



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
July 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, July 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (*Resolution 2017-0627-01*)

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner (7:03pm), Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. One seat is currently vacant in Ward 3.

Staff present: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Police Chief Gordon Abraham and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. During discussion, the City Clerk reported that Chief Stinson requested the invoice for AirTime Services in the amount of \$9,681.30 be removed from the consent agenda and the check voided. He will submit a different invoice for payment for the radios at the next meeting. She also reported that the correct Park Account balance is \$2,106.93, not \$2,050.93 as stated on the balance sheet. This error was not noticed until after the balance sheet was printed. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, and other Professional Services: No professional service providers were scheduled for this meeting.

Public Comments: Barbara Wilhoit, South Brookside, wished to address the Board to express her opposition on the improvement of Pleasant Valley Road (*by widening, adding sidewalks and curb and gutter*), mentioned by the Mayor in the civic organization flyer. She asked that her comments be included in the meeting record. She said that the improvements will benefit no one and that traffic coming through the City can simply go somewhere else if it is too congested. She said that the people on Pleasant Valley Road will be against the project. She said that when the business park was built and, again, with the addition of Sobbie Road, the improvements were not worth the traffic diverted by her house on South Brookside. She said that she does not accept the argument that sidewalks are needed for children's safety. She believes that children have everything already and do not need the proposed sidewalks. She said the City should use its resources to fund things for seniors such as the discount on their sewer services. She also asked the Board if the street project would be put on the ballot. (*This was answered below.*) She concluded by saying that she doesn't think it is in the best interest of the citizens of Pleasant Valley.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater said that he has spoken to Mrs. Lehman who owns property on Pleasant Valley Road and she is in favor of the street improvements project.

Mayor Slater also said that something needs to be done about the feral cat problem. There was some discussion but the discussion did not arrive at a definitive solution.

Mayor Slater mentioned that a boy scout working on his Eagle Badge would like to install benches along South Sobbie Road on the west side. He will present the project to the Board after the City officially accepts the street from MoDOT.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner responded to Mrs. Wilhoit's concerns by saying that the project is merely being studied and no final decision has been made. Before the City can make an informed decision, a study needs to be done so the Board has all the facts. Then, she believes, that the City would hold public hearings to find out what the citizens think about the project and to educate them about the issue. If a bond is required to pay for the project, the issue will be put on the ballot. (*The City only has the statutory authority to put tax issues on the ballot, not referendum questions.*)

Alderman Smith said that he would like to see single provider trash service on the ballot. The City Clerk informed the Board that the issue requires the City to give the trash companies a two year notice (260.247 RSMo). The most recent notice, in 2014, has expired. Alderman Smith moved to send notice to the trash providers. The motion died without a second. Alderman Smith said he also wanted the improvement of Pleasant Valley Road put on the ballot, too, but was told it is premature to consider that at this time.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox had nothing to report.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that repairs have commenced on the house at 8813 North Road, prior to the 7/5 deadline, given by the building inspector to affect repairs or risk further action from the City.

Director Cronk also reported that MoDOT had sent some information to the City regarding the deed for Sobbie Road. The City Attorney reviewed it and said the City would need to accept the property by ordinance.

Director Cronk reported that he had received an estimate from a company to mow the interchange area. The estimate is \$540 per mow.

Director Cronk said that he has contacted MoDOT regarding Alderman Crawford's request to install a street light at Timber Creek Lane and Church Street. Timber Creek Lane is a private road. North Church Street is MoDOT's road. Director Cronk is waiting for MoDOT's response regarding where the right-of-way is located on the west side of Church.

Director Cronk reported that the Wayne and Vickie Maroon memorial bench was installed at the city park last week.

Alderwoman Langner asked Director Cronk what the primacy fees on her water/sewer bill were for. The City Clerk responded saying that primacy fees are charged by the water district on an annual basis. These state fees are remitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and help support the water quality program (*water testing*). Service connection fees are a similar state fee that is remitted to DNR on an annual basis to support the sewer compliance regulations.

Alderwoman Langner asked Director Cronk when the fence on the Fisher property would be fixed. Director Cronk said that the brush needs to be cleared before the repairs to the fence can begin. They will address the issue as soon as possible.

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Alan Heyne had nothing to report.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that the Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Team fundraiser motorcycle ride will be held on July 15th. They have requested assistance and he will be providing officers for the event.

Chief Abraham said that the attendance was very good at the Coffee with a Cop event last Saturday. They plan to schedule more of these in the future.

Chief Abraham said he will have extra officers on duty tonight and tomorrow night until 3am for the 4th of July holiday.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Committee: Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, was not present for the meeting. No finance matters were discussed.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions, Continued:

No ordinances were scheduled for consideration.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 7:30pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk