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 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation: Police Chaplin Larry Linville asked for a moment of silence for Police Officer Prescott Stoner and his family. Officer Stoner passed away unexpectedly on May 2nd. Mr. Linville then led the prayer.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Loren Jones, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderman Jim Menaugh, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer and Alderman Rick Scarborough. Alderman James Smith was not present. Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley, Assistant Court Clerk Robin Martin, Fire Chief Robert Stinson and Human Resource Manager Steve Smith. City Clerk Georgia Fox was not present.

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. During discussion Alderwoman Mesimer asked that the minutes for 4/15/2019 be removed from the consent agenda. Alderwoman Jacoby and Langner amended their motions to approve the consent agenda as amended. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

City Attorney and other Professional Service Providers: No one was scheduled to appear.

Public Comments: No one wished to address the Board.

Mayor’s Comments: Mayor Slater thanked the Board for attending Day in the Park. He added that the Park Board and Director Cronk did a really nice job putting it together this year.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Langner reported that the census table at Day in the Park was very successful. Seven people signed up to volunteer for the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. She also said the Park Board’s next meeting is June 3rd at 6:30pm.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:
City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a written report but was not present for the meeting. No one had any questions for the Administration Department.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that Overhead Door will be installing the ADA door openers at City Hall this Wednesday. He asked for approval of the expenditure in the amount of $7,390. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the payment. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Director Cronk also provided the Board with a bid from Yates Electric to repair the exterior lighting at City Hall, around the building and in the parking lot. The amount of the proposal was $4,699. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the proposal from Yates Electric. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Fire Department:** Chief Robert Stinson said that he will provide the March and April reports at the next meeting, May 20th.

Chief Stinson reported that the garage sale date is June 8th from 9am to noon. The garage sale is to dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, as approved by the Board at the last meeting.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Gordon Abraham reported that Officer Stoner’s funeral will be held on Thursday May 9th at Shoal Creek Community Church in Pleasant Valley. The visitation is at 5:30pm and the memorial service is at 7pm. Officer Stoner started working for Pleasant Valley in 2006 as a volunteer fire fighter. Later that year he became a police officer for our department. Chief Abraham has made arrangements to have an honor guard at the memorial service. Mayor Slater added that Chief Abraham and he went to the hospital the night of the incident to offer their condolences to the family. Mayor Slater also ordered flags at half-staff in honor of Officer Stoner’s service to the City.

**Municipal Court:** Assistant Court Clerk Robin Martin provided the Board with the court report for April. She also reported that Mrs. Everhart may return to the meetings in June.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to approve the hire of Taylor Trembly, Reserve Communications Officer, at step 7, $13.13 per hour, pending drug screen, physical and background checks. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Deborah Crossley, Assistant City Clerk, to step 8, $21.65 per hour, effective 5/5/2019. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Sheila Newland, Admin/Court Clerk, to step 4, $14.86 per hour, effective 5/5/2019. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kolby Hedges, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 6, $12.17 per hour, effective 5/5/2019. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Danielle Taylor, full time Communications Officer, to step 6, $15.94 per hour, effective 5/5/2019. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Anthony Crawford, Finance Chair, provided the Board with his written report and a financial statement for the period ending April 30th. Alderman Crawford
recommended tabling the Tower Point proposal, regarding the cell phone tower lease, until fall. The Board agreed.

Alderman Crawford reported that he had legal matters to discuss with the Board. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized under RSMo. 610.021, subsection 1, regarding legal issues. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. 7:59pm (staff was dismissed except the Clerk)

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

Alderman Crawford moved to return to open session. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. 8:09pm

Alderman Crawford continued his report. The City Clerk was notified by MIRMA that the FY 2019 invoice would be due by June 28th. She contacted them and tried to negotiate the matter, to pay the invoice on July 1st. She was unsuccessful at getting them to allow payment of the invoice, without penalty, on July 1st of each year. She was able to get them waive the first year’s $250 penalty but cannot guarantee that we will not incur the penalty in future years. Alderman Crawford recommended that the City continue to pay the Property and Liability Insurance and the Workers Compensation Insurance on July 1st and incur the penalty if necessary for the following reasons:

- The current budget, FY 2018, does not include an additional $121,906 for insurance. This would require an amendment to the budget.
- To change the current payment schedule, we would have to pay twice during the FY 2019 budget. Once in July 2019 and again in June 2020. To add an additional $121,906 to one year’s budget is simply not practical given how close our budgets are each year.
- If we did proceed with changing the payment plan from July to June, during budget preparation we would have to predict what next year’s rates were going to be. For example, while preparing the FY 2020 budget in May of 2020, we would have to speculate what our rate would be in June of 2021. There is no way to predict with any certainty or accuracy since individual claims and claims of the pool as a whole can cause a great deal of change in the rate. Currently, our insurer is able to provide us the rate for the next financial year in May so we are able to put the exact figures into our budget during preparation.

For all of these reasons, Alderman Crawford thinks $250/year is a small fee to incur for what will otherwise negatively affect our financial position and future budgeting. During discussion, Mayor Slater and other board members said they did not want to incur the additional fee. Mayor Slater did note the accuracy of this year’s budget while discussing the matter. After further discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to prepare a budget amendment and pay the MIRMA invoice in June every year going forward. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. A budget amendment will be prepared for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Mayor Slater asked the Board if they would be willing to approve purchasing a table at the Mid-America Regional Council Leadership Award Banquet. The cost is $450. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the expenditure. 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 – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Consideration of Ordinances, Contracts and Resolutions:**
No ordinances were scheduled for consideration.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Langner moved to adjourn. Alderman Menaugh seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Menaugh – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – absent. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. 8:20pm

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Mayor David Slater

**ATTEST:**

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Deborah Crossley, Assistant City Clerk