



*City of Pleasant Valley Missouri  
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
March 20, 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 Monday, March 20, 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 Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss and Alderman Rick Scarborough.

**Absent:** Alderwoman Robin Martin and Alderman Garrett Williams were not present. There is one vacancy in Ward 3.

**Staff Present:**

**Staff Present:** Incoming City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, and Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley.

**Public Present:** James Smith, John Alles, James Page and Lorrie Eddins.

**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 – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

**Public comments and guests:** Gwen Jones, 8203 Pleasant Valley Road, submitted written comments to the City Clerk which the City Clerk provided the Board of Aldermen prior to the meeting. Lorri Eddins, 8008 Pleasant Valley Road, was present to address the Board. Both were regarding the loud music coming from the Conservatory of Dance Education, located at 6609 Royal Street, Suite 101, on the north side of the business park. She said that the bass from the music was bad and that weekends are the worst. She suggested that the bass should not be able to be heard within 50 feet of the residential area. She further suggested that Kansas City's City Code Section 46-4, Prohibited Noise, Generally, should be adopted by Pleasant Valley. Mayor Slater reported that he had spoken with the owner of CODE and asked them to keep the music volume down. He suggested that the Board wait to see if this helped before changing the City Code. After further discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting that would adopt KC's language. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

John Alles, Pleasant Valley Civic Organization President, asked if the City would authorize Public Works to move the PVCOC's merry go round at the PVCOC park. Alderman Scarborough moved to do it. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer brought up concerns about using public money for private purposes which is strictly prohibited in the Missouri Constitution, under Article VI, Section 23. "No county, city or other political corporation or subdivision of the state shall own or subscribe for stock in any corporation or association, or lend its credit or grant public money or thing of value to or in aid of any corporation, association or individual, except as provided in this constitution." Mayor Slater called for the vote. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – nay, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – nay, Moss – nay, Scarborough – nay and Williams – absent. Motion failed, 1 aye, 4 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.



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**City Attorney and other professional services:** No one was scheduled to address the Board.

**Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Slater reported that he had a discussion with Sharon Caylor regarding use tax funds for the parks budget. Later, Mayor Slater received information from City Clerk Fox regarding the park budget history. Mayor Slater noted that the Park Board budget used to be \$1,000 per year until 2018. Since 2018, it has been nearly \$10,000 per year every year. He asked Park Board President Mary Langner to ask the Park Board exactly how much the Park Board thinks they should receive. While the use tax was intended to help support the parks, it was also intended to fund maintaining and improving critical emergency services, improvements to the street light system, street maintenance and public works equipment and transportation services.

**Aldermen Comments:** Alderwoman Langner reported that Sharon Caylor had resigned from the Park Board but said she will still help them with the upcoming Stream Clean in April. She also reported that the new basketball hoop has been installed in Hanson Park. Alderwoman Langner also mentioned that she will not be able to attend the April 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting.

**Advisory Committees / Department Reports:**

**City Clerk:** City Clerk Georgia Fox reviewed the administration report with the Board. Mrs. Fox reported that the Human Resources Manager position is still open, as the person hired to take the position changed their mind about accepting the position.

**Public Works Department:** Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported that he ordered replacement signs for the ones that were stolen on Kaill Road. He also has ordered population signs to replace the existing ones.

Director Cronk also said that he provided the missing title information for the Public Works surplus vehicles to a contact at the highway patrol who will help him obtain replacement copies.

Director Cronk said he has spoken with Janet Waddell, of Evergy, and she is investigating the status of the street lights ordered by the City in 2021 for installation at Sobbie Road between Pleasant Valley Road and Royal Street. He will report the status to the Board when he receives it.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Pete Knudsen reviewed the Fire Report with the Board. Alderman Scarborough asked Chief Knudsen if he knew why the call volume was going up. Chief Knudsen said that call volumes are not just going up at Pleasant Valley, or even regionally, but are going up nationally. The cause is unknown.

**Police Department:** Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley reviewed the CAR report with the Board. He also reported that the Police Department was awarded the ARPA grant for ballistic vests, body cameras and 3 in-car laptops.

Chief McGinley reported that he performed liquor license inspections for QuikTrip, Mustang Sally's Deli, Valley One Pub and Myra Enterprises (DBA Fast and Friendly) and all four passed. He is recommending approval to issue the liquor licenses. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the issuance of the liquor licenses for all 4 businesses. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.



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**Personnel Committee:** Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Peggy Doss, Court Clerk, step 3, \$18.20 per hour, effective 3/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Ann Marie Kellum, Volunteer Fire Fighter, at \$10 per call, effective 3/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kolton Roschevitz, Fire Fighter/EMT, step 3, \$15.90 per hour, effective 3/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Erin Larson, Fire Fighter/Medic, step 3, \$18.20 per hour, effective 3/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Scott Winfrey, Fire Marshal, step 3, \$29.23 per hour, effective 3/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby noted that the Personnel Committee has requested a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

**Finance Committee:** Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, had nothing to report at this time.

**Old Business:** The topic of pallet fences was brought up by Alderman Moss. He suspects that some pallets stacked up on a property on Stewart Road may be used to construct a fence. After some discussion, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting that would prohibit pallets and wood from pallets to be used as material to build a fence. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

**New Business:** Mayor Slater introduced James Page of Linda Lane. Mr. Page is a write-in candidate for Ward 3.

**Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3501**. “An Ordinance appointing the City Clerk/TIF Manager of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri” 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. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.



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Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3501**. “An Ordinance appointing the City Clerk/TIF Manager of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3500**. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

City Clerk Georgia Fox administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Chapman.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3502**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Georgia Fox, for professional consulting services” 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. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. During discussion, Alderman Scarborough expressed concerns about the contract not containing an expiration date of six months. Mrs. Fox noted that the contract clearly states that it can be terminated at any time by either party. Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley explained that there are some responsibilities done by the City Clerk only once per year, like elections, budget, year-end personnel management and financial actions in Incode 10, for example. City Clerk Chapman stated his preference would be to have access to Mrs. Fox knowledge of operations and procedures beyond the six-month period. After further discussion, the motions were amended to include the six-month expiration of the contract. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – nay, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion failed, 4 ayes, 1 nay, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3503**. “An Ordinance amending Chapter 105, Article I, Sections 105.030, ‘Declaration of Candidacy – Dates for Filing; and 105.040 ‘Declaration of Candidacy – Public Notice’, of the Pleasant Valley Municipal Code” 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. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

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**Closed Session:** Alderman Moss moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1 (legal), 3 (personnel) and 12 (negotiated contracts). Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy. 7:34pm. Everyone was excused except for Georgia Fox and Matthew Chapman.



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During the closed session, no vote was taken, nor motion made.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy. 7:54pm.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve **Council Bill 3502**, “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Georgia Fox, for professional consulting services”, as amended. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. Discussion, a section entitled Section 2.5 shall be added. This section shall state “This agreement will be reviewed by the Board of Aldermen in six months to determine whether it should be terminated or continued.” The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3502**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and Georgia Fox, for professional consulting services” was read by title only by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the bill, as amended, as **Ordinance 3501**. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy. 7:56pm.

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Mayor David Slater

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgia Fox, City Clerk