



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
July 6, 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, July 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent was: None.

**Others Present:**

Staff present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Human Resource Manager Steve Smith and Fire Chief Robert Stinson.

Public present: None.

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer noted a typographical error, on page 1 of the agenda, in the FY 2019 General Fund Expenditures. The comma was misplaced and read "\$2,2730.18" instead of "\$22,730.18". The City Clerk noted the correction. 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.

**City Attorney and other Professional Service Providers:** No one was scheduled to meet with the Board.

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

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater reported that Loren Jones declined his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Other candidates were discussed but nothing was decided.

Mayor Slater also reported that North Kansas City had just passed a mandatory mask ordinance. Mayor Slater asked the Board if they thought this would be appropriate for Pleasant Valley. No motion was made.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderman Smith reminded Board members that what is discussed in closed session should not be discussed outside of closed session. Alderman Smith also announced he plans to resign from the Board effective July 20<sup>th</sup>. He will submit his written resignation before the next meeting.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a written report.

**Public Works Department:** Director Chris Cronk provided the Board with a copy of the addendum which changed some of the dates for the storm water bidding process.

Director Cronk also reported that the air conditioner unit that serves the administration department wasn't working. Due to the urgency of the matter, he said that he had contacted some contractors and obtained 3 bids;

CM Mose and Sons	\$	4,975	
Buckner Heating and Cooling	\$	4,627	
Climate Control	\$	4,365	plus one year maintenance on all existing units



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Five of the six units that serve City Hall are 20 years old. Due to this, replacement cost for the AC units is included in the annual budget. Alderwoman Mesimer asked Director Cronk if bulky item pick up in the fall was budgeted. Director Cronk said it was. Due to the problem with scheduling in previous years, Alderwoman Mesimer asked Director Cronk to start trying to get it scheduled. In the past the trash companies have not been very responsive to our attempts to reach them.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that some of his staff that have worked for his department for many years were resigning for various reasons. He discussed possibly sending a thank you card or letter to them. Chief Stinson also gave the Board a status report on the Coronavirus outbreak at the nursing home; it appears to be improving. Alderman Crawford asked the Chief if he had researched further the autoclave for the ambulance and fire station since they last spoke and if he had a recommendation on it. Chief Stinson said he had not but would be on duty tomorrow and would look into it.

**Police Department:** Chief Gordon Abraham reported that his department received 6 calls regarding fireworks during the holiday. Chief Abraham reviewed a procedural change to how codes are handled. Rather than a single codes enforcement officer, an officer will be assigned to a ward to address the complaints. Alderwoman Mesimer suggested that next year Chief Abraham run his fireworks article in the flyer in June and in July so that everyone will see it in time.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the Board with a written explanation to the plea agreement question asked at the last meeting.

**Personnel Committee:** Before the Personnel Chair began personnel actions, Chief Abraham requested a closed session with the Board regarding personnel matters. Alderman Scarborough moved to enter into closed session, authorized by Section 610.021, subsections 1 (legal) and 3 (personnel), of the Missouri Statutes. 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. 8:12pm

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

Alderwoman Langner moved to return to open session. 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 – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 8:27pm

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Matt Franck, Fire Fighter / EMT, effective 7/6/2020. 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 accept the resignation of Christopher Wood, Fire Fighter / EMT, effective 7/6/2020. 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 accept the resignation of Mike Buchanan, Reserve Police Officer, effective 7/6/2020. 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 accept the resignation of Cameron MacDonald, Police Officer, effective 7/11/2020. 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 status change of Keenan Gray, from Volunteer Fire Fighter to Fire Fighter / EMT, step 1, \$10.50 per hour, effective 7/12/2020. 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 Audrey Chapdelaine, Communications Supervisor, step 7, \$19.57 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 Chelsey Hay, Communications Officer, step 2, \$15.47 per hour, effective 7/12/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – abstain, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Jacob Baldwin, Police Sergeant, step 8, \$23.06 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 – abstain, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Rodni Travelute, Assistant Public Works Director, step 9, \$18.30 per hour, effective 7/12/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – abstain, Smith – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

**Finance Committee:** Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, discussed with the Board the use of CARES Act funds for business grants and what the criteria would be. Alderman Crawford also recommended that the donation to Liberty Hospital, also CARES funds, should be postponed until he is able to speak with Mr. Dan Feess, President and CEO of Liberty Hospital. So far, Mr. Feess has not returned Alderman Crawford’s call.

**Old Business:** Mayor Slater asked the Board what they planned to do regarding storm water improvements to Fulton Road, sidewalks, curbs and gutter. The City Clerk had provided the Board with the cost estimates of various options of the improvements and current bank balances. The report was as follows:

Fulton Storm Water only	\$ 328,938
Fulton Storm Water and curb/gutter/sidewalk, one side	\$ 603,951
Fulton Storm Water and curb/gutter/sidewalk, both sides	\$ 1,136,637
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Current Balance in Storm Water Account	\$ 563,246
Project out for bid right now (5 storm water projects)	\$ 290,000
Balance after above project	\$ 273,246
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Current Balance in Capital Improvements Account	\$ 143,944
Balance in Capital Improvements Account minus fire station payment	\$ 114,363
Balance in Capital Improvements Account after payment	\$ 29,581
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Total available funds	\$ 302,827



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After some discussion, Alderman Crawford said the project would need to be delayed for a while until the City has enough funds to cover any improvements since even the most basic improvement would cause a negative balance in the Capital Improvements account.

**New Business:** Alderwoman Mesimer said that she noticed that the water bills from the water district have a small section where messages can be inserted. This space is not always used by the water department. She suggested if the City had a message they needed to get to residents, the water department might allow it to be put on the bills.

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

No ordinances were scheduled for consideration.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned 8:51pm.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk