



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
January 17, 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 David Slater, on Tuesday, January 17, 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 David Slater, Alderwoman Linda Jacoby, Alderwoman Mary Langner, Alderwoman Robin Martin, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss, Alderman Rick Scarborough and Alderman Garrett Williams.

Absent: There is one vacancy in Ward 3.

Staff Present:

Staff Present: Police Chief Gordon Abraham, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Police Captain Jared McGinley, Police Officer Eric Campbell and Police Officer Mark Taylor. Public Works Director Chris Cronk was not present for the meeting.

Public Present: None.

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

Public Comments: John Alles, Pleasant Valley Civic Organization President, was present to discuss the shared electronic message board, recently installed at Sobbie Road and Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Alles asked if the civic organization could sell advertising on the sign. Mr. Brant explained that there were several issues with this request since the sign is half owned by the City of Pleasant Valley. One, advertising would violate the Missouri Constitution, Article 6, Section 23, prohibits public money for private purposes. Two, as a public entity, the City cannot deny anyone who would want to advertise, even if the message is not one that would be condoned by the City due to free speech issues. Three, the City cannot compete with private business. The City Clerk also provided a memo from the City's insurer giving further advice. They suggested that the following:

- The City pays the PVCO for their half of the sign and assumes all responsibilities for programming messages.
- The PVCO pays the City for their half of the sign, moves the sign to their property, then they could do whatever they wanted regarding messaging without being hampered by the laws the City must follow.
- The PVCO pays the City for their half of the sign, signs an agreement with the City to lease the land the sign is on and indemnifies the City against any suit that may arise from the PVCO's messaging.

City Attorney and other professional services: City Attorney Jerry Brant was present to meet with the Board in closed session to discuss some legal and personnel issues. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized under 610.021, subsections 1 (legal) and 3 (personnel), RSMo. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. 6:51pm.



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During the closed session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Alderman Scarborough moved to return to open session. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. 7:13pm.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater did not have anything to discuss.

Aldermen Comments: No alderman had anything to discuss.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Fox reviewed her written report with the Board.

Public Works Department: Director Cronk was not present for the meeting. No Public Works issues were discussed.

Fire Department: Chief Knudsen reviewed the monthly Fire Report with the Board. Chief Knudsen also requested approval to apply for an AFG grant for radio equipment in the amount of \$87,000. This will purchase 12 handheld radios and 4 mobile radios. The grant requires a 5% match by the City. This would be \$4,350. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the request. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Police Department: Chief Abraham reviewed the monthly Crime Activity Report with the Board. Chief Abraham also requested approval to apply for a victim's fund grant in the amount of \$1,000 to pay for a witness to be available to testify in a municipal court case. The grant is a reimbursement type of grant. The City will expend the funds for airfare, lodging and per diem first, and then be reimbursed, if the grant is approved. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the application for the grant and possible expenditure. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reviewed the monthly Court Report with the Board. She requested permission to close the court office on 2/10 and 3/24 for WACA training. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the closure. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Kevin Davis, Fire Fighter/Medic, step 2, \$17.85 per hour, effective 1/8/23. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for Jason King, Fire Fighter/EMT, step 3, \$15.90 per hour, effective 1/8/23. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve an annual rate adjustment for John Baker, Fire Fighter/EMT, step 5, \$16.54 per hour, effective 1/8/23. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye,



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Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Phillip Viscon, Single Role Medic, step 1, \$17.00 per hour, pending background check, drug screen and physical. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Jade Riegel, Fire Fighter/Medic, step 1, \$17.50 per hour, pending background check, drug screen and physical. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

Finance Committee: Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, did not have anything to report at this time.

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 3493**. “An Ordinance appointing an Interim Police Chief and setting salary” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy.

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Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderman Scarborough moved to adjourn. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. 7:33pm.

Mayor David Slater

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Georgia Fox, City Clerk