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, January 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent was: Alderman Crawford.

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

Public present: Bob Nance, Clay County Treasurer, attended the meeting.

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

Alderman Scarborough moved to remove the Clay County EDC invoice from all future consent agendas. Instead the annual invoice will be put on the agenda for discussion and approval before being added to the list of expenditures to be paid. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – nay, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Public Comments: Bob Nance, Clay County Treasurer, introduced himself to the Board. There were no questions or further discussion.

City Attorney and other Professional Service Providers: Special Counsel Joe Lauber was present to meet with the Board in closed session to discuss legal issues.

Closed Session: Alderman Scarborough moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1 and 12, legal matters and negotiated contracts, RSMo. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed. 7:38pm.

During closed session, no motions were made or votes taken.

Open Session: Alderwoman Langner moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed. 8:46pm.

Mayor’s Comments: Mayor Slater reported that the first meeting of the Clay County Charter Committee will be held this Wednesday, at the Antioch Branch of the Mid Continent Library, at 7pm. It will be every Wednesday for 8 weeks.

Mayor Slater also reported that he was going to Jefferson City the end of January and 3 or 4 days in February regarding Failure to Appear legislation.
Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner reported that the Park Board has set a date for Day in the Park. It will be Saturday May 2nd.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:
City Clerk: City Clerk Georgia Fox reviewed the Administration Report with the Board. There were no questions.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk did not have anything to report.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Robert Stinson did not have anything to report.

Police Department: Police Chief Gordon Abraham requested permission to sell the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria on Purple Wave (an online auction service). Purple Wave charges the buyers the fee for the service so the City will not pay anything for the auction. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the sale of the police vehicle on Purple Wave. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Michael Lavasseur, Fire Fighter / EMT, effective 12/31/2019. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to hire Nicholas Jeffries, Reserve Police Officer, at step 3, $14.06 per hour, pending background checks, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Doris Dodd, Reserve Communications Officer, to step 10, $14.35 per hour, effective 1/12/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Christopher Wood, Fire Fighter / EMT, to step 3, $11.14 per hour, effective 12/29/2019. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Mike Buchanan, Reserve Police Sergeant, to step 7, $20.00 per hour, effective 1/12/2020. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed.
Finance Committee: Alderman Anthony Crawford, Finance Chair, was not present at the meeting. He will provide the 2nd quarter financial report and Sewer CD recommendations at the January 21st meeting.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Mayor Slater

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions: No council bills were scheduled for consideration by the Board.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Crawford – absent, Jacoby – aye, Jones – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Scarborough – aye, Smith – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:00pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST:

Georgia Fox, City Clerk