



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
May 21, 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 21, 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. Absent was: Alderman Jim Menaugh.

Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Assistant Court Clerk Robin Martin, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith and Assistant EMS Chief Travis Wessel.

**Consent Agenda:** City Clerk Fox informed the Board that the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, listed on the consent agenda, were not ready yet and the check for the County Detention bill listed at \$1,131.00 needed to be voided, due to an incorrect invoice, with a new check for \$1,053.00 issued. The City Clerk gave the Board the corrected invoice for reference. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. 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, Architect and Other Professional Services:** No professional services were scheduled to appear.

**Public Comments:** Jason Star, United Auto Workers #249, was present to discuss with the Board the application for a fireworks tent this year that proceeds will go to the Veterans Community Project. They also offered to assist on civic and parks projects as well.

Park Board President Dave Bruynell discussed recent park events, Stream Team and Day in the Park, and introduced Boy Scout Dakota Crispin, Troop 460. Mr. Bruynell suggested the City consider the addition of trees, bushes and benches along the west side of Sobbie Road. Scout Crispin provided the Board with a proposal to install park benches along the west side of Sobbie Road, south of Pleasant Valley Road, for his Eagle Scout project. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the installation of 4 benches on Sobbie. Alderman Scarborough 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. The Director of Public Works will review the plan and work with Dakota on the project. During discussion, Mr. Star offered assistance from the UAW, as well.

The City Clerk reported that her office had received a request from Galen Rasmussen, DVM, of Loving Care Rescue, to lease some office space in the old fire station building, located at 6801 Sobbie Road, from the City. After some discussion by the Board, the consensus was that they do not wish to lease the building.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater nominated Ron and Margaret Brecke for the MML Civic Leadership Award for 2018. Mayor Slater also requested that Larry Linville for 2019 and Sharon Caylor for 2020 be added to the list the City Clerk keeps on file. Alderman Scarborough moved to nominate Ron and Margaret Brecke for the 2018 Civic Leadership Award. 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. The Board also agreed that Linville and Caylor should be added to the Clerk's list.

Mayor Slater asked if closed session could wait until the end of the meeting and the Board agreed.



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**Aldermen Comments:** There were no aldermen comments.

**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 reported that he met with City Engineer Ron Cowger. They reviewed a draft version of the 2018 Storm Water Plan. They are waiting on some information from Kansas City regarding a property on Boucher Circle. They are still also putting utility location information in order to determine cost on each project. He anticipates that the City Engineer will present the plan to the Board at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Director Cronk also added that he estimates the complete list of storm water projects to be \$2,000,000. Currently the balance in the storm water account is around \$628,000. Priority will need to be given to projects that pose the greatest risk to public safety and existing infrastructure. Director Cronk also recommends that the City leave \$200,000 in the account for emergency storm water repairs that may arise in the future. Capital Improvements funds can also be used for storm water but currently the CI account cannot fully fund all the storm water projects either.

Director Cronk also reported that he is obtaining bids for repairs to Pleasant Valley Road. When he has the information he will submit it to the Board for approval.

Director Cronk said he still cannot get Jim's Disposal to commit to a date for the bulky item pickup. Jim's is the only trash company who has said they would perform this service.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Chief Travis Wessel was present to answer questions from the Board. The Board did not have any questions for him.

**Police Department:** Chief Gordon Abraham reviewed the Crime Activity Report with the Board. Some notable statistics from this report:

Part I crimes are considerable lower than this time last year; 4 in 2018, 14 in 2017

Narcotics (Part II) crimes are up, more than double year to date; 168 in 2018, 72 in 2017

Codes contacts and citations; 224 year to date for 2018, 151 in 2017

DUI/DWI; 21 in 2018, 12 in 2017

Administrative calls; 6,790 year to date for 2018, 4,674 for 2017

911 calls; 896 in 2018, 633 in 2017 (*increase is related to Claycomo contract*)

Chief Abraham reported the results regarding the complaint about right turn on red at I-35 north bound exit and 69 Highway. So far officers have spent 17.5 hours on enforcement at this intersection. Over 2,000 cars went through during that time. Two red light violations and 4 other violations were written. He says they will continue to watch the intersection.

Chief Abraham also reported that he is working out scheduling to do an inspection for Thunderbolt Bar and Grill (*formerly Mustang Sally's*) regarding the liquor license. He anticipates he will have a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart was not present due to scheduled training. Assistant Court Clerk Robin Martin was present to answer questions from the Board. The Board did not have any questions for her.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Anthony Silver, Reserve Communications Officer, effective 5/21/2018. Alderwoman 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Laura Gunter, Fire Fighter / Paramedic, effective 5/21/2018. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford –



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

Alderswoman Jacoby moved to rescind the offer of employment to Cameron Conrad, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 5/21/2018. 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 Cameron MacDonald, Police Officer, to step 2, \$17.77 per hour, effective 5/20/2018. 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.

The City Clerk provided the Board with information about the current Administration step plan and proposed changes. The plan deletes a position for Full Time Clerk I and increases the rate for Part Time Clerk II. No other changes to the rate of pay for other positions were proposed. The City Clerk said the Administration Step Plan has not been reviewed for change since 2007. Alderswoman Mesimer moved to draft an ordinance accepting the proposed changes to the Administration Step Plan, as presented to the Personnel Committee. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. During discussion Alderman Scarborough asked if the proposed change was for Administration only. The City Clerk responded that it was for Administration only and that most of the other department step plans have been updated in recent years, separately. Mayor Slater said the increase to Clerk II appeared to be a large difference but trusted it was carefully evaluated by Human Resource Manager Smith and the Personnel Committee. The City Clerk explained that when a part time Court/Administration Clerk was hired, due to how obsolete the position rate for Administration Clerk I and II was, the Court's Step Plan had to be used instead. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – nay, Langner – aye, Menaugh – absent, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – nay, Smith – nay. Motion passed. A council bill will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, reported that he is still compiling information for the draft of the FY 2018 budget and expects to have that information to share with the Board soon.

Alderman Crawford discussed the maturity of a sewer CD account at Citizens Bank. After some discussion, Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve moving the CD to Bank Liberty for a 24-month term, at the discretion of the Finance Chair, after he receives rate information from Citizens Bank. 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.

**Old Business:** Alderman Smith moved to designate the city property on the west side of Sobbie, between Pleasant Valley Road and Royal Street, a new city park. Alderman Jones 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.

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

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

**Council Bill 3296**, "An Ordinance appointing the Police Chief and setting salary", was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderswoman Mesimer moved to approve the first reading of the bill and place it on second reading. Alderswoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford –



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**Council Bill 3296**, “An Ordinance appointing the Police Chief and setting salary”, was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3295.

Alderwoman 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.

**Council Bill 3297**, “An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3263, approving the annual budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri”, was read by title only by the City Clerk.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the first reading of the bill and place it on second reading.

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.

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Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as Ordinance 3296. Alderwoman 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.

**Closed Session:** Alderwoman Mesimer moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsections 1. 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. 8:30pm

**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.*

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

**Open Session:** Alderwoman Mesimer made a motion to return to open session. Alderwoman 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. 8:58pm

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman 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. 8:59pm

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk