



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
May 15, 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 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Assistant EMS Chief Travis Wessel, 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. During discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer asked that it should be noted in the minutes to reflect that the invoice from e2 Embroidery and Screen Printing, invoice # 17737, for \$552, which was approved on tonight's consent agenda, and also was approved at the last meeting separately from the consent agenda, is only authorized for one payment not two. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

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

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect, and other professional services:** Mike Groszek, CPA, Troutt, Beeman and Co. P.C., was present to review the audit findings with the Board. There were no concerns or recommendations for changes as a result of the audit. Due to the new fire station construction, a separate fund was created in conjunction with this audit. A separate debt service fund will not be required in the future since it is a municipal lease and not funded through a revenue bond. Mr. Groszek also pointed out that, while revenues were down by \$100,000 from what was budgeted, expenditures were also down by \$200,000 from the approved budget, which showed that the City did a good job of cutting expenditures midyear when management realized that revenues were less than expected. Mr. Groszek said that overall it is a good audit report and the City remains financially sound.

**Oath of Office:** Chief Abraham introduced new police officer Zachary Bryan and gave some biographical information about him. The City Clerk administered the oath of office.

Alderman Smith moved to take a ten minute recess for the reception in the lobby. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 7:50pm

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to reconvene the meeting. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.  
8:00pm

**Public Comments:** Christopher Becker, Permitting Manager for Mobilitie, was present to discuss the installation of the cell phone pole on US Highway 69, in the Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way. Mr. Becker said that Mobilitie has decided to amend the plans they submitted to the City by lowering the height of the pole from 78 feet to 40 feet. Mr. Becker said 40 feet is the same height as the street light poles on 69 Highway. Alderman Scarborough asked Mr. Becker if he saw the recommendation in the staff report to move the proposed site from the west side of the highway to the east side (between Ford Motor Plant #3 Road and Ravena). Mr. Becker said that Mobilitie is not opposed to doing so but the original site is their preferred location. After more discussion, it was agreed that Mobilitie will provide the City with a map of the updated location (on the east side of 69 Highway somewhere between the Ford Plant Road and Ravena). Once received, the City Clerk will issue a letter of support, on behalf of the City, of Mobilitie's application to the Missouri Department of Transportation. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve issuing a statement of support of the installation of the pole at the new location discussed, pending receipt of the updated map. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater reminded the Board that the MML Civic Leadership Award was coming up and asked that the Board give some thought to who they would like to nominate this year so it can be voted on at the next meeting.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner expressed concerns about vehicles speeding on residential streets. She also encouraged the Board members to spread the word about the civic organization's movie night, scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alderman Smith thanked everyone for their concerns regarding his health.

Alderwoman Jacoby encouraged the other Board members to attend the new fire station grand opening next Saturday.

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

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that the Liberty City Council meeting to discuss the rezoning application for 8301 NE 69 Highway will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She reminded the Board that several months ago they had voted to have Alderman Higgins deliver a prepared statement at the meeting. He will not be able to do this now. The City Clerk asked if the Board would like to appoint another board member or if they would like her to mail the letter to the Liberty City Council. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to direct the City Clerk to mail the letter to Liberty. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. Mayor Slater still plans to attend the meeting and express his concerns.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that the opening to the culvert at Timber Creek Lane and Church Street is completely buried. This issue was discussed at the previous meeting. This area is technically MoDOT's responsibility. However, Director Cronk said he thought he could use the backhoe to clean it up a bit so that

Reddi Services could clear the tube (which would be less expensive than asking Reddi Services to do it all). Alderman Scarborough asked Director Cronk to contact MoDOT to get them involved in the resolution as well.

Director Cronk also reported that a sink hole has developed at River Road and Oak Street as a result of heavy rains and failure of the storm water pipe. He and the City Engineer have researched the issue. The preliminary estimate for repair is \$150,000. More investigation will need to be done to pinpoint the exact location of failure. Director Cronk said he would like to purchase a camera for \$2,000 that would allow for them to see the inside of the storm water tubes. He said that when he has Reddi Services do this they normally charge around \$1,500 each time. In addition, the City would also save money on future bids for repair because when the job is put out for bid we would be able to show contractors the images of exactly what needs to be repaired. The discussion then turned to funding of various future storm water projects and the purchase of the camera was not discussed further.

**Fire Department:** Assistant EMS Chief Travis Wessel presented the board report to the City Council.

Chief Wessel also reported that the new pumper is back at the fire station after maintenance at Conrad Fire Equipment. The emblems will be installed later this week. Bad Donkey Graphics is doing the work. The Fire Department is also working on purchasing the approved equipment for the truck.

Chief Wessel reminded the Board that the fire station grand opening is scheduled for this Saturday. They expect between 100-200 people to attend. They believe they will receive a \$1,500 donation from Sam's Club for needed items for the grand opening such as food, plates, cups, etc, but this has not been confirmed. Chief Stinson has asked for approval of \$500 for these materials should the donation not come through. Chief Wessel said specifically, it is line item 10-20-6638 miscellaneous expenses that would be used. Mayor Slater said that was within the budget and asked if any Board members had any objections. The Board agreed that it is within budgeted discretionary spending. Since it is within the budget no vote was taken. Alderman Scarborough asked what plans have been made for parking and traffic. Chief Wessel said that he had spoken with Police Chief Abraham about it. He had also contacted the school who confirmed that they did not have an event planned for that day and gave permission for them to use the parking lot. The Community Center parking lot can also be used. Other parking can be on one side of Orchard Street. The department plans to go door to door this week to talk to residents along Orchard. They plan to use a Gator and possibly golf carts to shuttle people from the parking lots to the building. The east side of the building will be reserved for handicap parking. The west side of the building is reserved for apparatus from other departments who plan to attend. Chief Wessel also reported that he had contacted KCTV 5 so they will probably attend the grand opening as well.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham presented his monthly report to the Board.

Chief Abraham discussed National Police Week. Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm at English Landing Park in Parkville is Northland Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This is a free event open to everyone. KCPD is also hosting an event this week.

Chief Abraham also reported that we are one of the few agencies in the metro that do not require a psychological evaluation of police candidates for hire. The Chief recommended that the Board consider adding this as part of the hiring process. The cost is around \$350/each. Mayor Slater asked HR Manager Steve Smith if he agreed. Mr. Smith said he did. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the change. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The

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

Chief Abraham also asked the Board if they planned to freeze one full time police officer position for FY 2017 due to budgetary restrictions. After some discussion, Alderman Scarborough moved to not fill one full time police officer position, which is currently vacant, in the FY 2017 budget. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. This being the case, Chief Abraham will apply for funding for that position from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS Hiring Program grant. Alderwoman Mesimer asked what the City would be responsible for if we were to get the grant. Chief Abraham said that it is a four year grant with 75% of the officers starting salary being paid by the grant and 25% by the City for the first 3 years. The fourth year the City would be responsible for the full cost of the officer. The Board had no objections to applying for the grant.

Chief Abraham said the Claycomo Dispatching contract is still in negotiations. He will keep the Board posted on this issue.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart presented her monthly report to the Board.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Gordon Abraham, Police Chief, to \$66,950 per year, effective 5/21/2017. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. An ordinance to officially reappoint the Police Chief will be considered at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Higgins, Finance Chair, was not able to attend the meeting. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to research CD rates to determine whether or not to move the maturing sewer CD at Citizen Bank and Trust and take appropriate action based on the findings. If it does need to be moved she will notify either the City Treasurer or Mayor who are signers on the accounts. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

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

**Council bill 3256,** “An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3219, the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council bill 3256,** “An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3219, the annual budget for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3255. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins

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

**Council bill 3257**, “An Ordinance amending Title IV, Chapter 400, Sections 400.010, 400.070 and 400.265, conditional use permits, of the Pleasant Valley Municipal Code” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council bill 3257**, “An Ordinance amending Title IV, Chapter 400, Sections 400.010, 400.070 and 400.265, conditional use permits, of the Pleasant Valley Municipal Code” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3256. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council bill 3258**, “An Ordinance authorizing the imposition of a two dollar (\$2.00) surcharge on ordinance violations and adding Section 120.330, Subsection 11, to the Municipal Code” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Council bill 3258**, “An Ordinance authorizing the imposition of a two dollar (\$2.00) surcharge on ordinance violations and adding Section 120.330, Subsection 11, to the Municipal Code” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3257. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Higgins – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:26pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk