



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
October 2, 2023***

Call to Order: A regular session meeting of the Pleasant Valley Board of Aldermen was called to order at City Hall, 6500 Royal Street, Pleasant Valley, Missouri, by Mayor James Smith, on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the agenda, minutes, and council bills to be considered were available in the lobby for public inspection prior to the meeting.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor James Smith, Alderman Patrick Gallagher, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderman Rick Scarborough, Alderman James Page, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderwoman Mary Langner, and Alderwoman Serenity Ohlsen.

Absent: None

Staff Present:

Staff Present: City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Police Chief Jared McGinley, Assistant City Clerk Jen Frink, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Human Resources Manager Katrina Kinard, Firefighter/EMT Jennifer Gallagher, and Court Administrator Sarah Everhart

Public Present: City Attorney Jerry Brant

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Page seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Public comments and guests:

City Attorney and other professional services: None

Closed Session: Alderman Scarborough moved to enter closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1 (legal), 3 (personnel). Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 6:35 pm. Everyone was excused except for Clerk Matthew Chapman and City Attorney Jerry Brant.

During the closed session, no vote was taken, nor motions made.

Alderman Scarborough moved to return to open session. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays 7:40pm.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Smith stated that after the Chiefs won some of his neighbors celebrated by shooting guns into the air. Mayor Smith reiterated that no guns should be fired within the city.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner stated that the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting would be held on December 1st at 6:00 with special activities after the lighting. Alderwoman Langner encouraged everyone to come and write Christmas cards in preparation for the event.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:



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City Clerk: City Clerk Matthew Chapman provided a written administration report with the Board. Clerk Chapman stated that the agreement for auditing services with The Mense CPA Firm, LLC expired at the conclusion of the 2022 Financial Statement Audit and recommended that the Board of Aldermen renew the auditing services agreement with The Mense CPA Firm, LLC for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Fiscal Years.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to renew the auditing services agreement with The Mense CPA Firm, LLC and bring an Ordinance for same to the October 16th Board of Aldermen Meeting. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk Chapman stated that the agreement for consulting services Georgia Fox expired on September 20th and per the agreement, the Board of Aldermen needed to decide to extend or terminate the agreement. After some discussion, the Board of Aldermen decided to not renew the contract with Ms. Fox.

Alderman Page moved to not renew the consulting services agreement with Georgia Fox. Alderwoman Ohlsen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk is continuing to have trouble reaching the easement owners for the Kaill Road project. City Engineer Ron Cowger is working with the attorney for the Pleasant Valley Oaks Apartments to obtain the easement paperwork. Director Cronk stated that the Bulky Item Pickup Event is officially set for Saturday, October 21st. The notice will be included in the Pleasant Valley Flyer newsletter and displayed on the electronic message board at the Pleasant Valley Civic Center.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Pete Knudsen announced that the Fire Department would like to hold an open house at the fire station from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday, October 14th. Chief Knudsen asked for the Board of Aldermen's approval to host the open house event.

Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the hosting of an open house by the Fire Department from 10 to noon on Saturday, October 14th. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Chief Knudsen stated that the Lee's Summit Fire Department had donated equipment to the Pleasant Valley Fire Department and gave special thanks to Chief Phil Hudson for acquiring and delivering the equipment to Pleasant Valley. Chief Knudsen asked the Board of Aldermen if they would accept the donated equipment.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to accept the fire equipment donated by the Lee's Summit Fire Department. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye,



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Police Department: Police Chief Jared McGinley stated that the Police Department received a \$1,400 grant for bullet proof vests and will be purchasing \$14,000 worth of body cameras, half of which will be reimbursed from ARPA Grant funds. Chief McGinley said that Oakview still does not know their long-term plans about dispatching services. Chief McGinley discussed a possible agreement with the Clay County Sheriff's Office about the expansion of the Special Tactics and Response Team (STAR). Pleasant Valley would provide one officer to the team and that officer would rotate one month on and one month off the team. All officers on the team would need to attend a one-week SWAT Course and would need to purchase equipment costing approximately \$6,300. Most of the equipment purchased would be reusable in the police department. Officer Justin McManus is interested in joining the STAR team if Pleasant Valley chose to participate. Alderwoman Mesimer stated that the Board of Aldermen would need to mull over the decision as to whether to participate in the program.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the move of Volunteer FF Marie Kellum to part-time FF/EMT at Pay Grade 100/Step 1 \$15.28 per hour, effective 10/2/2023. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for Carl Hesse, FF Captain/Medic from Pay Grade 130/Step 2 \$23.39 per hour to Pay Grade 130/Step 3 \$23.86 per hour, effective 9/8/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for Kaitlynn Browne, FF/EMT from Pay Grade 100/Step 1 \$15.28 per hour to Pay Grade 100/Step 2 \$15.59 per hour, effective 9/17/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for Jennifer Erdhardt, Reserve Communications Officer from Pay Grade 115/Step 1 \$18.72 per hour to Pay Grade 115/Step 2 \$19.10 per hour, effective 9/17/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Chelsey Hay, Communications Training Officer, effective 9/30/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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Alderwoman Mesimer moved to rescind the offer of employment to Dylan Campbell, Police Officer, effective immediately. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Finance Committee: Alderwoman Mesimer stated that sewer fund revenues had not been posted timely. So, although the fund appeared to be in the red earlier, it was okay this month.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3526** “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri and the Village of Oakview, Missouri for the provision of dispatching services” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor James Smith

ATTEST: _____
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk