



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
June 20, 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 Tuesday, June 20, 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, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderman Rick Scarborough, Alderman James Page, and Alderman Patrick Gallagher, Alderwoman Mary Langner and Alderwoman Serenity Ohlsen.

Staff Present:

Staff Present: City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Police Chief Jared McGinley, Firefighter Captain/Medic Travis Wessel, and Firefighter/EMT John Baker

Public Present: James Powers, Sean Kerns

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

Public comments and guests: James Power stated that on Friday April 21, 2023, he discovered water in his basement. Mr. Power's grandson attempted to snake the sewer line but was unsuccessful. Mr. Power called Razr Rooter to clean out the line, but they were unsuccessful as well. Mr. Power stated that the sewer line was blocked somewhere down toward the street. Mr. Power then contacted Public Works Director Chris Cronk who came to the residence and granted permission to remove the manhole cover and send a camera down the sewer line. Mr. Power stated that the main sewer line was blocked. Director Cronk stated that the City's main sewer line was not blocked. Director Cronk called C&C Mechanical to assess the situation. C&C arrived at the residence the next day, Saturday, April 22. C&C Mechanical dug out the sewer line and discovered a large concrete block that likely caused the damage to the city's sewer line. Mr. Power provided a picture of the sewer line to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Power called Lexington Plumbing and they found a significant break in Mr. Power's sewer line, but no raw sewage. Lexington Plumbing determined that Mr. Power's sewer line was blocked. Sean Kerns, from the property management company who was also at the residence was asked by Mr. Power to address the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Kerns tried to run his camera through Mr. Power's sewer line, but it was so full of "muck," he was able to go about 63 feet where he encountered a blockage. Mr. Kerns initially thought that possibly Google Fiber had bored through Mr. Power's sewer line. That was not the case. Mr. Kerns opinion is that there was a break or blockage in the city line.

City Attorney and other professional services: None

Mayor's comments: None

Aldermen Comments: None

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Matthew Chapman reviewed the administration report with the Board.



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Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk stated when C&C Mechanical came back out to Mr. Power's house on Sunday, April 23, 2023, they ran a camera through manhole #78 which is across from Mr. Power's house. At the point of the break, the sewer line was flowing freely. Alderman Gallagher asked if the upstream manhole not having sewage in it was the proof that the backup was not the fault of the city and Director Cronk agreed. Mr. Kerns agreed that there was no break but stated that backup flowed out of the sewer line.

Director Cronk discussed the status of the High Ridge Manor entrance sign. Director Cronk stated there are 129 houses in the subdivision and the sign was erected by the contractor. A resident asked if the city could adopt or repair the sign. Director Cronk feels the sign does need to be repaired. Alderwoman Mesimer asked if any other named subdivisions have signs. Director Cronk said there were, but those subdivisions had homeowner's associations which the Pleasant Valley section of High Ridge Manor does not. Director Cronk is waiting for a return call from Damon Purcell who is listed as the contact for the homeowner's association.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to not fix the High Ridge Manor entrance sign. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – no, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – no, Scarborough – no, Gallagher – aye, Langner – no and Ohlsen - aye. Motion tied at 4 ayes, 4 nays. Mayor Smith voted to break the tie, votes no. Motion passes.

After additional discussion it was determined that multiple council members were unclear on the motion and had voted in the opposite way from their opinion on the matter. It was determined to restate the motion and have a new vote.

Alderman Scarborough moved that Pleasant Valley would do nothing with High Ridge Manor entrance sign. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – no, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Pete Knudsen reviewed the May Fire Report. The Fire Department responded to 50 calls in May, 1 fire, 36 EMS and the rest of various other calls. Chief Knudsen stated that he would like to see the city join the Emergency Alert System. Chief Knudsen realizes this is not a budgeted expense for 2023 and would like to see it considered in the 2024 Budget. Alderman Scarborough asked how many times he would estimate the system would be used. Chief Knudsen said it would depend on how the city chose to use the system. We have the ability to use the system for all departments, not just Fire and Police. Alderman Page asked about the process to withdraw from the program. Alderwoman Mesimer stated there was a 60-day notice to withdraw.

Police Department: Police Chief Jared McGinley provided a written Crime and Activity (C.A.R.) Report for the Board of Aldermen to review. Chief McGinley stated that the Victims of Violent Crimes Grant was used previously, and he would like permission to apply for the grant again.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to grant permission for Chief McGinley to apply for the Victims of Violent Crime Grant. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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Chief McGinley stated that the dispatch agreement with the City of Oakview would be expiring on 7/1/2023. Chief McGinley recommended going month-to-month on the agreement until a decision from Oakview is made. Alderman Moss asked how much Oakview was paying in the agreement. Chief McGinley stated that Oakview was paying \$27,000 annually and had asked Pleasant Valley to lower the charges, but Claycomo is currently paying \$90,000 annually. So Oakview is getting a good deal and we are not interested in lowering the charges. Alderman Moss recommended making the agreement quarterly and Alderman Scarborough agreed.

Alderwoman Moss moved to create a quarterly dispatch agreement with the City of Oakview. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for David Heckman, Police Sergeant, to step 2, \$28.66 per hour, effective 6/11/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Chelsey Hay, Communication Training Officer, to step 3, \$20.84 per hour, effective 6/11/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for David Schneider, Police Detective, to step 3, \$25.53 per hour, effective 6/11/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the promotion from Sergeant to Police Captain for Andrew Cramer, to step 1, \$36.38 per hour, effective 6/25/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the promotion from FF Captain/Medic to FF Assistant Chief/Medic for Travis Wessel, to step 1, \$28.10 per hour, effective 6/25/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the promotion from FF /EMT to FF Captain/EMT for John Baker, to step 1, \$21.43 per hour, effective 6/25/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.



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A pinning ceremony followed for Travis Wessel and John Baker with their families.

Finance Committee: Finance Chair Mesimer asked the Board of Alderman what their thoughts are about paying for the sewer repair of James Power's sewer line. Alderman Scarborough suggested that the matter be tabled so information could be gathered from the city attorney.

Alderwoman Scarborough moved to table the sewer repair payment request from Mr. Power. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Finance Chair Mesimer stated the Board of Alderman needed to make a decision about what to do with the Sewer CD currently held at Central Bank which matured on June 16, 2023. Finance Chair Mesimer provided a spreadsheet detailing the interest earnings for five different options. Alderman Moss recommended the 5% for six months option with United Missouri Bank. Alderwoman Jacoby recommended the 4.85% for a 13-month option with Academy Bank. After additional discussion about interest rates and inflation, a motion was made.

Alderwoman Moss moved to invest the funds currently in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Central Bank into a 6-month CD earning 5% APY at United Missouri Bank. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – no, Page – aye, Mesimer – no, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – no, Langner – no, and Ohlsen – aye. Motion tied at 4 ayes, 4 nays. Mayor Smith voted to break the tie, votes aye. Motion passes.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3515**. "An Ordinance appointing and setting the salary of the Municipal Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit Court" 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: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye, Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

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Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3516**. "An Ordinance appointing and setting the salary of the City Prosecutor" 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: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye,



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Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3517**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement to join the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement for Emergency Response and Recovery for Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS Mutual Aid 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: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye, 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: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye, Ohlsen - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 7:44 pm.

Mayor James Smith

ATTEST: _____
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk