



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
April 16, 2018*

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, April 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

City Attorney, Engineer, and other Professional Services: City Attorney Jerry Brant was present. He addressed an article on NBC news website, brought up by Alderwoman Langner, regarding the Supreme Court case on internet sales tax. A decision from the justices is expected in late June.

Mr. Brant had a legal issue to discuss with the Board. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021 RSMo., subsections 1, regarding legal actions, litigation and privileged communications with the City Attorney. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 7:43pm

During closed session no motions were made nor votes taken.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 8:19pm.
Mayor Slater excused Mr. Brant from the meeting.

Oath of Office: The April General Election results were reviewed. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the following Aldermen:

Ward 1 – Linda Jacoby

Ward 2 – Rick Scarborough

Ward 3 – Loren Jones

Ward 4 – Jim Menaugh – was absent and will be sworn in at a later date

Election of Board President, Finance Chairman and Personnel Committee members:
Alderwoman Mesimer moved to reappoint the same aldermen to Board President, Finance Chair and Personnel Committee, as served the previous term. They are:

Board President – James Smith



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Finance Committee Chairman – Anthony Crawford

Personnel Committee – Linda Jacoby and Ruth Mesimer

(Per Section 115.030, the Finance Chair automatically serves on the Personnel Committee)

Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Mayor’s Comments: Mayor Slater reported that Kearney Mayor Bill Dane passed away April 9th. Mayor Slater said Mayor Dane transformed Kearney during his administration.

Mayor Slater also reported that MARC Regional Leadership Award recipient was Sheila Tracy, president of the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure, the Chamber has become a powerful voice for the Northland and the region. She is a member of the KC Rising Steering Committee and has been a strong supporter of projects that impact the entire region, such as the new KCI airport terminal and Buck O’Neil Bridge.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Scarborough provided the Board with an information page related to the use tax, along with legal requirements. The Board discussed the matter. Public hearings will be held starting in August or September. Dates for the public hearings will be set in the near future.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox reminded the Board that the Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a hearing regarding a long term plan to upgrade the street light system. The meeting will be held on April 26th at 7pm.

Public Works Department: Director Chris Cronk did not have anything to report at this time. Alderman Scarborough thanked Director Cronk for the nice job on the fence at 6813 Sobbie Road, so far. Alderman Smith noted the good job Public Works has done on snow removal this year. Director Cronk thanked the aldermen. Alderwoman Mesimer noted that the tree at the old fire station was removed. The tree was a Sweet Gum, which caused several problems with gutters, mowing, etc.

Fire Department: Assistant Chief Alan Heyne reviewed the monthly report with the Board. Alderman Scarborough asked that some clarifications or details be provided on the report because the categories are too vague. Categories such as “good intent” and “special” deserve further explanation in the report. Chief Heyne said he would pass this on to Captain Craig Farley who generates the reports.

Chief Heyne reminded the Board that the smoke detector drive is April 28th.

Police Department: Chief Gordon Abraham presented the Crime Activity Report to the Board. There was some discussion about accident statistics at the interchange of I-35/Pleasant Valley Rd/69 Highway. The Chief said he will have more information regarding this matter at the next meeting.



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Chief Abraham reported that the Pleasant Valley Police Department participated in the Tip a Cop event last Saturday at the Corner Cafe. Liberty and Kansas City Police Department also participated in the event. They raised \$5,000 for the Special Olympics.

Chief Abraham also said that he had applied for the ballistic vest grant again this year.

Chief Abraham reported that last week they ran a medical emergency call. Police arrived on the scene and were able to revive the 3 month old child before medics arrived. The child was transported to the hospital and is expected to survive.

Alderswoman Mesimer asked Chief Abraham about the drug take back day. Chief Abraham said that the event is the week of April 23rd. During that week our Police Department will accept prescription drugs for disposal. Clay County Drug Task Force will pick them up at the end of the event. Also, the Shoal Creek office for the Kansas City Police Department has a collection box all year around. Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Heyne if the Fire Department was able to take "sharps" (needles) now and Chief Heyne said they were. Alderman Smith asked Chief Abraham to talk to MoDOT regarding the traffic light at 69 Highway and I-35 northbound exit. Right now people are allowed to turn right on red but this appears to be a dangerous practice with how fast people are driving on the exit ramp. Chief Abraham will look into the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with a court report. Administrator Everhart noted that March amnesty month went well and she plans to have another in six months or so. Alderswoman Mesimer congratulated Administrator Everhart on her nomination to the Municipal/Traffic Focus Group of the Office of State Administrators, which oversees the implementation of new rules.

After some discussion about Administrator Everhart not being able to attend the Board meeting on May 21st, Alderswoman Mesimer moved to not require Assistant Court Clerk, Robin Martin, to attend the Board meeting. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderswoman Jacoby noted that it would be good experience for the Assistant Court Clerk to attend the meeting. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – nay, Jones – nay, Langner – nay, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – abstain. Motion failed. Assistant Court Clerk Robin Martin will attend the May 21st Board meeting.

Personnel Committee: Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to change the rate of volunteer pay for Mike Peters, Fire Fighter/Paramedic, to \$10 per call, effective 4/8/2018. Alderswoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Erin Henderson, Fire Fighter/Paramedic, to step 5, \$14.07 per hour, effective 4/8/2018. Alderswoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the following employee benefits plans for fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.

Health

- Cigna INO 1



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- Cigna INO 2
- Cigna OAP 750
- Cigna Choice Fund 1500

Dental

- Delta Dental 1250

Vision

- VSP Vision Care

Alderswoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the Personnel Committee recommendation that the City contribute \$100 per month to employee Health Savings Accounts (HAS) for employees who are enrolled in the Cigna Choice Fund 1500 plan. Contributions will begin July 1st. Alderswoman Mesimer seconded the motion. During discussion, Personnel Committee members explained that the Choice Fund 1500 is a less expensive, high deductible, health insurance plan. By offering incentives the committee hopes that more employees will choose the less expensive plan, which will save the City money, even after paying the \$100/month incentive (*City contribution for INO is \$584.60/month per employee, City contribution for Choice Fund 1500, with incentive, would be \$467.16*). The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – aye. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, presented the 3rd quarter financial report to the Board.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions, Continued:

No Council Bills were scheduled for consideration.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderswoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed. 9:13pm

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk