



**City of Pleasant Valley Missouri**  
**Meeting of the Board of Aldermen**  
**August 21, 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, August 21, 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 Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderman Rick Scarborough, Alderman James Page, and Alderman Patrick Gallagher, Alderwoman Mary Langner, and Alderwoman Serenity Ohlsen

**Absent:** Alderwoman Linda Jacoby

**Staff Present:**

**Staff Present:** City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Police Chief Jared McGinley, Human Resources Manager Katrina Kinard, Assistant City Clerk Jen Frink

**Public Present:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Page seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Page – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Langner – aye, Ohlsen – aye, and Jacoby – absent, Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Public comments and guests:** None

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

**Mayor's comments:** Mayor Smith stated that from now on, the Board of Aldermen would have one discussion at one time so everyone at the meeting can keep track of what is being said. Everyone will get their turn to speak but will need to be recognized by the Mayor.

**Aldermen Comments:** None.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Matthew Chapman provided a written administration report with the Board.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk was unable to attend the meeting.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Pete Knudsen provided a written Fire Department Report to the Board of Aldermen. Chief Knudsen noted that July saw 47 total calls, 29 of which were EMS and 21 were transported to local hospitals. Chief Knudsen stated that there were 4 fire calls, all of which occurred on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Alderwoman Mesimer asked if any tickets had been issued related to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fire calls. Chief McGinley stated that no tickets had been issued.

**Police Department:** Police Chief Jared McGinley provided the July C.A.R. Chief McGinley stated that 1 stolen auto and 1 burglary had occurred in Pleasant Valley in July. Alderman Moss stated that he was impressed with the job that Pleasant Valley officers were doing on code violation contacts and traffic stops. Chief McGinley stated that two recruits are moving through the hiring process.



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**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, moved to approve the hiring of Alexis (Lexy) Billinsley, Dispatch/Communications Officer, at Pay Grade 115/step 1, \$18.72 per hour, pending successful drug screen and physical results. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Rowland Farquhar, FF/EMT, effective 8/15/23. Alderman Gallagher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, moved to accept the resignation of Pierce Farquhar, FF/EMT, effective 8/17/23. Alderman Gallagher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, moved to approve the annual step increase for Morgan McGhee, FF/EMT from Pay Grade 100/Step 2 to Pay Grade 100/Step 3 \$15.90 per hour, effective 8/22/23. Alderman Gallagher seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Mesimer – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.

**Finance Committee:** Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, stated that sales and use taxes looked light but should go up when the city receives the September reports. Alderwoman Mesimer urged city staff to be as frugal as they could be.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None.

Alderwoman Jacoby arrived at 6:45 PM.

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Alderwoman Mesimer stated that Alderwoman Langner had previously asked for Chief Knudsen to provide information about the agreement with Everbridge for a public alert system that was before the Board of Aldermen. Chief Knudsen stated that the system was an opt-out system, not an opt-in. So, the city would already have an 80% participation rate at the start. Chief Knudsen stated an emergency management plan does no good if it just sits in a drawer. And that the public alert system is a first step in the plan and allows Pleasant Valley to get prepared.

Alderman Moss asked who would set the parameters on the public alert system. Chief Knudsen stated that the system would send alerts to resident's cell phones and citizens would be able to register their land lines if they did not have a mobile phone. Chief Knudsen stated that EMS/Dispatch staff would



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be the message originators for the city and that system would send a tone similar to that when residents receive an Amber Alert Notification. The system would be at no cost to residents.

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3523** “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri and Everbridge, Inc, for a Public Alert System” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderman Page moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – no, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Bill passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Council Bill 3523** “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri and Everbridge, Inc, for a Public Alert System” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Langner moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3522**. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – no, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Bill passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.

Mayor Smith directed Clerk Chapman to read **Resolution No. 23-0821-01** “A Resolution approving the part-time employment of Debbie Crossley with the City of Pleasant Valley” Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the Resolution. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Bill passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderman Moss moved to adjourn. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Langner – aye and Ohlsen – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 7:05 pm.

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Mayor James Smith

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