



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
April 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 Monday, April 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 Robin Martin, Alderwoman Ruth Mesimer, Alderman Tom Moss and Alderman Rick Scarborough, Alderwoman Mary Langner and Alderman Garrett Williams
Absent: There is one vacancy in Ward 3.

Staff Present:

Staff Present: City Clerk Matthew Chapman, Public Works Director Chris Cronk, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Crossley, Fire Chief Pete Knudsen, Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley, Court Administrator Sarah Everhart, Court Clerk Jan Werner and FF/EMT Jen Gallagher.

Public Present: James Smith, John Alles, Lorrie Eddins, Anthony Crawford, Bill and Sue Hollon, Katrina Kinard, Pat Gallagher and James Page.

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

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

Mayor's comments: Mayor Slater addressed the current Board and the incoming Board members stating fourteen years ago when he was elected Mayor, the City was facing some difficult challenges. He cautioned the Board members to ensure their actions follow the proper procedures at all times. He addressed incoming Mayor James Smith and stated he can't wait to see what great things he will do during his term. He did ask the Board to address the very important need of a storm shelter for the City. Mayor Slater concluded by expressing his appreciation to the Board and staff and said it's been a great fourteen years.

Oath of Office – The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials:

Ward 1	Ruth Mesimer
Ward 2	Mary Langner
Ward 3	James Page
Ward 4	Patrick Gallagher
Mayor	James Smith
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Collector	Anthony Crawford



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Proclamation for Retiring Mayor David Slater – Incoming Mayor James Smith read a proclamation honoring outgoing mayor David Slater for honorably serving the City of Pleasant Valley for 14 years.

A brief reception was held in the city hall lobby honoring outgoing Mayor David Slater.

Election of Board President, Finance Chair and Personnel Committee members – Alderman Scarborough moved to keep all the appointments the same as last year. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye and Scarborough – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Public comments and guests: Lorrie Eddins stated that CODE has set a standard that other businesses might follow. Ms. Eddins asked the board of aldermen to reconsider a noise ordinance for businesses creating loud noises. Ms. Eddins suggested that the noise might be a zoning issue and that the CODE building is not sound proofed at all. Ms. Eddins requested that something be put in place to prevent businesses from disturbing the peace.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith stated he is proud to be the Mayor of the City and expressed his thanks to all that supported and voted for him.

Mayor Smith would like the board to approve the reappointment of Edward Michaelis to the Planning and Zoning Commission term expiring 4/2027.

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the appointment of Edward Michaelis to the Planning and Zoning Commission to a new term expiring 4/2027. Alderman Scarborough seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Page-aye, and Gallagher – aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Aldermen Comments: Alderwoman Langer stated that the Stream Clean event would be held on Saturday, April 29th and the Day in the Park would be held on Saturday, May 6th from 11 AM to 1 PM in Hanson Park.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Matthew Chapman reviewed the administration report with the Board. The city clerk noted that a conditional offer of employment had been extended to Katrina Kinard for the Human Resource Manager position pending results of a background check and drug screen. Ms. Kinard was present at the meeting. There were no questions for the Clerk.

Public Works Department: Chris Cronk still has not received the titles of the old vehicles. He shared two texts he has sent to the Missouri State Highway Patrol asking for a status on the titles.

Director Cronk stated STAR development is putting together new project plans, but he does not have them yet. The tuck under parking and fourth floor on the apartments will be eliminated in the updated plans. He does not know yet how many units will be 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. It will likely take a year to clear the land and install the utilities on the STAR property. Alderman Scarborough asked why the retail portion of the STAR project was smaller than on the original plans. Director Cronk stated that nothing in the plan size has changed.



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Fire Department: Fire Chief Pete Knudsen stated the fire department responded to 54 calls in March, 37 of which were EMS calls. The department responded to 186 calls year-to-date, which is up from the prior year's total of 166. The fire department has upcoming training for EMS patient assessment and pumper truck operation.

Police Department: Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley reviewed the CAR Report. He stated that Clay County will be shutting down its' jail 3 months at a time to replace their wiring and will only be accepting Class A and B Felonies. Pleasant Valley was given dispatch desks from North Kansas City. PD will need to temporarily relocate the dispatch department to the Sergeants office while new carpet is installed along with new paint and linoleum. Interim Police Chief McGinley anticipates the project will only last two days. Interim Police Chief McGinley would like to get a gun safe and gun locker for the police department and would be able to fund those purchases from savings in vacant positions. The wrecked police vehicle is back in service.

Municipal Court: Court Administrator Sarah Everhart reviewed the monthly Court Report with the Board. Ms. Everhart stated that court personnel would be attending a training conference in May. Ms. Everhart stated that the Pleasant Valley court was not having a problem with the dismissal of cases related to marijuana.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the hiring of Katrina Kinard, Human Resources/Risk Manager step 1, \$28.10 per hour, effective 4/19/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye, Page – aye, Moss – aye and Mesimer - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to accept the resignation of Pat Gallagher, Volunteer Firefighter effective 4/15/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

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 stated the revenues from sales taxes and use taxes are all looking good.

New Business: Mayor Smith advised the staff he wanted all out of budget expenditures to be discussed with the Finance Chair prior to purchase.

Mayor Smith introduced the topic of adjusting the meeting time of future Board of Aldermen Meetings. The possibility of switching to 5:30 was discussed. But concern was raised about elected officials and other meeting attendees being able to arrive that early with work and other concerns. Court Administrator Everhart stated that an earlier start time would save Pleasant Valley money as less overtime would have to be paid to staff attending these meetings. Alderwoman Langner suggested a compromise new meeting time of 6:00 PM.



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Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3507**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and the Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley concerning position, compensation and benefits” 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, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye –. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Smith directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3507**. “An Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, and the Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley concerning position, compensation and benefits” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Alderman Scarborough moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3506**. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye –. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Closed Session: Alderman Scarborough moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1 (legal), 3 (personnel) and 12 (negotiated contracts). Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 7:30 pm. Everyone was excused except for Clerk Matthew Chapman and Interim Police Chief McGinley.

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

Alderwoman Mesimer moved to return to open session. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Langner – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays, 7:53pm.

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 – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Gallagher – aye and Page - aye. Motion passed 8 ayes, 0 nays. 7:55pm.

Mayor James Smith

ATTEST: _____
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk