



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
November 21, 2022***

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 David Slater, on Monday, November 21, 2022, 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 David Slater, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Robin Martin, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman Garrett Williams.

Absent: Alderwoman Linda Jacoby. There is also a vacancy in Ward 3.

Staff Present:

Staff Present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Police Sergeant David Heckman, Fire Chief Peter Knudsen, Police Captain Jared McGinley and Police Officer Mark Taylor. Public Works Director Chris Cronk attended the meeting by phone.

Public Present: Employee Landon Garrison, to be sworn in.

Consent Agenda: The City Clerk noted that due to computer problems, the minutes were not available in time for the meeting. The minutes for 11/7 were removed from the consent agenda. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

Oath of Office – Chief Abraham introduced Police Officer Landon Garrison. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Alderwoman Langner moved to take a 10-minute break for a reception in the lobby. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant. 6:42pm

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to return to session. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant. 6:52pm

City Attorney and other professional services: No professionals were scheduled to address the Board.

Public Comments: No one from the public was present to speak, nor submitted written comments/questions to the City Clerk.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater commented on how nice the house on Pleasant Valley Road was, which was recently built to replace a house that had burned down. He asked the Police and Public Works Departments if they had a list of vacant lots where homes could be built. Neither department had an existing list. Mayor Slater said he would like to have a list and asked the board if they would be interested in offering incentives to developers of vacant property to build houses. The City Clerk said she would contact the City's economic development counselor to see what residential incentives could be added to the City's existing Economic Incentives Plan.



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Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner reminded everyone that the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting is December 2nd. She said they plan to have Santa Claus at City Hall for pictures with the children.

Alderman Moss asked Director Cronk about houses missed east of I-35 during bulky item pickup. Director Cronk explained that the trash contractor sent 4 trucks. Normally when a truck gets full, they go to the dump to unload and come back again. For some reason, that Saturday, the dump was not open. The contractor ended up doing the streets that were missed on Monday.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Fox gave an oral report to the Board:

- Mrs. Fox said that her city desktop computer crashed last Monday morning. The replacement computer did not arrive until Friday afternoon. MDL set up the new one upon arrival. She also experienced lots of problems with setting up the city laptop to access her files on the server while in the office and remotely. During the whole week she had no access to Incode 10 which is the software used for financial and personnel management. Then on Thursday her husband fell down the stairs at home and had to be rushed to the emergency room. Due to this, several items were not ready in time for tonight's meeting.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet December 5th at 6pm to consider two applications; one for rezoning and one to renew a conditional use permit.
- Election candidate filing will begin December 6th at 8am and end on December 27th at 5pm. She noted City Hall will be closed December 23rd to the 26th for Christmas. Advertisements for the open positions will go out in the paper on December 1st.
- Per the City's special counsel Rich Wood, the City will need to activate the TIF plan at the December 19th meeting. Mr. Wood will work with the City Clerk to ensure the correct procedures are followed. Counsel Bill 3308, activating the TIF, was tabled in 2018 until the project was ready to move forward.
- The City Clerk met with Google Fiber on November 9th for a preconstruction meeting. Google Fiber will be installing lines throughout the city over the next few months.

The City Clerk also presented the findings from her department's work on redistricting. They found that, based on the 2020 Census results, the districts were outside the 10% legal margin. She explained the necessity for redistricting legislative districts arises from longstanding federal constitutional and statutory obligations generally encompassed by the principle of "One Person, One Vote." When new census data shows disparity in the populations of districts, the evidence needed to claim a civil rights violation exists. Mrs. Fox provided the Board with a map that showed the adjustments to wards transposed over the existing map. The proposed map would make the populations in wards as follows: Ward 1 – 699, Ward 2 – 715, Ward 3 – 695 and Ward 4 – 715. This makes the difference between the largest and smallest ward on 20 people. Unfortunately, it does impact some existing aldermen in that it moves Alderman Williams from Ward 4 to Ward 1. This will cause a vacancy in Ward 4 and two incumbents in Ward 1 for one position in the upcoming election. Due to the way the census tracts are designed, which is beyond the City's control, this could not be avoided. After a thorough discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to prepare an ordinance for the December 5th meeting to adopt the new ward map. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.



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Public Works Department: Director Cronk reported that they have been working on locating manholes and sewer lines for the project at 8601 Pleasant Valley Road.

He also said that Show Me Logos should be ready to move in by February.

Director Cronk said they are also utility lines marked for widening the intersection at Pleasant Valley Road and for the Google Fiber installation that started at the north side of the city.

Fire Department: Chief Knudsen reviewed the October Fire Report with the Board.

He also reported that he plans to attend the Blue River Community College hiring event. There will be 45 graduates there.

The Fire Department plans to bag the candy for Santa on the Fire Truck on December 7th at 6pm. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome to attend.

Chief Knudsen requested permission to apply for the Department of Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$20,000. This grant requires a 50% match from the City. The grant would be used to purchase the remainder of turnout gear needed. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

Police Department: Chief Abraham reviewed the October Crime Activity Report with the Board.

Chief Abraham said that Target donated \$2,500 for the Shop with a Cop event. Shop with a Cop will be on December 10th.

Chief Abraham requested permission to apply for the Department of Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$20,000. This grant requires a 50% match from the City. The grant would be used to purchase mobile radios, body cameras, tasers and one ballistic shield. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the request. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Everhart reviewed the October Court Report with the Board. Alderwoman asked Mrs. Everhart if the tickets in Incode had been transferred to Show Me Courts, noting there are still two monthly reports. Mrs. Everhart said no, they have not all been moved yet.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Mesimer, Personnel Committee member and secretary, moved to accept the resignation of Aimee Powell, Volunteer Fire Fighter, effective 11/10/22. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the hire of Moroni Lehnardt, Volunteer Fire Fighter, pending background check, drug screen and physical. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

Finance Committee: The review of the 2023 draft budget was postponed due to the City Clerk's computer being down last week.



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Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3480**. “An Ordinance amending the Pleasant Valley City Code, Section 310.070., Operation of Vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant.

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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 – absent, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 absent, 1 vacant. 7:30pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST: _____
Georgia Fox, City Clerk