



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
September 5, 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 Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby (arrived 7:49pm), Alderman Loren Jones, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith. Alderman Anthony Crawford was absent.

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

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Langner moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, and other Professional Services: City Engineer Ron Cowger presented information he had compiled so far regarding the 2017 Pleasant Valley Road Improvement Study. The Board reviewed the drawings and plans. He asked the Board for input regarding the next step. After some discussion, it was generally agreed that grant requirements should be obtained before settling on a specific street, bicycle and pedestrian design. The City Engineer and Mayor will contact Mid-America Regional Council and other regional transportation groups to investigate the matter further. The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant is a federal grant with an 80%-20% match. The 20% match can come from multiple regional and local agencies. Coordination with other city and county agencies will be vital to support the grant application and full funding of the project.

Public Comments: Tammi Cawthon, Little Lane, was present to express a nuisance complaint regarding the property located at 7004 N Brookside. It is owned by BOK Financial, in Tulsa, OK. She has tried contacting the bank but cannot get them to respond to her complaint. She reports that the house is vacant and in disrepair. The yard is mowed but has several limbs down. Director Cronk will inspect the house for building code violations and send a letter if any violations are found. The Police Department will contact the owner/registered agent regarding maintenance of the yard and property in general.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater reported that Director Cronk, David Bruynell and he had met with KCP&L to discuss power related to the proposed park development on the west side of Sobbie Road. He said they would look into private grants from KCP&L to put in decorative street lights in that area. He also said that the Boy Scouts may (as a donation) build and install benches in this area as well. Mr. Bruynell, Park Board Chairman, is working with the Scouts on the project. He also suggested fund raising events like a tree donation so people from the public can donate trees that the city can plant along the west side of Sobbie. Alderman Scarborough asked

Director Cronk what the status was on the street light map that was discussed at a recent meeting. Director Cronk said he has assigned his employees to work on the map and it will be ready soon. If the City intends to prepare a comprehensive plan for improving the street lighting, this is the type of activity normally assigned to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Slater reported that the training for the Board of Zoning Adjustments is this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. A training session for the Planning and Zoning Commission was held the previous Wednesday, which he attended, and found it to be very interesting and helpful in understanding zoning issues. He recommended that Board of Aldermen members attend the training this week if they are able to do so.

He also reported that tomorrow at 1pm is a MoDOT Commission meeting in Excelsior Springs. He encouraged other City Council members to attend and said he plans to be there if his work schedule allows.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Langner discussed concerns raised by constituents about not having a single trash service provider. She suggested that the Board hold a town hall meeting or a more informal “coffee with an alderman” event in order to get greater public input on many of the important matters and challenges the City is facing. During discussion, ideas like sending out surveys were vetted, due to the poor public turn out for meetings and public hearings. Alderwoman Langner will develop a draft of the survey questions for the Board to review. Once it has been finalized the City can ask the Civic Organization to put it in the flyer so there will be no additional expense for the survey. The discussion returned to trash service. A two year notice is required by Section 260.247 RSMo. After the two year notice, the City must move forward with the plan within one year to provide the service or the whole process must start over again. In 2013 the City gave notice and could have begun offering trash service in 2015. Since the City did not exercise this option by 2016, if the City now decided to move forward again, the first step would be to send another two year notice to local trash haulers. In addition, the City Clerk provided the Board with a cost estimate for a one provider system. The report estimated the annual cost at \$211,200. If the City chose to finance this through a property tax levy, the levy would have to be raised from 0.7160 to 1.2315 in order to fully pay the cost (*tax levies require voter approval*). As a 4th class city, the maximum tax levy is 1.00. Due to statutory requirements, the tax levy is the only way that the City could put the issue on the ballot for the voters to decide. The only other option would be to treat it as a user fee. This means it would be added to the water/sewer bill, which would require coordination with the Water District. It was determined that public opinion on various issues should be obtained before proceeding.

Alderwoman Langner asked Chief Abraham to address speeding in the next civic organization flyer.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox had nothing to report at this time.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that he is working with the City Engineer to update the comprehensive storm water plan. They hope to have this ready by early October.

Director Cronk also reported that he has left messages with Jim’s Disposal to set a date for the bulky item pickup in the fall. So far they have not returned his call. Other trash companies that were contacted last year said that they could not do it. He will let everyone know when the date is set by advertising it in the flyer and on the City’s website. There was some discussion of purchasing a banner to advertise it, as well.

Fire Department: Alderman Smith moved to enter into closed session, with Chief Heyne, pursuant to 610.021, subsection 3, concerning personnel matters. Alderman Menaugh seconded the

motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 8:49pm

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

Alderman Jones moved to return to open session. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:06pm

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham gave an update on recent crime activity.

Chief Abraham reported that Claycomo is currently reviewing a proposal from Pleasant Valley to provide dispatching services.

Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Abraham about the \$659 expenditure from the Capital Purchases account. Chief Abraham explained that it was for a bullet proof vest for one of his officers, which was a planned expenditure in the capital purchases budget. In addition, there is still a balance of \$3,000 in grants, private donations and prior year funding, for the purchase of vests in that line item.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart said that her department was working on completing a new operating order. She will have a summary ready for the next meeting.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the hire of Tyler James Anderson, full time Police Officer, at step 2, \$17.77 per hour, pending background checks, drug screen and physical. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones- aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Personnel Chair Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Audrey Chapdelaine, Communications Officer, to step 6, \$14.78 per hour, effective 9/10/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones- aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, was not present. 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 Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones- aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:12pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk