



**City of Pleasant Valley Missouri**  
**Meeting of the Board of Aldermen**  
**May 7, 2018**

**Call to Order:** A regular session 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, May 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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 Fire Chief Robert Stinson.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderwoman Langner 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.

**City Attorney, Engineer, Architect and Other Professional Services:** City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to meet with the Board in closed session regarding legal matters. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsections 1 (legal) and 3 (personnel). Alderwoman Langner 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. 7:38pm

**610.021.** *Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law; a public governmental body is authorized to close meetings, records and votes, to the extent they relate to the following:*

*(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.*

*(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. However, any vote on a final decision, when taken by a public governmental body, to hire, fire, promote or discipline an employee of a public governmental body shall be made available with a record of how each member voted to the public within seventy-two hours of the close of the meeting where such action occurs; provided, however, that any employee so affected shall be entitled to prompt notice of such decision during the seventy-two-hour period before such decision is made available to the public. As used in this subdivision, the term "personal information" means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees;*

**Closed Session**

During closed session, after some discussion, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to demote Michelle Gregg to the position of Communications Training Officer, without a rate change, effective immediately. Alderman 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. (released 5/10/18)



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**Open Session:** Alderwoman Jacoby made a motion to return to open session. Alderwoman Langner 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. 8:10pm

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater asked the Board to consider nominations for the Missouri Municipal League Civic Leadership Award. Nominations are due no later than June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The City Clerk will provide the Board with a list of previous nominations and past discussions at the next meeting.

Mayor Slater asked the Board what they thought about hosting a Missouri Municipal League Westgate Division meeting. These events are an opportunity to showcase the City and local businesses. Discussion ensued but no final decision on a location for the event, etc., was made.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Mesimer reported that the Planning Commission recommendation was to investigate further the cost of hiring a consultant for the comprehensive street light upgrade plan. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to issue an RFP for the services, with the understanding that if it is cost prohibitive, all bids will be rejected. Alderwoman Langner 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. In further discussion, the Board instructed Director Cronk to check to see if any tree trimming is needed regarding the street lights. They also instructed Chief Abraham to have his patrol officers note what areas do not have adequate lighting and provide that information to the Board.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox did not have anything to report at this time.

**Public Works Department:** Director Chris Cronk provided a recap of the Stream Team event and Day in the Park. He said attendance appeared to be down from the previous two years for Day in the Park.

Director Cronk also said that he is scheduled to meet with City Engineer Ron Cowger on May 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize storm water information. He assumes his intent is to attend the meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> to provide his report. Director Cronk also mentioned that he has received some inquiries about when the Board will receive the storm water information because some residents would like to attend the meeting.

Director Cronk is still waiting on a response from Jim's Disposal setting the date of the bulky item pick up. He will continue to follow up with Jim's and keep everyone informed on this matter.

Mayor Slater asked the Board, on behalf of Park Board President Dave Bruynell, if the City could waive the business license fee for the bounce house for Day in the Park. The Fire Association pays for the bounce house; it is normally not a donation to the Fire Association. The Fire Association donates it to the City. However, when contacted by the City Clerk regarding a business license, Cathy's Custom Parties and Ponies, said they would donate it this year. According to code, if a company is doing business in the City, a business license is required. If a company donates the service, the company is not doing business in the City; therefore a business license is not required.



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She also mentioned that the company probably would have taken it better had they known ahead of time that a license was required but that message was not conveyed to them, despite the Clerk's requests, until she called them on the Friday before the Saturday event.

**Fire Department:** Chief Robert Stinson reported that the smoke detectors give away was a great success. Smoke detectors were provided by the American Red Cross. The Fire Department delivered 200 flyers to homes in Pleasant Valley the week prior to the event, in addition to advertising in the PVCO flyer. They installed 70 smoke detectors the day of the event. They plan to do another event in the fall.

Chief Stinson also discussed the SCBA repairs and annual flow testing on the consent agenda. He apologized that this occurred all at the same time, since that was not their intention, but also said that by doing it all at once it probably saved the City some money.

**Police Department:** Chief Gordon Abraham provided the Board with a report regarding accidents at I-35/Pleasant Valley Rd/69 Highway and contributing factors. He said there was no real pattern that would indicate a specific hazard. Chief Abraham also reported that Alderman Smith and he had looked at the intersection of the I-35 northbound exit ramp and 69 Highway. Alderman Smith had expressed concerns with people taking a right on red on north bound 69 Highway while there is a green light for people exiting the highway. He asked if the Board wanted him to contact the state about making it a no right turn on red intersection. Alderman Scarborough said that he frequently sees that people are not coming to a complete stop to turn right on red. Alderman Scarborough recommended police enforcement to solve the problem. The Board agreed. Chief Abraham said he will assign an officer for one hour each shift to observe the situation and take enforcement action as is necessary. He will report back on the matter at the next meeting.

Chief Abraham reported that they have received a \$2,500 grant for Shop with a Cop, to be conducted in December 2018. A date has not been set yet.

Chief Abraham reported that he applied to the Missouri Department of Public Safety for a \$47,000 grant for electronic ticketing. They approved \$30,000 of it, which is for the equipment. They denied the \$17,000 portion for the software purchase, installation and maintenance fee. After the first year, there is a \$10,000 reoccurring maintenance fee for the software. He said he will be putting the software expense into his FY 2018 budget proposal. Alderman Scarborough asked Administrator Everhart if electronic ticketing would benefit her department as well. She said that it would help by not requiring the court to duplicate the entering of ticket information, which would save labor. Other advantages were discussed. Mayor Slater is in favor of the use of this system.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reported that she has training this Friday and will know more about Show Me Court implementation then.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Joe Reynolds, Captain EMT, effective 5/7/2018. 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the status change for Jacob Baldwin, Reserve Police Sergeant to full time Police Sergeant, step 6, \$21.74 per hour, effective 5/6/2018. Alderwoman



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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.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Deborah Crossley, Assistant City Clerk, step 7, \$21.02 per hour, effective 5/6/2018. Alderswoman 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 for the meeting but had asked the City Clerk to make a request to the Board to set a Finance Committee meeting regarding the preparation of the FY 2018 budget. After some discussion, the Board set the meeting for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**Old Business:** No old business was discussed.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions, Continued:**

**Council Bill 3295**, “An Ordinance adding Section 136.020, Miscellaneous Fees, Returned Check Fee, to the Pleasant Valley City Code”, was read by title only by the City Clerk.

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve the first reading of the bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Jones 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.

**Council Bill 3295**, “An Ordinance adding Section 136.020, Miscellaneous Fees, Returned Check Fee, to the Pleasant Valley City Code”, was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderswoman Jacoby moved to approve Council Bill 3295 as Ordinance 3294. Alderman Jones 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.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderswoman Jacoby 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. 8:48pm

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk