



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
January 17, 2024***

**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 Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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:** 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, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Firefighter/EMT Jennifer Gallagher, Assistant City Clerk Jen Taylor, Human Resource Manager Katrina Kinard, Assistant Public Works Director Corey Butts

**Public Present:** City Attorney Jerry Brant

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the amended consent agenda. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – no, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page - aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

**Public comments and guests:** Human Resource Manager Katrina Kinard addressed the Board of Aldermen about the resignation of Assistant City Clerk Jen Taylor. Ms. Kinard stated that Ms. Taylor stands for integrity and truth and that accepting her resignation would be an injustice. Ms. Kinard further stated that losing Ms. Taylor would be a blow to staff morale.

**City Attorney and other professional services:** None

**Mayor's comments:** Mayor Smith stated that the Board of Aldermen had a job to do and that members of the audience should not butt in during the discussion of bills. Mayor Smith further stated that related to the Sunshine Law, the city will provide what is requested but the person will pay for time and materials. Mayor Smith requested that the audience only speak when called on by the mayor or a council member.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner stated that The Park Board still needed two members and that they were working on a master plan. Alderwoman Ohlsen stated that she fully agreed with the remarks provided by Human Resource Manager Katrina Kinard about Assistant City Clerk Jen Taylor.



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**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk, Matthew Chapman, provided a written administration report to the Board of Aldermen.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk met with the owner of Prestige Properties about the easement needed by the city. Mr. Majidi wanted to know which trees would need to be removed related to the Kaill Stormwater project. Director Cronk met with Celtic Realty but has been unable to determine exactly which trees would need to be removed. Alderman Moss complimented Director Cronk and rest of his staff for a great job of clearing the streets.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Pete Knudsen stated that his department responded to 578 calls in 2023 versus 709 calls in 2022, but he is not sure why call volume was down considerably. Chief Knudsen stated that the department had 70 fewer EMS calls, but transports increased from 261 in 2022 to 286 in 2023. Pleasant Valley provided mutual aid 15 times and received mutual aid 5 times.

**Police Department:** Police Chief McGinley shared the C.A.R. report and mentioned there had been an armed robbery at Community America Credit Union and a suspect had been identified. Chief McGinley stated that the LLEBG Grant had been approved today and the city would be reimbursed for \$8,000 in car radios. Alderwoman Langer asked about a records request from a prior meeting for body camera footage. Chief McGinley stated that the request was related to a civil issue.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart stated that the court was in the middle of the amnesty period to clear up warrants and 15 people had taken advantage.

**Closed Session:** Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter closed session, authorized by RSMo. 610.021, subsection 3 (Personnel). and RSMo 610.021 Subsection 1 (Legal) 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 7:15 pm. The closed session was held in the mayor's office with Clerk Matthew Chapman in attendance.

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

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. 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. 7:25 pm.

**Personnel Committee:**

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for Reserve Communications Officer/Code Enforcement Officer Terri Bailey (Murphy) from Pay Grade 121/Step 1 \$23.03 per hour to Pay Grade 121/Step 2 \$23.43 per hour, effective 1/16/2024.

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 Assistant City Clerk Jen Taylor, effective 1/19/2024. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – no, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – aye, Scarborough – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – no. Motion passed 6 ayes, 2 nays.



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**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3538** “An Ordinance ratifying an Intergovernmental agreement between Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District and the City of Pleasant Valley. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. 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.

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3538** “An Ordinance ratifying an Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District and the City of Pleasant Valley” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3537**. 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.

**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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Mayor James Smith

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk