



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
April 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 Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderman John Higgins (7:35pm), Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer (7:35pm), Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

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. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Oath of Office:** The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the following newly elected officials:

Mayor David Slater  
Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Ward 1  
Alderwoman Mary Langner, Ward 2  
Alderman Anthony Crawford, Ward 3  
Alderman James Smith, Ward 4

Jean Lee was re-elected as City Collector but she was unable to attend the meeting. She will be sworn in at a later date.

**Appointment of Board President, Finance Chairman and Personnel Committee:** The City Clerk had prepared a spreadsheet, shown on the TV monitor, and called the roll with each Alderman voting for each position:

Board President Votes			Finance Chair Votes		
	<u>voting member</u>	<u>vote</u>		<u>voting member</u>	<u>vote</u>
	Menaugh	Smith		Mesimer	Mesimer
	Crawford	Smith		Jacoby	Higgins
	Higgins	Smith		Langner	Higgins
	Langner	Smith		Scarborough	Higgins
	Smith	Smith		Smith	Higgins
	Jacoby	Smith		Higgins	Higgins
	Mesimer	Smith		Crawford	Higgins
	Scarborough	Smith		Menaugh	Mesimer
<b>Personnel Committee Votes (vote for 2)</b>			<b>Personnel Committee Votes</b>		
	1st vote			2nd vote (to break 3-way tie)	
	<u>voting member</u>	<u>vote</u>	<u>vote</u>	<u>voting member</u>	<u>vote</u>
	Higgins	Menaugh	Scarborough	Crawford	Menaugh
	Scarborough	Crawford	Menaugh	Higgins	Crawford
	Smith	Jacoby	Langner	Langner	Mesimer
	Menaugh	Crawford	Jacoby	Scarborough	Crawford
	Crawford	Menaugh	Crawford	Jacoby	Mesimer
	Langner	Jacoby	Mesimer	Smith	Crawford
	Jacoby	Mesimer	Jacoby	Mesimer	Mesimer
	Mesimer	Jacoby	Mesimer	Menaugh	Mesimer
<i>winner indicated in yellow</i>					

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** No one was scheduled to address the Board.

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

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater reported that the sound walls on I-35 are installed. According to MoDOT no additional walls will be added.

Mayor Slater reported that Alderman Scarborough had spoken to a restaurant chain that was interested in opening a new store on 69 Highway. Alderman Scarborough said that the local management seemed very interested but needed to present the idea to their corporate office for further research and analysis. They will contact the City Clerk if they decide to proceed.

**Aldermen Comments:** No Aldermen wished to comment.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report that included projected totals for June 30<sup>th</sup>. She said she was not able to meet with Chief Abraham prior to printing the report for the packet so some totals need to be adjusted. She will make the changes and provide an updated report at the next meeting.

The City Clerk reminded the Board that the Liberty City Council meeting to consider rezoning 8301 NE 69 Hwy is currently scheduled for next Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. (Note: this meeting was later rescheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the asphalt was completed today at Sobbie Road and Pleasant Valley. This was the last phase of the storm water repairs at this intersection.

Director Cronk asked the Board if they wanted to do a second bulky item pick up this fiscal year. The cost of each is roughly \$2,500, depending on how many loads are hauled. The City Clerk and he had observed that Blacksher Trash Service had a bulky item pick up for their customers last Wednesday with a large number of people setting out large items. The Board discussed the matter further. No motion was made to hold a bulky item pick up in the spring. The City does sponsor a bulky item pick up each fall around October.

Director Cronk invited everyone to the stream clean day this Saturday. Volunteers pick up trash in the designated stream areas. This year they will do the two branches of Shoal Creek, going north from Pleasant Valley Road.

Director Cronk provided the Board with a letter from Insurance Services Office, Inc (ISO) regarding their recent analysis of our City for Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Results. The scoring is 1-10 with 1 being the highest rating and 10 the worse. The residential score was 4 and the commercial score was 5. This was improved considerably from the previous score in 2011 of 9 for both. Director Cronk is a certified residential building inspector and our codes were upgraded in 2013 to ICC 2012, both of which contributed to the improved score. ISO scores are part of the consideration for insurance premiums. This improvement should help residents with their homeowner's insurance policy.

Alderman Crawford asked Director Cronk if he had found anything out about the standing water on Church Road. Director Cronk said he had contacted Eric Reents at MoDOT who is looking into the matter.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that the new pumper is still at Conrad Fire Equipment for repairs. A preventive maintenance was also done while it was there. All the fluids were changed and no mechanical repairs were required. The shop is waiting on some electrical parts that were damaged during the delivery before they can finish. Precision Collision did the body work.

Chief Stinson said the Grand Opening Committee has been working on plans for the grand opening celebration scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm. Special arrangements are being made for parking. He said that representatives from St Luke's will be there to recognize the department for their work with handling stroke patients. Chief Stinson asked that any Aldermen with ideas or concerns regarding the event to please contact him.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham presented the monthly Crime Activity Report (CAR). Chief Abraham reported that they are seeing a sharp increase in animal control calls and issues. Several Aldermen had nuisance complaints about various properties that the Chief will investigate further.

Chief Abraham said they have scheduled "Coffee with a Cop" Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be advertised in the flyer.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart presented the monthly Court report. She also reported that 22 people took advantage of the amnesty program offered in March.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Erin Henderson, Fire Fighter/Paramedic, to step 4, \$13.66

per hour, effective 4/9/2017. 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 annual rate adjustment for Gary Sanson, Police Reserve Sergeant, to step 9, \$21.22 per hour, effective 4/23/2017. 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.

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

**Old Business:** Alderwoman Mesimer said she wanted to get Board members opinions regarding the proposed changes for the discount for sewer service before preparing a policy. The options were 1) no discount (same rate for all), 2) senior discount without income requirements, 3) income based discount for any age, or 4) senior discount with income restrictions. The responses were as follows:

- Crawford – no discount
- Jacoby – senior discount with income restrictions
- Menaugh – senior discount with income restrictions
- Scarborough – no discount
- Higgins – no discount
- Langner – income based discount for any age
- Mesimer – no discount
- Smith – no discount

As a result of this discussion, the Board instructed the City Clerk to draft an ordinance for the next meeting to repeal the current discount rate.

**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 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 – aye. Motion passed. 9:00pm.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk