



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
February 19, 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 Monday, February 19, 2024, at 6:32 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 James Page Alderman Tom Moss, Alderwoman Mary Langner, and Alderman Rick Scarborough, and Alderwoman Serenity Ohlsen

Absent:

Staff Present:

Staff Present: City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Assistant Fire Chief Phil Hudson, Police Chief Jared McGinley, Firefighter/EMT Jennifer Gallagher, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart

Public Present: City Attorney Jerry Brant

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 comments and guests: Robert de la Fuente (Star Development) and Joseph Lauber (Lauber Municipal Law) were in attendance to provide a status update to the project at 8601 Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. de la Fuente stated that the original list of 12 possible sites had been narrowed to 4 of which the Pleasant Valley location was one of the final four. The proposed 135,000 square foot building would cost approximately \$80 million to build. The other three finalist sites are in Kansas City, Missouri and building costs would likely be higher for those sites. The backup plan is the Pleasant Valley site is not chosen remains an apartment building. No changes are planned for the site until a final plan is confirmed. Alderwoman Mesimer asked what the change to a Veteran's Administration clinic would mean to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan already in place. Mr. Lauber stated that the city has 10 years before the TIF Plan must be activated. Mr. Lauber stated that if the VA clinic is approved, the city might need to go back through the hearing process.

City Attorney and other professional services: None

Mayor's comments: None

Aldermen Comments: After some discussion, the Board of Aldermen decided to reschedule the Budget Meeting for Friday, March 1st at 1:30 pm in the council chambers.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

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



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Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk stated that the city has received the signed easement documents from Shawn Majidi, which will allow the city to put the Kaill Road project out for bid. Quik Trip is wrapping up their remodel and work should be completed by the end of March.

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Phil Hudson stated the Fire department responded to 44 calls in December and 40 calls in January. There were 2 fire calls in January, one at the Claycomo Ford Plant and the other at the concrete plant.

Police Department: Police Chief McGinley stated that the dispatch supervisor had turned in her two-weeks' notice and because the department would be short-staffed until a replacement was found, Chief McGinley might need to pick up dispatcher shifts. Chief McGinley requested to temporarily remove the 95-hour restriction he had agreed to when he was named Police Chief.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart stated that the court was in the middle of the amnesty period to clear up warrants and 57 people had taken advantage.

Personnel Committee:

Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for FF/EMT Jason Garrison from Pay Grade 100/Step 1 \$15.28 per hour to Pay Grade 100/Step 2 \$15.59 per hour, effective 2/19/2024. Alderswoman 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Dispatch/Communication Supervisor Audrey Chapdelaine, effective 2/22/2024. Alderswoman 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for PT Dispatch/Communications Officer Amanda Neild from Pay Grade 116/Step 3 \$22.48 per hour to Pay Grade 116/Step 4 \$22.87 per hour, effective 2/19/2024. Alderswoman 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.

Alderswoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the promotion for Dispatch/Communication Officer Kristen Gallaway from Pay Grade 116/Step 2 \$22.10 per hour to Communication Training Officer Pay Grade 121/Step 1 \$23.03 per hour, effective 2/19/2024. Alderswoman 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 Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for PT Police Officer Mark Taylor from Pay Grade 130/Step 2 \$23.39 per hour to Pay Grade 130/Step 3 \$23.86 per hour, effective 2/19/2024. 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.

Alderman Scarborough moved to remove the 95-hour limit per pay period restriction for Police Chief Jared McGinley for a period of four months effective immediately. 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.

Finance Committee:

None

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3542** “An Ordinance amending Section 483 Recognized Holidays for Part-Time Staff to the City of Pleasant Valley Personnel Manual. Alderman Gallagher moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderwoman Ohlsen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – no, Scarborough – abstain, Page – aye Moss – no, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstain.

Alderman Moss stated that he thought Alderman Gallagher and Alderman Scarborough should abstain from the vote on Council Bill 3542 because both had family members in the affected class of employees. Alderman Gallagher stated that abstaining was recommended by the Missouri Ethics Committee if the employee was directly affected by the proposed change in policy. But he was accepting the liability for voting, not the city, and he was confident that it was ethical for him to cast his vote on the bill.

City Attorney Jerry Brant recommended that Alderman Gallagher abstain from voting on issues where direct family members were affected.

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3542** “An Ordinance amending Section 483 Recognized Holidays for Part-Time Staff to the City of Pleasant Valley Personnel Manual” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderman Page moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3541**. Alderwoman Ohlsen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – no, Scarborough – abstain, Page – aye, Moss – no, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 nays 1 abstain.

Mayor Smith vetoed Council Bill 3542 stating that the policy would stay the way it is. Per Mayor Smith, New Years Eve would remain a holiday for part-time staff, but Juneteenth would not be a holiday.



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Alderman Gallagher asked City Attorney Brant was the process was to overturn a veto. Attorney Brant said a 2/3 majority vote was required to override a veto.

Alderman Gallagher made a motion to override the veto of Mayor Smith on Council Bill 3542. Alderman Page seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Mesimer – aye, Jacoby – no, Scarborough – abstain, Page – aye, Moss – no, Langner – aye, and Ohlsen – aye, Motion failed 5 ayes, 2 nays 1 abstain.

No motion was made to consider Council Bill 3542.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Mayor James Smith

ATTEST: _____
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk