



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
July 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, July 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of council bills for public inspection prior to the meeting.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. Alderwoman Linda Jacoby and Alderman Jim Menaugh were not present. One seat is currently vacant in Ward 3.

Staff present: Assistant EMS Chief Travis Wessel, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Police Sergeant Mike Buchanan, 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, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

**City Attorney, Engineer, and other Professional Services:** City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to answer questions and discuss legal issues during closed session.

**Public Comments:** Nicki Wilhoit, River Road, was present to ask about the upcoming widening of Pleasant Valley Road. She asked when the City planned to start the project. She was told that the City is just studying the issue and has not made a decision about moving forward until all the facts have been obtained and reviewed. She asked if the issue could be put on the ballot. She was told that as a 4<sup>th</sup> class city, the City does not have the statutory authority to put referendums (*also known as initiative authority*) on the ballot; only issues related to taxes. She was concerned that some homeowners might be forced to move if the road is widened. Mayor Slater said he did not believe it would be necessary, that it will not require that much area. Once the study has been completed by the engineer we will know more and hold public hearing on the matter at that time.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater read the proclamation honoring Janet Divine, owner of Ma and Pa's Kettle. Chief Abraham also spoke, thanking her for her many contributions. The signed proclamation will be delivered to her in the next few days.

Mayor Slater discussed MoDOT's plans for the road construction and bridge replacement at 152 Highway and I-35. They anticipate the bridge replacement to occur in May of 2019. It will be replaced with a 10 lane bridge.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner discussed concerns expressed by citizens of getting out information sooner to the public. Alderman Crawford said there were lots of possibilities with electronic solutions. The City Clerk mentioned the Nixle notification service as being one possibility.

Alderman Crawford also discussed more ideas for the proposed park on the west side of Sobbie Road. Alderwoman Langner and Dave Bruynell will put together public meetings to explore the possibilities further.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reported to the Board that last month's flyer had mistakenly reported that Pleasant Valley residents could take brush and yard waste to Missouri Organics for free. There is a charge and a correction will be in the August flyer. However, during the course of this she had spoken with Missouri Organics officials and they said they work with a lot of other cities to offer discounted rates to their citizens with the city subsidizing it. She provided this voucher information to the Board to consider. No decision regarding subsidizing brush drop off for residents was made. Alderman Mesimer moved to put the correction in the civic organization flyer and on the city's website. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk asked the Board if they were interested in selling the old board room chairs. After some discussion, Alderman Scarborough moved to dismantle the chairs and throw them away. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk provided a report to the Board requesting a decision on who should be the signers on the court bank accounts. After some discussion, Alderman Scarborough moved for the signers to be the 1) judge, 2) court administrator, 3) part time court clerk, and 4) city treasurer. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

There was some discussion by Board members regarding vacant buildings on 69 Highway. The City Clerk was asked to provide a report to the Board at the next meeting.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk discussed the purchase of a skid steer, as set forth in the FY 2017 budget, with the Board. Through the MoDOT purchasing agreement, the City can purchase the skid steer with all the accessories needed for \$49,555, which normally retails for \$63,113. An ordinance will be prepared for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Director Cronk reported that MoDOT will not add a street light on Church Street near Timber Creek Lane and pointed out that there are not any street lights on North Church Street in Pleasant Valley. The City cannot install a street light on Timber Creek Lane because it is a private road. Alderman Crawford asked Director Cronk if MoDOT would allow the homeowner's association to install a street light in MoDOT's easement. Director Cronk said he did not know but would contact MoDOT and report back. After further discussion, Alderman Scarborough asked Director Cronk to look into whether or not Timber Creek Lane was built to City standards and could be accepted or if work would be required to bring it up to code. After additional discussion regarding the scope of the request, Alderman Scarborough moved to have the Public Works Director and City Engineer put together a cost estimate to accept the street. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Director Cronk also reported that Storage Mart has a building permit to do work on their property. The heavy trucks going in and out on Kaill Street have damaged the street. He is aware of this issue and is working with the contractor to make the necessary repairs, at the contractor's expense.

Director Cronk also informed the Board that more dirt will be brought into the City property (formerly known as the Fisher property) in order to level it out properly. They have also begun to clean out the fence line so that repairs to the fence can be made.

**Fire Department:** Assistant EMS Chief Travis Wessel reviewed the monthly report with the Board. Mayor Slater thanked Chief Wessel for his work on the grand opening.

Chief Wessel asked for the Board's direction regarding the dedication plaque. The Board asked that the ward information be included in the listing.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reviewed his monthly report with the Board. He also reported that he should hear something about the COPS grant he applied for in late September.

Chief Abraham discussed a recent power outage that affected the traffic lights at the I-35 and Pleasant Valley Road interchange. During the outage the police directed traffic. Since there is not enough staffing in the police department to direct traffic in future outages, alternative plans were to either add power backup for the lights at the cost of \$5,000 per intersection or to put up temporary stop signs during each event. State law dictates that motorist should treat non-functioning traffic lights as a 4-way stop. But the Chief has concerns that some motorist may not know this and it could be a safety hazard. There was further discussion on the matter but no decision was made by the Board.

Chief Abraham provided the Board with a price quote for the 911 logging recorder that was budgeted for this year. The City Clerk will draft an ordinance for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reviewed the monthly court report with the Board. She also requested permission to close the court office on July 28<sup>th</sup> for training. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, was not present for the meeting. Alderwoman Mesimer, Personnel Committee member, presented the agenda.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to accept the resignation of Shawn Rulon, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 7/17/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the hire of James Moore, Volunteer Fire Fighter, at the rate of \$7.50 per call, pending successful completion of background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the hire of Cameron Stenner, Volunteer Fire Fighter, at the rate of \$7.50 per call, pending successful completion of background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the rate adjustment for Amos Kerbs, Volunteer Fire Fighter from \$7.50 per call to \$10.00 per call, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the rate adjustment for Michelle Shearer, Volunteer Fire Fighter from \$7.50 per call to \$10.00 per call, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Danielle Taylor, Communications Officer, to step 5, \$14.35 per hour, effective 8/13/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kolby Hedges, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 4, \$11.47 per hour, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Amos Kerbs, Fire Fighter / Paramedic, to step 3, \$13.26 per hour, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Scott Winfrey, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 4, \$11.47 per hour, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Chris Cronk, Public Works Director, to step 9, \$22.98 per hour, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Rodni Travelute, Assistant Public Works Director, to step 6, \$16.75 per hour, effective 7/16/17. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

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

**Old Business:** Alderman Scarborough asked Mayor Slater if anyone had ideas to fill the ward 3 vacancy. Mayor Slater suggested Loren Jones and said he would talk to him and let the Board know if he is interested at the next meeting.

Alderman Scarborough also mentioned that he will not be at the next board meeting.

Mayor Slater said that he will be canvassing the City to talk to residents about the use tax on the August election ballot. He asked that any aldermen interested in helping him to contact him. He also requested that, if they did not canvass, that they at least call their constituents to educate them on the issue.

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

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

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3266, “An Ordinance amending City Code Title III, Chapter 340, Section 340.350, seat belts, child restraints, passengers in truck bed, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3266, “An Ordinance amending City Code Title III, Chapter 340, Section 340.350, seat belts, child restraints, passengers in truck bed, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3266 as Ordinance 3265. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read Council Bill 3267, “An Ordinance approving an agreement by and between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and authorizing the Mayor to sign all related documents approved under this agreement”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

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**Closed Session:** Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, Subsection 1, concerning legal issues and privileged communications with the City Attorney. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 8:56pm

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

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to return to open session. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:30pm

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:30pm.

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Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk