



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
November 6, 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, November 6, 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, Alderman Loren Jones, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer and Alderman Rick Scarborough. Absent were Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Jim Menaugh and Alderman James Smith.

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

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

Mayor Slater asked for a motion to take the agenda out of order. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to take the agenda out of order. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Fire Department:** Chief Heyne read a letter that the Fire Department received from Gary Dimsdale, thanking the department for their response.

Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Heyne if the Fire Department accepts intravenous medications for disposal. Chief Heyne said they did not but the Shoal Creek Police Department does have a drop off. Alderman Scarborough said he would like for the Fire Department to offer a prescription drug disposal program as well. Chief Heyne said he would look into it.

**Lifesaving Award Ceremony and Reception** – Chief Abraham presented the award to Police Officer Taylor Nave. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer Nave was the first responder on the scene to an emergency call at the 8000 block of Barlow. The individual did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Officer Nave provided CPR until the ambulance arrived. The individual referred to above, their family members, and other police officers were present for the award ceremony. After the ceremony, Alderman Scarborough moved to take a ten minute recess for refreshments in the lobby. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to return to session. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. 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 nominated Scott Reed and Ruth Mesimer to be reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Scarborough moved to reappoint Scott Reed and Ruth Mesimer to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Due to the resignation of Mark Dumolt, Mayor Slater nominated Sheila Newland to be appointed to the Tax Increment Financing Commission. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to appoint Sheila Newland to the Tax Increment Financing Commission. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Mayor Slater reported that the Clay County Economic Development Council has named T.J. Berry as its incoming executive director. Berry will begin part time in January to work alongside 17-year veteran Jim Hampton. The two will work together through May while Berry completes his service as state representative in the 2018 legislative session. Berry will then assume full-time duties as executive director. Hampton will remain with the EDC's affiliate organization, Midwest Small Business Finance.

Mayor Slater reported on a recent meeting of the Metro Mayors Caucus in which replacement of the Buck O'Neil Bridge was discussed (*formerly the Broadway Bridge*). This meeting was called for, and chaired by, Mayor Slater, for the sole reason of endorsing a recommendation to the Total Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Slater also represents Clay County on the TTPC. He said the Mayors Caucus agreed to commit two two-year cycles of Surface Transportation Program funding of \$20 million each for the bridge. This will still leave \$15 million every two years in STP funds for other areas to apply for projects. Kansas City will not bid on any other projects during this time. Platte and Clay Counties will not push a project in those four years for these funds. That does not prevent anyone from Clay or Platte from submitting a plan on their own. MoDOT has pledged \$100 million to the project if the counties and cities can come up with the other \$100 million through various resources, including grant funding. MARC will add another \$40 million which means that the project still needs \$60 million to be fully funded. Mayor Slater believes this project will get fully funded by the various, city, state, federal and other related agencies.

Mayor Slater suggested that the City obtain appraisals for property it owns, such as the old fire station and the Fisher lot. After some discussion, the City Clerk was directed to find out the cost for this and report back to the Board.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Scarborough said that he was talking with a friend who owns Blue Mountain Productions, and thinks it would be a good idea for the City to do a promotional video. He said a three minute video would cost less than \$4,000. The City Clerk was asked about the purchasing policy. She responded saying that there is a professional services exemption but she is uncertain if this type of business meets the criteria. After further discussion by the Board, Alderman Scarborough moved to hire Blue Mountain Productions to do a promotional video not to exceed \$4,000. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Langner reported that if the City wanted to do other surveys or flyers that the boy scouts would be available to help deliver them. This would save the City the cost of postage. She also said the next civic organization meeting in Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reported that, after research and talking with the City Attorney, the insurance coverage the City has does cover all employees and appointed and elected officials regarding theft. Therefore, there is an ordinance on the agenda regarding repealing sections requiring employee bonds.

The City Clerk provided the Board with copies of the trash surveys received to date. While the totals were 17 yes, 33 no and 5 maybes, the answers from the survey were not always definitive when put into context of the comments on the survey. Alderwoman Mesimer asked Mayor Slater if he had spoken to the water district yet regarding billing. The Mayor said he had not but would contact them.

The City Clerk reported that a vehicle for hire company was interested in locating at 6514 NE 69 Highway. This area is currently zoned C-1 district. Vehicle for hire companies (like taxis, Uber, Lyft) are not listed anywhere in the City's zoning regulations. The City Clerk researched the issue and found that while many cities regulate this kind of business, they do not include it in their zoning district descriptions. The City Clerk asked the Board if they would like to add this type of company to the zoning regulations. After some discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to not amend the zoning regulations to include this type of businesses. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk reported that Voya Financial (*formerly Aetna and ING*), the 457 financial service provider for the City, has issued a change in the terms for the fixed rate annuity accounts for employee 457's. Per the City Attorney, the City will need to accept this change in terms by ordinance. An ordinance has been prepared and is listed on tonight's agenda.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported bids taken on the AC unit for downstairs. The unit is a 4-ton, 13 seer unit. The bid was to replace the A-coil, the outside condenser and to flush the lines. AB May was \$4,744, CM Mose was \$4,674 and Buckner Heating and Cooling was \$3,890. Director Cronk thoroughly reviewed the bids regarding warranty and other information. Director Cronk recommends that the City approve Buckner Heating and Cooling to do the work. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bid from Buckner Heating and Cooling for \$3,890. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Director Cronk informed the Board that he has been unable to get a trash provider to agree to do the bulky item pickup this year. Mayor Slater pointed out that if the City had a contract for trash service this would not be an issue. The service would be included in the contract. After some discussion, the Board decided to postpone the bulky item pick up until next spring.

Director Cronk reported that MoDOT had completed the clearing of the culvert at Timber Creek Lane and Church Road. This should resolve the issue of flooding on Church Street.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that the City will take over dispatching for Claycomo on January 2, 2018. He met with the Claycomo Police Chief and has worked out the details of implementation. Chief Abraham also discussed the tow rotation plan.

On November 17<sup>th</sup> the Metro Chief's Award of Valor will be presented to Officer Steve Wilson. He was recognized for the same event by Pleasant Valley several months ago.

Chief Abraham also announced that SafeWise issued their “20 Safest Cities in Missouri” report on October 30, 2017. The report is based on FBI crime report statistics. Pleasant Valley ranked #10 in the state for safest communities.

Chief Abraham reported that on October 28<sup>th</sup> the PV Police Department was assisting Pleasant Valley Fire, Claycomo Police and Fire Departments and the Missouri Highway Patrol, regarding a car fire at Interstate 435 and I-35. Pleasant Valley’s police vehicle was parked blocking the incident and a Scout Vehicle was also parked directing traffic around the incident. A vehicle did not follow the directions of the Scout, and went around it, hitting the Pleasant Valley police car. The damage to the police vehicle was extensive. The police car is a 2015 Ford Interceptor SUV. The driver that hit the police car was under the influence. His insurance company has accepted responsibility and declared our police car a total loss. However, they have estimated the value of the vehicle at \$14,750. A new vehicle will cost around \$30,000 to replace. Chief Abraham is still working on this issue with the help of our insurance company.

Captain McGinley has brought to the Chief’s attention that the City lacks an excessive acceleration ordinance. Chief Abraham requested permission of the Board to draft an ordinance. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the drafting of an ordinance to address the issue. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart was unable to be at the meeting. No court related issues were discussed.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, was not present. Personnel Committee Secretary, Alderwoman Mesimer, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Prescott Stoner, Reserve Police Officer, to step 10, \$17.29 per hour, effective 11/5/17. Alderwoman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Matt Kelley, Fire Marshal, to step 8, \$16.60 per hour, effective 11/5/17. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Bryan Tisdale, Fire Fighter / Paramedic, to step 7, \$14.49 per hour, effective 11/5/17. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the status change for Michelle Green, from Reserve Communications Officer to Full Time Communications Officer, to step 4, \$14.93 per hour, effective 12/31/17. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the policy that when Christmas Eve falls on Sunday, the observed holiday will be on Tuesday and the policy change of paying full time essential employees time and a half for working on the recognized national holidays of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day during the hours of 12:00am to 11:59pm. (*currently full time employees are only paid overtime on these days if they work over 8 hours*) Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, addressed the issue of the Police Department being short one vehicle, discussed earlier in the meeting. Alderman Crawford said that he is talking to Ford officials to see if they would be willing to donate an F-150 to the City. There is no guarantee that they will but Alderman Crawford is hopeful that they will recognize the need of our city. This truck could be used for the Police Department, specifically for animal control and other issues where a truck is better suited.

**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 3278**, “An Ordinance ratifying an intergovernmental agreement between the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District 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 Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3278**, “An Ordinance ratifying an intergovernmental agreement between the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District and the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3278 as Ordinance 3277. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3279**, “An Ordinance approving and amendment to an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Voya Financial, regarding employee 457 accounts”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3279**, “An Ordinance approving and amendment to an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Voya Financial, regarding employee 457 accounts”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3279 as Ordinance 3278. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3280**, “An Ordinance amending the hourly compensation step plan for the Communications Department for the City of Pleasant Valley”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3280**, “An Ordinance amending the hourly compensation step plan for the Communications Department for the City of Pleasant Valley”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3280 as Ordinance 3279. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye,

Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3281**, “An Ordinance repealing Sections 110.390 and 120.310 of the Pleasant Valley City Code regarding employee bonds”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer 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 – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

The City Clerk read **Council Bill 3281**, “An Ordinance repealing Sections 110.390 and 120.310 of the Pleasant Valley City Code regarding employee bonds”, by title only. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve council bill 3281 as Ordinance 3280. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed.

**Council Bill 3282**, regarding regulation of pawn shops and gun dealers, was not in ordinance form. It was given to the Board as a draft version to see if anyone had any objections to the proposed ordinance. No one expressed any objections. The City Clerk will prepare the council bill for consideration at the meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – absent, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed. 9:14pm

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk