



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
July 20, 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 Board President James Smith, on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 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 (*arrived 7:04*), Alderman Rick Scarborough (*arrived 7:17*) and Alderman James Smith.
Absent: None.

Others Present:

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.

Guests/Public present: David Feess, CEO and President, of Liberty Hospital was present to address the Board. Municipal Judge Michael Svetlic was also present to give the State of the Court address.

City Attorney and other Professional Service Providers: City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to meet with the Board in closed session. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized by RSMo. 610.021, subsections 1 (legal) and 2 (real estate). 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. 7:05pm

Alderman Crawford moved to return to open session. 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. 7:18pm

Resignation from Board of Alderman: Alderman Smith gave Mayor Slater his resignation letter, as discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Slater thanked Alderman Smith for his 15 years of service to the City. Mayor Slater said that Alderman Smith was instrumental in helping him get the City cleaned up. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Alderman Smith. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. During discussion several aldermen expressed their gratitude for Alderman Smith's service on the Board. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye and Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Retirement reception for James Smith: Alderman Crawford moved, seconded by Alderwoman Jacoby, to break for the reception in the lobby. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye and Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. 7:25pm

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to session. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye and Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. 7:35pm

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

Public Comments: Mr. Feess was present to request a donation from the City for improvements to the Covid-19 ward. Liberty Hospital has proposed to make some necessary improvements to areas where they care for Covid-19 patients such as changes to the ventilation system and other improvements. Mr. Feess said that he believes the City could use some of their CARES Act distribution for the donation because it is a qualifying use. He also said that if later it is found that the donated money does not qualify



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under the CARES Act rules that Liberty Hospital would return the money to the City. After some discussion, Alderman Crawford moved to donate \$8,000 of the CARES Act funds to Liberty Hospital for the Covid-19 ward improvements. Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – nay, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – nay and Scarborough – nay. Motion passed 4 ayes, 3 nays, 1 vacancy.

Judge Svetlic gave the annual State of the Court address. He reported that the Show Me Courts system has been pushed back again by the state. Once Show Me Courts system does go into effect it will be funded by adding another \$7 per violation court cost. When Judge Svetlic was finished, Mayor Slater asked Judge Svetlic to contact his colleagues regarding the proposed discontinuance of failure to appear charges in the City of Kansas City, Missouri. Mayor Slater said that without consequences, such as failure to appear, there is no incentive for people to go to court.

Mayor’s Comments: Mayor Slater recommended appointment of Elizabeth Everley to the 4th ward vacancy left by Alderman Smith’s retirement. Ms. Everley lives on River Road. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to appoint Ms. Everley for the remainder of the term (*expires April 2021*). Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye and Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater noted that this may be a historic moment for Pleasant Valley. He does not think that Pleasant Valley’s Board of Aldermen has ever had a majority of women on the Board. The City Clerk said she would check the record and report back.

Mayor Slater reported to the Board that he is being considered for the position of Executive Director for the Clay County Economic Development Council. He said he will continue to keep the Board updated on this status of this.

Aldermen Comments: Alderman Crawford moved to discuss filling the vacancy of Board President. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Alderwoman Jacoby nominated Alderwoman Martin. Alderman Moss nominated Alderman Scarborough. The vote was as follows:

Board President	
Voting member:	Voted for:
Crawford	Scarborough
Everley	Scarborough
Jacoby	Martin
Langner	Martin
Martin	Martin
Mesimer	Martin
Moss	Scarborough
Scarborough	Scarborough
Mayor Slater (<i>due to tie</i>)	Scarborough

Alderwoman Langner discussed the Clay County Constitutional Commission. Someone mentioned that City Attorney Jerry Brant was appointed to the Commission. They will draft the final proposed county constitution which will be voted on by the voters of Clay County in the November 2020 election.



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Alderwoman Langner also discussed concerns regarding nuisances. She has observed that several people are leaving piles of trash out for several days, even weeks, prior to collection. Alderwoman Mesimer suggested that the Mayor and Police Chief address the issue in the upcoming flyer.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox provided the Board with a written report. The report provided the following summaries:

- Status on issues with remote connection for employees working from home. So far a permanent resolution has not been found.
- Incode Software – She provided the Board with the implementation schedule. It will not be fully functional (*all issues identified and rectified*) until the end of this year.
- Microsoft 365 – The transition to 365 has been completed but it was not without some challenges.
- Laptops for BOA – The laptops for the Board should be ready by the next meeting.
- City website – We continue to experience problems with the City’s website. The Finance Chair and City Clerk are considering replacement options and will make recommendations to the Board in the future.
- Legal – City Attorney will meet with Board in closed session on 7/20.
- Legislation – Conceal and open carry of firearms update to code will be ready for 8/3 meeting.
- Conditional Use Permit Application – An application from Streamco for 8601 Pleasant Valley Road has been received. The application is to renew the existing permit. The City Clerk noted that there is currently one unfilled vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Peddler’s Permits – The City Clerk encouraged the Board to educate their constituents about the City’s No Visit List. She has advertised this for a couple of months in the flyer. Due to the pandemic it is more important than ever for high risk residents to consider adding their name to the list.
- Administration office – Due to the ever increasing rate of transmission of Covid-19 the City Clerk recommends that administration staff return to staggered scheduling and remote working in order to limit exposure internally. In order to properly enforce the county’s mask order, the front door is now locked. Visitors will need to ring the door bell to gain entry. If they do not have a mask one will be provided to them before they enter the lobby.

Public Works Department: Director Chris Cronk reported that when Belfor performed the last sanitation spraying after court that a small amount of paint was left in the sprayer. This caused the lobby area to be covered in a fine mist of paint spray. The company was contacted and agreed to do everything necessary to repair the damage. The walls will need to be repainted. After some discussion by the Board, Alderwoman Jacoby was chosen to pick the color of the paint and baseboards. Alderwoman Jacoby was an interior designer before her retirement.

Alderwoman Mesimer asked Director Cronk if the two dead trees in Valley Park will be replaced. Director Cronk said they would. They were purchased from Family Tree Nursery in Liberty. The trees are guaranteed for one year from the time of purchase.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson reported that he had sent the thank you cards to employees in his department that had put in many years of service. This was discussed at the last meeting.

Mayor Slater asked if the EMS Department still had enough PPE. Chief Stinson said they did.

Chief Stinson gave a status report on the nursing home. They are now down to only one positive case. Chief Stinson said the ESO software went live on July 1st. This software is a patient reporting system.

Chief Stinson requested approval to purchase the equipment covered under the AFG grant award. The equipment is hoses and related parts. After some discussion, Alderman Crawford moved to approve the bid from Feld Fire in the amount of \$18,848.00. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was



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as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Stinson reported that the paging system they have used for years, which was free, has now started charging for service. He recommended the City change their notification system to a different vendor, Active 911. The flat rate annual cost is \$600. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the \$600 expense for the subscription. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Stinson if Active 911 was compatible with dispatches Omnigo software. He said he did not know. Alderman Scarborough moved to table the matter until more information could be obtained. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote on tabling the issue was: Crawford – nay, Everley – nay, Jacoby – nay, Langner – nay, Martin – nay, Mesimer – nay, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion failed 2 ayes, 6 nays. The vote was then taken on the main motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – nay. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

Alderman Crawford brought up the Aeroclave sprayer. The Aeroclave combines hands-free decontamination of rooms/facilities and vehicles with the ability to hand-spray equipment. This type of purchase would be an eligible expense under the CARES Act. After some discussion about who would be responsible for what buildings and equipment, Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the purchase of the equipment not to exceed of \$16,000. Alderman Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. The purchase of this equipment could replace our current services from Belfor. Each department would be responsible for the decontamination of their buildings and fleet.

Police Department: Chief Gordon Abraham reviewed the Crime Activity Report with the Board.

Chief Abraham also said that he would like to start locking the downstairs lobby from 5pm to 8am daily. There were no objections.

Chief Abraham also said that he would like to upgrade the entrance so that dispatchers would open the door automatically from their office. More details about the system and cost will be provided at a later date.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reviewed her monthly report with the Board. CA Everhart reported that the annual MACA conference in September has been cancelled.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Steve Winfrey, Fire Fighter / Medic, effective 7/20/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to discontinue the Assistant Fire Chief pay, approved during the transition of management changes, for Travis Wessel. Travis Wessel's position is now Fire Fighter / Medic / Administrative Assistant, step 11, \$16.80 per hour, effective 7/12/20. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate increase for Chris Cronk, Public Works Director, to step 13, \$25.86 per hour, effective 7/12/20. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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Finance Committee: Alderman Crawford, Finance Chair, said he will give the financial report for FY 2019 at the next meeting.

Old Business: The information regarding criteria for business grants was not ready for consideration at the time of the meeting.

New Business: Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the terms discussed during closed session and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents related to the matter. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. *(City Clerk note: the exact terms of this legal agreement will be fully disclosed to the public once the matter is settled.)*

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

The resolution regarding regulation of door to door solicitation, related to public health measures during the pandemic, was not ready in time for the meeting. It will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – aye, Everley – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned 9:40pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk