



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
June 15, 2020*

**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, June 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The City Clerk provided copies of the proposed ordinances and resolutions under consideration, for public examination, prior to the meeting.

**Roll Call:** Present were: Mayor David Slater, Alderman Anthony Crawford, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Robin Martin, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman James Smith.

Absent was: Alderman Loren Jones.

**Others Present:**

Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, City Clerk Georgia Fox and Assistant Fire Chiefs Michelle Shearer.

Public present: Tom Moss and Debra Scarborough.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Jones – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:** The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

Ward 1	Linda Jacoby
Ward 2	Rick Scarborough
Ward 3	Tom Moss
Ward 4	Robin Martin

**City Attorney and other Professional Service Providers:** Special Counsel Jeremy Cover was present at the meeting to meet with the Board in closed session.

Alderman Scarborough moved to enter into closed session authorized by:

610.021, subsection 1, legal actions and privileged communications with City Attorney

610.021, subsection 11, specifications for competitive bidding

610.021, subsection 12, negotiated contracts prior to execution of contract

of the Missouri State Statutes. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 7:37pm

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

Alderman Scarborough moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 7:51pm

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to take the agenda out of order to consider Council Bill 3383. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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**Council Bill 3383**, “An Ordinance approving a Tax Increment Financing Contract and related Acquisition Agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley and Star Acquisitions, Inc., for the Amended and Restated Pleasant Valley Tax Increment Financing Plan and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contracts” was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

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**Election of Board President, Finance Chairman and Personnel Committee Members:** Votes for the various positions were as follows:

<b>Board President</b>	
Crawford	James Smith
Jacoby	James Smith
Langner	James Smith
Martin	James Smith
Mesimer	James Smith
Moss	Rick Scarborough
Scarborough	James Smith
Smith	James Smith

<b>Finance Chairman</b>	
Crawford	Anthony Crawford
Jacoby	Anthony Crawford
Langner	Anthony Crawford
Martin	Anthony Crawford
Mesimer	Anthony Crawford
Moss	Anthony Crawford
Scarborough	Anthony Crawford
Smith	Anthony Crawford

<b>Personnel Committee</b>	
Crawford	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Jacoby	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Langner	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Martin	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Mesimer	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Moss	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer
Scarborough	Linda Jacoby, Tom Moss
Smith	Linda Jacoby, Ruth Mesimer

**Public Comments:** Mike Smith, 8603 Kaill Road was not present at the meeting. Mr. Smith had appeared at several recent meetings. The City Clerk provided the Board with a recent email from Mr. Smith. His request is for the City to enforce covenants and deed restrictions in the Pleasant Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Plat neighborhood, just north of where he lives on Kaill Road. Upon receiving the same advice



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from a second attorney, Jeremy Cover, not to try to enforce the restrictions (*City Attorney Jerry Brant advised the same at a previous meeting*), Alderman Crawford moved for the City to not enforce the restrictions, only nuisance code violations. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – nay. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

**Mayor’s Comments:** Mayor Slater reported that the nuisance at 6911 Willis Drive had been abated, with the assistance of the City Attorney. Mayor Slater continues to question state officials and legislators regarding the consequences of Senate Bill 5, sponsored by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt during his time in the Senate (*representing Missouri’s 15th State Senate District from 2009 to 2017*), which have caused it to be much more difficult for cities to enforce nuisance abatement.

Mayor Slater nominated Andrea Hobbs and Tony Lowe to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the nomination of Andrea Hobbs. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the nomination of Tony Lowe. Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – nay, Jacoby – nay, Langner – nay, Martin – nay, Mesimer – nay, Moss – nay, Scarborough – nay, Smith – nay. Motion failed 0 ayes, 8 nays. Mayor Slater nominated Loren Jones to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the nomination. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Slater nominated Mike Buchanan and Debra Scarborough to the Tax Increment Finance Commission. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the nomination of Mike Buchanan. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Alderman Moss moved to approve the nomination of Debra Scarborough. Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – nay, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – abstain, Smith – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Mesimer reported that she had sent an email last week to the Mayor and Police Chief about Lee’s Summit requiring permits to shoot off fireworks. In that email she asked if Pleasant Valley should do the same; if this was enforceable. The Police Chief replied to the email that it would not be enforceable. She then asked the Chiefs how Fire and Police would be staffed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. She also expressed concerns about drought conditions and asked if the City was doing to consider banning fireworks and if so when? Chief Stinson said he increased his staffing by using some of the volunteer staff. Alderman Crawford asked how many Chief Stinson will have. Chief Stinson said 5. Chief Abraham said he will have 3 instead of 2 officers on. Alderman Smith asked how many fires we had last year as a result of fireworks. Chief Stinson said he did not know the statistics off the top of his head from previous year’s fireworks seasons. He added that most fireworks issues have been insignificant. Alderman Scarborough asked the City Clerk if Shoal Creek Church and the UAW had applied for their license yet. Mrs. Fox said they had. Alderwoman Mesimer asked the City Clerk when they can begin selling them. Mrs. Fox said they can sell fireworks from 10:00am on June 25<sup>th</sup> of each year and ending at 11:00pm on July 4<sup>th</sup> of each year. Alderman Smith asked the City Clerk how much revenue the City receives from the sales of fireworks. The City Clerk said that we charge \$1,000 per license and there are currently 2. She said they also should charge their



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customers sales tax which would be remitted to the Missouri Department of Revenue which in turn would be remitted to the City. Mayor Slater asked Alderwoman Mesimer if she would like to make a motion to change the City's fireworks ordinance. She declined.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with an Administration Report. She said that MDL Technology will migrate the City's Microsoft Office licenses over to Microsoft Office 365 over the next week. Once this is done the City will be able to use the Microsoft Teams platform to conduct staff meetings and Council Meetings, if needed due to the pandemic. She said the Board's laptops have arrived but she has been waiting on the change to 365 before issuing them. Board members will also receive a city email account. Once all this has been completed training for the Teams platform will be provided. She also gave the Board an update on the new accounting software and related training.

**Public Works Department:** Director Chris Cronk did not have anything to report at this time.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson gave the Board an update regarding the Covid-19 outbreak at the nursing home. He advised the Board to stay at home as much as possible and to wear a mask to minimize their chances of exposure. Alderman Scarborough asked if EMS has enough PPE. He said they did. Alderwoman Mesimer asked how many residents the nursing home has. Chief Stinson said he thought their maximum occupancy was 80 residents.

**Police Department:** Chief Gordon Abraham said he receives Covid-19 testing updates from Clay County Emergency Management. In addition to the cases at Pleasant Valley Manor, there are two additional cases in Pleasant Valley. He asked the Board if they wanted him to ask Clay County to set up a testing facility in Pleasant Valley. The Board indicated that they would like Chief Abraham to do so. Chief Abraham also reviewed the crime activity report with the Board. Mayor Slater also added that our police department does take regular sensitivity training courses.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with a written report but was not present at the meeting. Alderwoman Mesimer said that Mrs. Everhart's report indicated that plea agreements made outside of court sessions are going well but would be discontinued when things return to "normal". Alderwoman Mesimer asked, as an observation, why not continue it? Particularly since it is going well and could reduce the number of people in court and related issues like parking, traffic, etc. Mayor Slater asked Chief Abraham to talk to the City Prosecutor and Court Administrator.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to approve the status change of Pierce Farquhar, Volunteer Fire Fighter, to Fire Fighter / EMT, step 1, \$10.50 per hour, effective 6/28/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Gary Dull, Reserve Communications Officer, to, step 12, \$15.23 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kathleen Hubbell, Reserve Communications Officer, to, step 10, \$14.35 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Taylor Trembly, Reserve Communications Officer, to, step 8, \$13.53 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kolby Hedges, Fire Fighter / EMT, step 7, \$12.54 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Erin Larson, Fire Fighter / Medic, step 7, \$14.93 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Samuel Sosa, Fire Fighter / EMT, step 2, \$10.82 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Cameron MacDonald, Police Officer, step 4, \$18.85 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Taylor Nave, Police Officer, step 5, \$19.42 per hour, effective 6/14/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Anthony Crawford, Finance Chair, asked the Board to start thinking about what kind of criteria they think is important to have in place for the CARES grants to businesses in Pleasant Valley. He also has been considering if some of the CARES funding should go towards upgrading the City’s website to allow more people to use it for permits, licensing, fines, etc., since social distancing is so important right now. He will have recommendations for the Board for these things in the future. Mayor Slater reported that he had received a letter from Liberty Hospital requesting the City to consider donating a portion of the CARES distribution to help fund a new Covid-19 wing/areas at the hospital. Mayor Slater will forward the letter to the Board.

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

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Council Bill 3382**, “An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3339, Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, to amend the budget, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri” was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the council bill and place it on second reading. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned 8:56pm.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk