



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
June 5, 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, June 5, 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, Alderman Patrick Gallagher, and Alderwoman Mary Langner.

**Absent:** There is one vacancy in Ward 4.

**Staff Present:**

**Staff Present:** City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Police Chief Jared McGinley, Human Resources Manager Katrina Kinard, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Sergeant Andrew Cramer & Detective David Schneider.

**Public Present:** Serenity and Scott Ohlsen, Alex Toye

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Mesimer 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 and Langner - aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

**Public comments and guests:** Alex Toye spoke about a speedbump in front of his residence and a damaged mailbox. He asked when it would be repaired. Mr. Toye also asked about the new construction by the “Community Center” and asked will it have a guardrail. Public Works Director Chris Cronk stated that the problem occurred when the water line was installed to Mr. Toye’s property. A spring on the northside of the property could be the cause. A contractor will be returning to the site tomorrow to fill with asphalt.

**Oath of Office** – The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Alderwoman Serenity Ohlsen – Ward 4

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the new Police Chief Jared McGinley followed by a badge pinning ceremony accompanied by his wife and children.

**Reception:** Mayor Smith moved for a brief recess for a reception recognizing Police Chief Jared McGinley. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the motion. 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.

Mayor Smith called the meeting back to order at 7:05 PM. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the motion. Alderman Gallagher 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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**City Attorney and other professional services:** Municipal Judge Michael Svetlic presented his annual Judge's Address of the Court. Judge Svetlic thanked Sarah Everhart, Jan Werner and all the court staff for the excellent job they do and made special mention of the difficult task of converting files and the administration of Amendment 3 and the transition to Show Me Courts. Judge Svetlic congratulated Jared McGinley on his promotion to Police Chief and said they will continue to work well together. Judge Svetlic stated that court revenues have been up every year since the pandemic. Judge Svetlic referenced an 8-0 decision by the Missouri Supreme Court stating that contributions to the Sheriff's Retirement Fund were not proper. Funds contributed to the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) are also in danger pending the outcome of a lawsuit set for trial in December 2023. If these costs are declared unconstitutional, a way will be needed to recover that income. Alderman Gallagher asked about the need to pay back fines that were determined to not be justified. Judge Svetlic stated that the subject of how far back funds might have to be refunded is being considered now. They are considering a 5-year claw back. But the City would not be on the hook because the funds have already been distributed. Mayor Smith stated he was very impressed by how well the court runs. Judge Svetlic has been the municipal judge in Pleasant Valley for the last 15 years.

**Mayor's comments:** Mayor Smith noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is coming up and he urged residents to enjoy the fireworks but not to shoot firearms in the air.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner thanked the city for sending her to the Elected Officials Training and encouraged all Board members to take advantage of training opportunities.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Matthew Chapman reviewed the administration report with the Board. The City Clerk stated that the next Board of Aldermen Meeting was scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, which is Juneteenth, a city-recognized holiday. So, the meeting will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk stated that the River Road repair project is scheduled for tomorrow, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Pride Fitness is about to wrap up construction and will be opening soon. A new event venue called Tam Jen in the former Blue Moon Saloon location will be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony soon to celebrate their opening. Director Cronk received a citizen complaint about the condition of the High Ridge Manor entrance sign. He will provide an update at a future meeting. Director Cronk will provide a report on the High Drive sewer repairs at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting. Director Cronk stated that the easement request for the Kaill Road project will go out this week.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Pete Knudsen stated that the Regional Resource Sharing Agreement, which is like mutual aid, is being developed by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and is having a webinar tomorrow and he will provide further information at a future meeting. Chief Knudsen briefly discussed the Emergency Communication System for residents, which is like the Amber Alert system. The free service does not exist anymore. For the city to join the program, the cost would be \$4,500 annually. Assistant Fire Chief Michelle Shearer will be retiring on June 21. Chief Knudsen and other staff will be conducting interviews with three of our current captains for the position. Chief Knudsen recognized Firefighter/EMT Jennifer Gallagher as the Kane-Wheeler Firefighter of the Year.



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**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 assistance needed by Clay County for dispatching services would be handled by Gladstone and not Pleasant Valley.

**Municipal Court:** Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reviewed the monthly Court Report with the Board.

**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Phil Hudson (Assistant Chief/EMT), step 3, \$27.32 per hour, effective 5/18/23. 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.

**Finance Committee:** Finance Chair Mesimer stated that Pleasant Valley had a Sewer Fund Certificate of Deposit maturing on June 16, 2023. Finance Chair Mesimer stated that the City Clerk had researched multiple options to reinvest the funds and listed possibilities; Alderman Moss asked staff to check on offerings from United Missouri Bank. Pleasant Valley will have 10 days from the June 16<sup>th</sup> maturity date to determine the best option to reinvest the funds. Finance Chair Mesimer will have a recommendation for the funds at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3514**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Police Officer Justin McManus, for Police Firearms Instructor Training Reimbursement” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Langner 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, 7:55pm.



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Mayor James Smith

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