

City of Pleasant Valley Missouri Meeting of the Board of Aldermen September 27, 2023

Call to Order: A special session meeting of the Pleasant Valley Board of Aldermen, for the annual tax levy public hearing, was called to order at City Hall, 6500 Royal, Pleasant Valley, Clay County, Missouri, by Mayor James Smith, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The City Clerk made copies of the agenda and council bills available to the public prior to the meeting.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor James Smith, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Serentiy Ohlsen, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderman Rick Scarborough, Alderman Patrick Gallagher, and Alderman James Page.

Others Present:

Staff Present: City Clerk Matthew Chapman.

Opening of Public Hearing for the 2023 Tax Levy: Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order.

Staff Report: The City Clerk noted an error on the agenda at the bottom of the page where a reference to the Tax rate for 2021 should have been 2022 and provided the Board with the tax levy notice to the public and valuations from the county. The maximum rate allowed this year is \$0.5604 per hundred dollars assessed, down slightly from 2022's rate of \$0.6024 (revenue neutral). The 2023 total valuation for both real estate and personal property is \$65,385,510. The maximum tax levy for villages is \$0.50 and the maximum for cities is \$1.00. Property tax rates cannot be increased without a vote of the people.

Public Comments: No one from the public commented or submitted written comments.

Discussion of the Board of Aldermen: Alderwoman Mesimer asked the City Clerk to walk the Board of Aldermen through the Informal Tax Rate Calculation forms provided to all council members. The City Clerk explained the process of receiving the valuation numbers from the Clay County Clerk in mid to late September at which point the numbers are entered into a form on the State Auditor's website. The current year tax rate is produced. And after Board of Aldermen approval, additional forms need to be completed and must be filed with the Clay County Clerk by the last day of September.

Close of Public Hearing: There being no one else who wishes to speak, Mayor Smith said he would entertain a motion to close the public hearing. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to close the public hearing. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Ohlsen – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith had no comment to add regarding the proposed tax levy.

Aldermen Comments: No council member had any questions or comments to make regarding the levy.



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Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Council Bill 3525, "An Ordinance setting the 2023 Tax Levy, Real and Personal Property, for the City of Pleasant Valley, Clay County, Missouri, setting the date taxes shall be considered delinquent and setting the penalty for delinquent taxes" was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill on first reading and place the bill on second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Ohlsen – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page -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, Langner – aye, Ohlsen – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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