



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
May 1, 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, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderman John Higgins, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, and Alderman Rick Scarborough. Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer and Alderman James Smith were not able to attend the meeting.

Staff present: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith, City Attorney Tom Capps and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

Other staff and family members were also present for Police Officer Steve Wilson's Lifesaving Award presentation.

**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 – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderman Scarborough moved to take the agenda out of order. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Public Comments:** Christopher Becker, Permitting Manager for Mobilitie, was present to request the board's support of their application to MoDOT to install a cell phone pole on 69 Highway, just south of Ravena, near the entrance to Mustang Sally's. The pole would be in MoDOT's right of way. Mayor Slater asked if the staff report was ready. Mrs. Fox replied that it was not since they were still waiting on some information to complete the review. Mayor Slater said he had spoken with the owner of Mustang Sally's and they had not been informed of the proposed pole. Mr. Becker said the procedure they follow is they apply to MoDOT and MoDOT requires them to contact the local jurisdiction. Individual property owners are not contacted. The proposed pole is 78 feet. Street lights on 69 Highway are either 30 or 45 feet. This pole would be twice as high. Mr. Becker said they could be flexible on the height and location of the pole. He said they have approval to install two in Claycomo, one is on 69 Highway. Mayor Slater asked if Mobilitie installed the poles in front of the historic Drumm Farm Center in Independence. Mr. Becker said they did but those poles are different from what they are installing on 69 Highway. Mr. Becker also said that they followed all city procedures to install the pole at Drumm Farm. Alderman Scarborough asked Mr. Becker how Mobilitie decided on the location for the proposed pole on 69 Highway in Pleasant Valley. Mr. Becker said he is not involved in that process. The radio frequency engineers determine locations. Mr. Becker said it is a good location for coverage of the Ford Plant and the surrounding area. Alderman Scarborough asked if it is to serve the Ford Plant why it isn't being located on Ford's

property. Mr. Becker said it is to supplement coverage in general; the Ford Plant is in that coverage area. Alderman Crawford asked if there was any danger to humans to be nearby this cell pole. Mr. Becker said it is only dangerous to humans that are near the cell equipment itself, located at the top of the pole, but it is not dangerous at ground level. Alderman Crawford asked if Mobilitie had plans to install other poles in Pleasant Valley. Mr. Becker said he did not know of any at this time. Alderman Crawford asked what the antennas range is. Mr. Becker said 500-1,000 yards. Chief Abraham asked if Mobilitie would be willing to allow the City to use the pole for public safety purposes. Mr. Becker said absolutely. Chief Abraham asked if that would be at no cost to the City. Mr. Becker said that assuming it would not affect the structural integrity of the pole they would allow the City to use it at no charge. Chief Abraham also reported that he had sent the results of the intermodulation study (to determine if the cell pole would cause any interference with radio or 911 systems), received from Mobilitie this afternoon, to Dean Hart at Tusa Consulting for review. He is waiting for Mr. Hart's response. Mr. Becker said they would be willing to accept a tentative approval, dependent on the successful outcome of the intermodulation study. Mr. Becker added that they are licensed under Sprint's FCC licensing which does not allow them to interfere with other frequencies. Mayor Slater said the City would study the matter further and get back to them. He asked if Mr. Becker had a deadline. Mr. Becker said they would like an answer as soon as possible. *(Clerk's note: this matter will be taken up again at the 5/15 meeting)*

**Lifesaving Award Presentation:** Chief Abraham presented Officer Wilson with the Lifesaving Award. Pleasant Valley resident Jacklin King, Arnote Road, and her family were present to thank Officer Wilson. On May 20, 2016, the police department received a call stating the victim was unresponsive and had no pulse. When Officer Wilson arrived on scene he began chest compressions and later was able to detect a pulse. She was transferred to the hospital where she made a full recovery. Sergeant Cramer nominated Officer Wilson for the Lifesaving Award.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater said two weeks ago the Board said they did not want to sale the Fisher property or the old fire station. He requested that the Board decide on a list of what needs to occur in order for the City to move forward with selling the properties. Mayor Slater said he plans to meet with real estate brokers from Berkshire Hathaway next Monday to show them around the City.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Jacoby asked that someone check on Alderman Smith. Mayor Slater directed Chief Abraham to dispatch an officer to his house for a well-being check. Alderman Smith had not notified anyone of his absence and has had recent health concerns.

Alderman Crawford responded to the Mayor's comments. He suggested the City perform a feasibility study for the commercial areas of the City through Lauber Municipal Law. After some discussion, all agreed it was a good idea. Alderman Crawford moved to contact with Lauber Municipal Law for the feasibility study. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** City Attorney Tom Capps was present to discuss legal matters with the City Council. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, RSMo., subsection 1, regarding legal matters and discussions with the City Attorney. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. 7:53pm

During closed session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. 8:15pm

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that she had viewed a webinar regarding Streamline Web which is a website designer and host which specializes in local government websites. Past proposals received by the City to create a new website were between \$5,000 and \$7,500. Streamline will let the City try their service for free for a few months. If the City decided to keep the website, the cost would be \$200 per month, which is a reduced price (normally \$300/month) after some negotiation by the Clerk. They provide tech support and automatic updates and also ensure compliance with federal and state accessibility requirements. Mrs. Fox said she would like to discuss this matter further with the Board during the Finance Committee meetings when they are preparing the FY 2017 budget. It is anticipated that there will be legislation in the future that requires greater accessibility to local government websites.

The City Clerk reported that the City received an application for a conditional use permit. The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to review the application is set for June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Commission will make a recommendation to the Board at the City Council meeting scheduled for later that evening.

The City Clerk reported that Mike Groszek, of Troutt Beeman, will be here at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the findings of the FY 2015 audit (year ending June 30, 2016). She provided the Board with a copy of the management discussion and draft copy of the audit. She will provide the Board with the final copy when she receives them next week.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reminded the Board that Day in the Park is this Saturday from 10am-1pm. Mayor Slater told Director Cronk that he did a great job with the Stream Clean event. Director Cronk thanked Teresa Reed for her help with the event.

Alderman Crawford asked Director Cronk when MoDOT would resolve the storm water issue at Timber Creek Lane and Church Street. Director Cronk said it will be a while. Mayor Slater asked Director Cronk if Reddi Services could clear the culvert. Director Cronk said they could and that he estimates it would cost \$500-\$600. Mayor Slater asked Director Cronk to get an estimate of cost for the 7-8 other locations, including this one, to present to the Board at the next meeting.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne requested approval for an invoice that was not on the consent agenda. The invoice was from E2 Embroidery and Screen Printing, for uniforms, in the amount of \$552. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve payment of the invoice. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderman Crawford asked Chief Heyne if there was a business in town that could do the uniform shirts for them instead. Chief Heyne said they do use a local business for the polo shirts that have the embroidered logo. The invoice is for screen print T-shirts which cannot be obtained in Pleasant Valley so they had to go to E2 Embroidery for them. Alderman Higgins asked them if the expenditure was in the current budget. Chief Heyne responded that it was in the budget. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that Omar Maria was sentenced to 100 years for the shooting incident involving Officer Baldwin in December of 2014. Many police supporters attended the sentencing trial.

Chief Abraham said that Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for June 24, 2017, 9am-1pm, at City Hall and encouraged the public to attend.

Chief Abraham was able to obtain a used wheel chair, free of charge, to be kept in the City Hall lobby closet in case of emergency. Occasionally in the past there have been incidents where a wheel chair would have come in handy for visitors that are not feeling well.

Chief Abraham requested approval to send Detective Ritchie Meadors to a LECC Training Seminar in Springfield, Missouri. The total cost is \$600, would come from the POST account, and is within the current budget. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the training. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Chief Abraham requested approval to order the new police car for next year. The total cost is \$31,080. The price is based on the Mid-America Regional Council pricing agreement. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderman Higgins seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. The new police vehicle will be partially equipped with the grant money received from LLEBG.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart requested approval for the City Clerk to draft an ordinance to add a court cost, authorized by Section 488.5026.1, RSMo., to collect a \$2 surcharge for all criminal cases, for which the funds will be segregated to go towards the inmate prisoner detainee security fund and related expenses such as the Live Scan Fingerprinting system. 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 – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to hire Sheila Newland, Part Time Administration/Court Clerk, at step 2, \$12.88 per hour, pending background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to hire Zachary Bryan, Full Time Police Officer, at step 1, \$17.25 per hour, pending background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to hire Cameron MacDonald, Full Time Police Officer, at step 1, \$17.25 per hour, pending background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Deborah Crossley, Assistant City Clerk, to step 6, \$20.40 per hour, effective 5/9/2017. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye,

Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, 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:**

Council bill 3255, “An Ordinance amending Section 700.710, by removing Subsection 8, of the Municipal Code of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, in order to discontinue the discount rate for senior citizens” was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Council bill 3255, “An Ordinance amending Section 700.710, by removing Subsection 8, of the Municipal Code of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, in order to discontinue the discount rate for senior citizens” was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill as ordinance 3254. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Council bill 3256, amending the FY 2016, was postponed until 5/15/2017.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – absent, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. 8:45pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk