



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
October 16, 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, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk prepared extra copies of the council bills and made them available to the public prior to the meeting.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Loren Jones (until 8:40pm), Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

Staff present: Fire Chief Robert Stinson, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Police Captain Jared McGinley and City Clerk Georgia Fox.

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer asked which air conditioner was repaired. The City Clerk said that two AC units were malfunctioning; one downstairs and one upstairs at City Hall. The one upstairs was repaired for \$192.62 to replace the capacitor. CM Mose did the work. The second needs an A-coil which will be more expensive and will require us to obtain bids from at least 3 vendors. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Engineer, and other Professional Services: No professional service providers, such as attorneys, were scheduled to attend.

Public Comments: No one from the public wished to comment.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater said the Planning and Zoning reappointments will be postponed until the next meeting.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Mesimer expressed concerns about barking dogs. She suggested that maybe the number of dogs limited by ordinance should be amended. Mayor Slater said that dogs' barking continually is covered under the nuisance ordinance and suggested she contact the police department when she hears this.

Alderwoman Jacoby asked the Police Chief to have his officers set up radar for speeding on T. Gabbert. She said that there is a car that drives through every evening greatly exceeding the posted speed limit. She has not been able to get the car's license plate number.

Alderwoman Langner reported that the sidewalk is blocked with pavers on Orchard and there had been some digging done but not completed. She also reported that the house on North Road, which had received letters from the City, has a new roof now. The City Clerk said she will look into the sidewalk issue to see if there is a permit for the work.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that she has contacted several companies regarding employee fidelity bond coverage. So far no one has given her a cheaper price than the existing insurer. She will continue to contact some more companies and report back to the Board.

The City Clerk said that she had put a historical bank balance sheet report in the Board packet. She had recently received questions about the City's financial condition. She hoped this would help others understand what impact necessary capital improvements had on the general fund bank balance. No one had any questions about the report.

The City Clerk reported that she is still receiving 3-5 trash surveys per day. Currently she has 14 yes, 25 no, and 5 maybes. She suggested that the Board continue to accept the surveys until the next meeting. At the next meeting she will provide them with copies of all surveys received and a summary of the totals. Mayor Slater said that he received one that said no because they assumed the cost would go up. He does not agree with this assumption and cites other cities rates as proof that the cost would go down. Alderwoman Mesimer asked if the water district had been contacted to see if they would be willing to add this to their billing and at what cost. The Mayor said he would contact them to find out. The conversation continued. The price difference between various companies that currently serve Pleasant Valley was also discussed. Alderman Smith asked if the bulky item pick up had been scheduled yet. The City Clerk said that Jim's did leave a message with Chris that they would do it but he has not spoken to them to set a date. It will be advertised in the flyer when the date is established.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk was not present at the meeting. In Director Cronk's absence, the City Clerk presented the sewer scope bid recommendations from the City Engineer to the Board. After some review, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the award of the bid to Midwest Drain and Sewer in the amount of \$30,121.11 and a force account of \$5,000 to be used at the discretion of the Public Works Director in conjunction with the City Engineer. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson presented the monthly Fire Department Report to the Board.

Chief Stinson discussed recent training with Claycomo Fire Department. The UAW sponsored the event. Chief Stinson said that more training sessions are planned for the near future.

Chief Stinson also discussed recent incident involving a semi-truck which overturned at the north bound exit ramp at 69 Highway. They were able to contain the spill from getting to the creek and doing a lot of damage.

Chief Stinson also said that the new fire truck was not in service yet because all of the staff has not been trained to operate it. He said he is confident that this will be completed within the next 30 days.

Alderman Crawford asked Chief Stinson what type of incident would need to occur in order to use all of the apparatus the City has. Chief Stinson explained that the new pumper will be used as the primary and the older pumper will be used as a secondary backup in case the primary pumper is out of service. A couple of years ago it was determined that it was more cost effective to keep the pumper and use it as a backup rather than selling it. The City spent \$15,000 to repair it with the intent of keeping it.

Chief Stinson also reminded the Board that he will be out of town November 5th to the 15th for the annual conference he attends in Florida.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham presented the monthly Crime Activity Report to the Board.

Chief Abraham said that he will meet with Chief Coonce tomorrow to finalize the plan for implementation of the dispatching contract. Claycomo's Board of Trustees approved the contract at their meeting last week.

Chief Abraham reported that the storm last Saturday night caused a power outage at the traffic lights at Pleasant Valley Road and 69 Highway. The power was out from Saturday night until Sunday night. The Chief contacted MoDOT but their position on it is that if the lights are not working drivers should treat the intersection as a four way stop. The Pleasant Valley Police and Missouri Highway Patrol directed traffic as staffing would allow during this power outage. Chief Abraham and Director Cronk continue to work with MoDOT to find a better, safer, permanent solution.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart presented the monthly Municipal Court Report to the Board.

The Court Administrator also provided the Board with the Court Minimum Operating Standards and explained some of the changes.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the rate adjustment for Sarah Everhart, Court Administrator, to step 6, \$17.97 per hour, effective 10/22/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Colin Chang, Fire Fighter / Paramedic, to step 7, \$14.93 per hour, effective 10/8/17. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, presented the 1st quarter budget to actual comparison. Overall revenues were up 6% over budget. Specifically sales is doing well, up by 6% over budget estimates. Expenditures were also up slightly over budget estimates. Revenues over expense were \$4,750 for the general fund. Due to this, it continues to be a tight budget requiring vigilance by department heads and the Board alike to continue to keep expenditures less than revenues and meet the City's financial objectives.

Alderman Crawford said he is going to do some research on CD rates to see if we can get our investments into higher yielding accounts.

Alderman Crawford also mentioned that an additional line item will be added to the Administration Budget for Tax Increment Financing related expenditures so that they will not be lumped in with other expenses and can be easily identified for future reimbursement.

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 3277**, "An Ordinance approving a contract for certain maintenance work by and between Midwest Drain and Sewer LLC and the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri", 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, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3277**, “An Ordinance approving a contract for certain maintenance work by and between Midwest Drain and Sewer LLC and the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3277 as Ordinance 3276. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Closed Session: Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1, regarding legal issues. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – nay, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 8:40pm.

Alderman Jones left at 8:40pm and did not attend closed session. During closed session no motions were made nor votes taken.

Open Session: Alderman Scarborough moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – nay, Jones – absent, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:00pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:02pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk