



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
August 7, 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, August 7, 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 Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. One seat is currently vacant in Ward 3.

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

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, 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 at the meeting.

Public Comments: Don Heese, North Elm, was present to address the Board. Mr. Heese brought pictures of his property for the Board to see. The pictures depicted conditions during two rain storms. One was from 4 inches of rain; the other was 8 inches of rain. Mr. Heese said that before the building of the 3 new houses on Elm, 20-25 years ago, the flow of storm water was not as bad. He said they never had this problem until the houses were put in. He would like the City to address the problem. He also discussed erosion of the creek bed which runs thru the back of his property. Alderman Scarborough moved to authorize Director Cronk and the City Engineer to investigate the matter further to see if it is a City issue or not. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. The Mayor asked Director Cronk to include Alderwoman Jacoby in the review.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater nominated Loren Jones, Brenda Lane, to fill the Ward 3 vacancy on the Board of Aldermen. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to appoint Loren Jones to the Ward 3 vacant seat. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. Alderman Jones will be officially sworn in at the next meeting.

The Mayor provided the Board with correspondence from Shelie Daniel, Missouri Department of Transportation, requesting the City to participate in the Buckle Up/Phone Down Challenge. This is an educational campaign to lower the number of car crashes resulting in injury and fatalities in Missouri. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to participate in the program. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Mayor Slater reported to the Board that, with the passage of the council bill later in the meeting concerning AGC Engineers, City Engineer Ron Cowger will be ready to meet with City officials to discuss the Pleasant Valley Road Improvement Study in the next week or two.

Mayor Slater asked the Board for volunteers to assist him in canvassing the City regarding the use tax election. He said anyone interested in helping him this weekend should give him a call. Mayor Slater said it is important for people to understand that the use tax does not increase the sales tax rate you pay on purchases from brick and mortar businesses or businesses located in Missouri. Out of state businesses do not contribute to our economy and should not receive more favorable treatment than in-state businesses. It is a matter of fairness.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Smith cautioned the Board about approving expenditures that are not within the annual budget. The purpose of the budget is to show fiscal responsibility and hold elected officials and department heads accountable. If expenditures outside of the budget are approved, this is not showing sound fiscal management.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox expressed concerns about the cropping of minutes in the civic flyer. These decisions are made by the civic organization not the City. By not publishing the minutes in their original form, sometimes the information can be misconstrued or misrepresented. The Board agreed. Mayor Slater suggested that Mrs. Fox and he meet with members of the civic organization responsible for the flyer to resolve the issue.

The City Clerk presented information to the Board regarding Nixle, which is an emergency notification system that uses email and text to send messages to people who have signed up. This is a free service. She suggested the Board consider enrolling in such a system due to conversations at a recent meeting about the City not being able to communicate with the public in real time. After some discussion, the Board directed her to meet with the pertinent department heads and risk manager to develop a system of internal procedures for using the system before the Board made a final decision on the matter.

The report the Board requested regarding 69 Highway was not ready at meeting time. The Clerk said she will have it ready for the next meeting.

The City Clerk provided the Board with a worker's compensation insurance report comparing changes from 2011-2017. While down in 2013-2015, the trend the last couple of years has been increasing claims, which increases the rate. She said she would meet with the Human Resource Manager to discuss strategies for reducing the rating.

The City Clerk provided the Board with the six month financial report, prepared by the City Treasurer, and published in the Liberty Tribune. There was no further discussion.

And finally, the City Clerk reported that there is a dismissal hearing regarding the RLR Investments case scheduled for August 21st at 9am.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk discussed the traffic strips on Pleasant Valley Road which were placed by MoDOT. They are doing a routine traffic study that is done every 3 or 4 years.

Director Cronk discussed the purchase of the skid steer (*consideration of council bill it later in the meeting*). This purchase is being made under the Missouri Department of Transportation purchasing agreement. The retail price of the equipment is \$72,900. Under the purchasing agreement, the price is \$49,555, a savings of \$23,345. This is a planned expenditure that is in this year's budget. Director Cronk added that this purchase will allow the City to sell the red Case tractor and brush hog.

Alderman Smith thanked Director Cronk for his hard work during the last storm. Alderman Smith said that he received numerous comments from residents who were impressed and thankful that Director Cronk was out at 2am during the storm clearing tree limbs that had fallen in the streets.

Alderwoman Langner commented that there are residences that have laid their brush out at the curb. Director Cronk said that both he and administration had received several inquiries about what to do with the brush. All residents are directed to take their brush to the Regional Recycling Facility for Pleasant Valley, located in Gladstone. The City does not have the resources to pick up brush at curbside or provide a drop off location in the City. Chief Abraham added that if Alderwoman Langner has a nuisance complaint, she should contact the police department and the codes enforcement officer will follow up.

Alderman Crawford asked Director Cronk if he had heard anything from MoDOT regarding the clogged culvert at Church and Timber Creek Lane. Director Cronk said that he had spoken with Kathy at MoDOT who said they were waiting to get their chipper back so they could do the work. They plan to cut some of the trees in that area while clearing the tube.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that he is still working with WSKF Architects to resolve the flooring issue at the new fire station. He has also toured several fire stations with Director Cronk. But he does not have anything of substance to report at this time. An alternative type of flooring and cost has not been determined yet.

Chief Stinson reported that he will be out of town on vacation September 1st to the 10th. In his absence the assistant chiefs will be in charge.

Chief Stinson discussed the brick paver fund raiser that the fire association is sponsoring. The first ceremony is scheduled for September 16th at 9am. Mrs. Fox asked Chief Stinson where people can go for more information. Chief Stinson said they are still working on a website for it but it is not ready. He recently gave the Assistant City Clerk an information sheet in case she received inquiries. Mrs. Fox suggested that Chief Stinson send administration a flyer that can be posted to the City website.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham provided the Board with a Crime Activity Report. He discussed some related car thefts and burglaries and said that he will be releasing information to the media in an effort to apprehend the perpetrators. The police do have descriptions of the suspects and vehicles used.

Chief Abraham asked the Board for permission to remove the markings from the Ford Crown Victoria in order to use the vehicle as an unmarked police vehicle and also for employees to use to attend training, which will be more cost effective than paying mileage for employees to take their own vehicles. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Chief Abraham reported that all of the inspections have been done and all requirements have been met for the liquor licenses for QuikTrip and Sinclair Shop Eazy. He recommends approval of the renewal of their licenses. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the renewal of QuikTrip and Sinclair's package liquor and Sunday liquor licenses. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Chief Abraham also reported that one of his full time officers have accepted a position as the Chief of Police in Plattsburg. Alderman Scarborough said that the officers are leaving for better retirement plans offered at other cities. Most cities in the metro area offer Lagers (Missouri Local Government Employee Retirement System). After some discussion, Alderman Scarborough moved to put Lagers on the agenda to discuss in the 1st quarter of 2018 to prepare for possible approval in the next budget year. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Crawford – aye, Jacoby – nay, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart requested permission to attend the MACA fall conference September 28th and 29th in Chesterfield, Mo. This training is within the budget. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the request. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to hire Chris Wood as Volunteer Fire Fighter at \$7.50 per call, pending background check, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Daniel Elsrode, Fire Fighter / EMT, effective 8/7/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the status change for David Cousins, from Master Police Officer to Reserve Police Officer, at step 10, \$17.29 per hour, effective 8/6/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the status change for Cameron Stenner, from Volunteer Fire Fighter to Part Time Fire Fighter / EMT, at step 1, \$10.50 per hour, effective 8/13/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Carl Hesse, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 3, \$11.14 per hour, effective 8/13/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Alan Heyne, Assistant Fire Chief, to step 13, \$19.25 per hour, effective 7/30/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Wesley Hill, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 7, \$12.54 per hour, effective 7/30/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Michelle Shearer, Fire Fighter / Paramedic, to step 5, \$14.07 per hour, effective 7/30/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Christopher Winslow, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 3, \$11.14 per hour, effective 8/13/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

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

Consideration of New and Renewing Liquor License: Chief Abraham, Liquor License Officer, recommended approval of QuikTrip’s application for renewal of the package liquor and Sunday package liquor licenses. Chief Abraham also recommended approval of Sinclair Shop Eazy’s application for renewal of package liquor and Sunday Liquor licenses. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve QuikTrip and Sinclair’s renewal applications. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions, Continued:

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3268**, “An Ordinance amending Pleasant Valley City Code, Article II, Chapter 380, Section 380.210, child passenger restraint system required”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3268**, “An Ordinance amending Pleasant Valley City Code, Article II, Chapter 380, Section 380.210, child passenger restraint system required”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3268 as Ordinance 3267. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Council Bill 3269, amending concealed carry, Section 210.900 was not ready for Board consideration so it was postponed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3270**, “An Ordinance approving the purchase of a Case SR240 Skid Steer from the Victor L. Phillips Company Inc.”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3270**, “An Ordinance approving the purchase of a Case SR240 Skid Steer from the Victor L. Phillips Company Inc.”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3270 as Ordinance 3269. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3271**, “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and AGC Engineers, Inc., for professional services relating to the 2017 Pleasant Valley Road Improvements Study”, by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3271**, “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and AGC Engineers, Inc., for professional services relating to the 2017 Pleasant Valley Road Improvements Study” by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve council bill 3271 as Ordinance 3270. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote

was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3272**, “An Ordinance approving the purchase of a logging recorder from Stonehenge Properties LTD. DBA Revcord”, by title only. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3272**, “An Ordinance approving the purchase of a logging recorder from Stonehenge Properties LTD. DBA Revcord” by title only. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve council bill 3272 as Ordinance 3271. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye, vacant – n/a. Motion passed. 9:10pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk