neighboring community building and school. After more discussion, Mayor Slater asked if there was a motion to list either or both properties. No motion was made.

City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services: Special Counsel Jeremy Cover was present to discuss a legal matter with the Board. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021 (1) legal.

(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. 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 – absent. Motion passed. 7:56pm

Alderman Mesimer moved to return to open session. 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 – absent. Motion passed. 8:36pm

Mayor Comments continued: Mayor Slater reported that he went to Jefferson City today to testify in front of the judiciary committee in support of Senate Bill 520. Senate Bill 520 is designed to fix some of the problems caused by SB 5 and 572, passed in previous sessions, related to municipal courts and police officer safety.

Mayor Slater reminded everyone that the Civic Organization Easter egg hunt is April 15th, stream team on April 22nd and Day in the Park is on May 6th.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner reported that Mayor Slater did an excellent job giving Pleasant Valley’s presentation of “State of the City” at the Clay County Economic Development Council meeting.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a copy of the resolution the Board of Zoning Adjustment’s passed, at their meeting on March 23rd, approving the variance for QuikTrip’s sign.

The City Clerk reminded the Board that the Liberty City Council meeting to consider the rezoning of the property at 8301 NE 69 Hwy is scheduled for April 24th at 7pm.

The City Clerk reported to the Board that the estimated tax Pleasant Valley would receive from Amazon sales alone, if the use tax was passed, would be \$14,000 per year.

And finally, the City Clerk provided the Board with a quote from MDL Technology to replace the current network of routers with a single comprehensive wireless system that would serve the whole building better as one system with greater signal strength rather than separate unconnected routers with limited range throughout the building. The quote was for a onetime expense of \$1,386.54 and an annual license fee of \$215. The City Clerk said this would solve chronic problems they have experienced with connecting during court, city council meetings and guests connecting to the public Wi-Fi while in the building. The City Clerk also stated that this expense was covered under the existing budget, specifically line item 10-10-6322, computer hardware. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the quote for \$1,601.54. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that Miles Construction (MoDOT contractor) will resurface Pleasant Valley Road from I-35 to Sobbie Road and north 50 feet on Sobbie Road around April 10th. Director Cronk has talked to the City Engineer and Triple C Underground (city storm water contractor) to stress the importance of completing the storm water project at Sobbie Road prior to the resurfacing work. When the storm water project at Sobbie and Pleasant Valley Road occurs, the area may be closed for up to 2 days, with detours in place.

Alderman Crawford asked Director Cronk if the City or MoDOT was responsible for the storm water at Church and Timber Creek Lane. Director Cronk said it is MoDOT’s territory. MoDOT originally said they would address the issue while here doing the interchange project; however, so far it

has not been addressed. Director Cronk said he would contact MoDOT to remind them that the drainage issues in that area still need to be resolved.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that the new pumper is currently at Precision Collision due to some damage incurred during loading for delivery of the vehicle. The delivery company's insurance will pay for the repair to the truck. Payment for the delivery will be withheld until the repairs are completed and the matter is closed. Chief Stinson had planned to bring the pumper to city hall before the meeting so that everyone could see it. This has been postponed.

Chief Stinson reported that they are doing extrication training at the fire station this Wednesday. There is currently a training vehicle on site in preparation for the training. Alderman Scarborough asked the Chief if they could move the training vehicle off of the grass and onto the parking lot to ensure that the new landscaping and grass is not damaged. Chief Stinson said he would take care of it.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that a donation account has been setup for the family of Independence Police Officer Tom Wagstaff, by Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1. The fund is a 501c first responder non-profit fund. Every donation dollar will go directly to the family.

Chief Abraham also reported that the Communications Department does not have a logging recorder for 911 calls. Currently, Mid-America Regional Council maintains these records. He plans to include the cost of equipment in the next financial year's (starts July 1, 2017) budget request.

Chief Abraham requested approval to send Communications Manager Michelle Gregg to Missouri Police Chiefs Clerk conference in Jefferson City, which includes records management training, May 1st thru May 4th, at the cost of \$517. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the expenditure and travel. 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 – absent. Motion passed.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart did not have anything to report at this time. The Board did not have any questions for the Court Clerk.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Gary Dull, Reserve Communications Officer, to step 10, \$13.05 per hour, effective 4/9/17. 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 – absent. Motion passed.

Human Resource Manager Steve Smith provided the Board with information regarding MPR's new employee health insurance rates. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the same plans (health insurance plans: INO, formerly HMO, 1 and 2, Choice Fund 1500 and OAP 750, along with dental and vision plans) at the given rates. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Alderman Higgins, Finance Chair, had nothing 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:

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3252**, "an ordinance of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of three point five percent (3.5%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the city any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is

repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the special election called and to be held in the city on Tuesday, August 8, 2017”, by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – nay, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. Alderman Higgins requested the following statement be included in the minutes: “I strongly encourage each and every resident of Pleasant Valley to vote no on this August 8th initiative for a tax increase to only you in this city. The only benefit this tax could help would be brick and mortar stores that currently do not have a competitive playing field against stores online such as Amazon.com. But this city has no such brick and mortar stores. In my opinion this is a flat out tax increase on every resident of this city with nothing more than a monetary increase to the city treasury at a cost to the pocket books of each and every one of you residents.”

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The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3253**, “an ordinance amending Section 200.140, Subsection B, Fire Chief Appointment, Responsibilities, of the Pleasant Valley Municipal Code”, by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. 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 – absent. Motion passed.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. 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 – absent. Motion passed. 9:02pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk