



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
March 6, 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 6, 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: Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, City Clerk Georgia Fox, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, and Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley.

Public Present: James Smith, Anthony Crawford, John Alles, Matthew Chapman and Clay County Sheriff Will Akin.

Consent Agenda: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the consent agenda. 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.

Public comments and guests: The City recently contacted the Clay County Sheriff to ask if the Sheriff's Department would consider entering into a contract with Pleasant Valley for police service during times when the City is unable to staff certain shifts. Clay County Sheriff Will Akin said that he does not have the manpower to provide this service. He said he will continue to work in partnership with PVPD on law enforcement issues. Clay County has 380 lane miles for the sheriff's department to cover. This means that if they receive a call for Pleasant Valley the deputy could be in Lawson or Smithville or North Kansas City and take 15-20 minutes to get here. Mayor Slater asked Sheriff Akin what they are doing to address recruiting challenges. Sheriff Akin said they increased starting pay to \$50,000/year just recently. He plans to increase it to \$55,000 next year. He also said that the organization's culture matters, too. The Board thanked Sheriff Akin for coming to speak with them.

Former Alderman Anthony Crawford was present to speak with the Board. Mr. Crawford expressed concerns about police coverage and the impact of increased salaries and benefits over the next 10 years.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater did not have any comments to make.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langner discussed her son's work, Doug Langner, with Hope Faith, a homeless assistance campus. They have expanded their hours to overnight to accommodate homeless people during the cold temperatures.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Fox reviewed the administration report with the Board.



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Public Works Department: Director Cronk provided a storm water update. He said that City Engineer Ron Cowger is still working on the Kaill Road Storm Water Project.

The new basketball hoop for Hanson Park was ordered and has been received. They plan to install it soon.

Director Cronk reported that there was a 12" water line break at Pleasant Valley Road, between the Public Works building and QuikTrip. The water district is responsible for the street repairs related to this break.

Alderwoman Mesimer asked about the status of the titles on the PW vehicles the department intends to sell. Director Cronk said that he will have to go back to the DMV to file for duplicate titles since they were lost in the mail. Alderman Scarborough told Director Cronk to call him tomorrow as he has a number for someone who can help him with the titles.

Fire Department: Chief Knudsen provided the award letter for the ARPA grant, in the amount of \$17,370. This grant will pay for 6 sets of bunker gear. He said the money the city paid for gear in 2022 will cover the 50% match on the grant. No additional money will be required.

Police Department: Interim Chief McGinley said all he had for tonight were personnel matters. Alderwoman Mesimer asked if we had received the police car back from the shop that was involved in an accident last December. He said he expects to have it back sometime next week.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart provided the monthly Court Report to the Board. She said that they will only have one court session in February but three in March.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Amanda Neild, Communications Officer, step 3, \$19.48 per hour, effective 2/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to rescind the offer of employment to Nicholas Poje, Communications Officer, effective immediately. Alderwoman Mesimer 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the status change of Terri Murphy, part time Communications Officer to part time Code Enforcement/Communications Officer, step 1, \$20.03 per hour, effective 3/5/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – nay, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Justin McManus, full time Police Officer, at step TBD (later in the meeting), pending background check, physical, drug screen, psychological evaluation, and polygraph. Alderwoman Mesimer 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to rescind the offer of employment to Steven Decker, Police Detective, effective immediately. Alderwoman Mesimer 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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Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Taylor Mahorney, Fire Fighter/Medic, at step 1, \$17.50 per hour, pending background check, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer 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.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Jeremy Craven, Human Resource/Risk Manager, at step 2, \$28.66 per hour, pending background check, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – nay and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to set the new starting rate for entry level Police Officers at step 4, \$24.34 per hour (\$50,627.20/annually, based on 2080 hours) to address difficulty with attracting candidates and competing with area agencies. Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – nay and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby requested a closed session at the end of the meeting. ***

Finance Committee: Alderwoman Mesimer, Finance Chair, had nothing 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 3497**. “An Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, amending the City Code, Chapter 210, Offenses, in regard to marijuana.” 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 Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3497**. “An Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, amending the City Code, Chapter 210, Offenses, in regard to marijuana.” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3496**. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – absent, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3498**. “An Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, amending the City Code, Chapter 800, Medical Marijuana Regulations” 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 Williams seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – abstain, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3498**. “An Ordinance of the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, amending the City Code, Chapter 800, Medical Marijuana Regulations” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderwoman Langner moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3497**. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. 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.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3499**. “An Ordinance amending Ordinance 3492, appointing and 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. Alderwoman Langner seconded the motion. Discussion: This ordinance changes the rate of pay from salary to hourly, allows for 15 hours per pay period of overtime, due to current staffing levels in the Police Department. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – nay and Williams – aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 vacancy.

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Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3500**. “An Ordinance amending the Pleasant Valley City Code, Section 215.040, Definitions of Nuisance” 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 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.

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Closed Session: Alderwoman Langner moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 3 (personnel). Alderwoman Mesimer 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. Department heads were excused except City Clerk Fox. Matthew Chapman and Deborah Crossley also stayed for the closed session. City Clerk Fox left during some of the discussion.

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

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to return to open session. 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. 7:54pm.

Personnel Committee, continued

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the hire of Matthew Chapman, City Clerk/TIF Manager, step 1, \$33.07 per hour, pending background checks, physical and drug screen. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye,



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Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 vacancy. Mr. Chapman will be officially appointed by ordinance at the next meeting.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to prepare an ordinance for a contract between the City and Georgia Fox, for consulting services, at the rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed six months. Alderwoman Martin seconded the motion. Discussion: This contract will allow a smooth transition for the Administration Department, which will completely turnover all employees in the next few months. 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.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Alderwoman Mesimer moved to adjourn. 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. 7:57pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST: _____
Georgia Fox, City Clerk