



***City of Pleasant Valley Missouri
Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
April 3, 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 3, 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.

Absent: Alderwoman Mary Langner and Alderman Garrett Williams were not present. 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, and Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley.

Public Present: James Smith, John Alles, Phillip Vitug of CODE Dance Studio and unknown male and female.

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 – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Public comments and guests: There were no public comments.

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

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Slater stated this was his last full meeting as Mayor of the City. He also stated he was pleased to see how full the parking lot was this evening as the City park was was full of activity.

Aldermen Comments: No Alderman comments.

Advisory Committees / Department Reports:

City Clerk: City Clerk Matthew Chapman reviewed the administration report with the Board. There were no questions for the Clerk.

Public Works Department: Public Works Director Chris Cronk reported City Engineer Ron Cowger will present the Kaill Road project at the May 1st meeting.

He stated 50 households have signed up for Google fiber thus far within the City. His information is based on the number of Missouri One Call locates which have been submitted.

He still has not received the titles of the old vehicles, nor has he received an update on the status of the requested streetlights.



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Director Cronk stated late last week he received some proposed plan changes to the STAR development project. This updated plan shows 4 apartment buildings which are 3 stories each. This is a change from the previous plans of 3 apartment buildings of 4 stories each. Modification of the parking area will compensate for the additional building. None of the pad sites will be affected. Several Aldermen expressed concern there would be sufficient parking for the apartment buildings. Alderwoman Mesimer stated they had been previously apprised that significant changes would have to go through Zoning and then be approved by the Board. Mayor Slater requested Director Cronk provide a copy of the preliminary plans to the Board of Aldermen.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Pete Knudsen stated the fire department will be doing hose testing April 19, 20, and 21. Hoses will be spread out and pressure testing will be done.

Mayor Slater requested a Fire Truck make an appearance at the Civic Organization Easter Egg Hunt this upcoming Saturday at 9:00AM.

Police Department: Interim Police Chief Jared McGinley stated Martin Tavern, dba Thunderbird, passed the inspection recommends approval to issue the liquor licenses. Alderwoman Mesimer moved to approve the issuance of the liquor licenses for Martin Tavern dba Thunderbird. Alderwoman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Interim Police Chief McGinley stated he hopes to have the wrecked police car back next week. It is still at Crash Champions being repaired. The car will then go to 911 Customs next for the push bumper and light replacement and lastly the graphics company will relace the graphics.

Regarding CODE Dance studio, the Police have received 2-3 additional complaints since the last meeting. Interim Chief McGinley responded to one of the complaints and determined the noise was not unreasonable. Sgt. Heckman also responded to one of the complaints and determined it to be of a reasonable level. The owner of CODE Dance has been very cordial, and very cooperative.

Phillip Vitug, owner of CODE Dance, addressed the Board. He stated he wants to be able to continue to have his studio in Pleasant Valley. He stated he has been in the City for 18 years and this is the first time he has received a complaint about noise. He stated he is not the only business that plays music in the business park. He stated he is willing to cooperate to resolve any issues and feels there is no need to change the noise ordinance.

Personnel Committee: Alderwoman Jacoby, Personnel Committee Chair, moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Matthew Wright, Groundskeeper/Maintenance, step 3, \$18.20 per hour, effective 4/2/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderwoman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Kristin Gallaway, Communications Officer, step 2, \$19.10 per hour effective 4/16/23. Alderwoman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin– aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye,



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

Alderman Jacoby moved to approve the annual rate adjustment for Eric Miles, Fire Fighter/Medic, step 2, \$17.85 per hour, effective 4/2/23. Alderman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Alderman Jacoby asked Clerk Chapman to discuss the health benefit plans. Clerk Chapman stated the City would like to drop the INO-2 option as this plan is rarely selected and reduce the offering to the INO-1, Qualified High Deductible Health Plan 1500 and Qualified High Deductible Health Plan 2500. The Delta Dental and VSP vision plans remain the same. There is zero cost increase for the 2023-2024 plan year.

Alderman Mesimer moved to authorize the benefit options offered to eligible employees for the 2023-2024 benefit year. Alderman Jacoby seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

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

Finance Committee: Alderman Mesimer, Finance Chair, stated the Park budget used to be \$1,000 and is now \$11,900. This is partially due to the new basketball goal which the capital improvements budget helps to fund.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business: There was no new business discussed.

Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3504**. “An Ordinance amending fence code to prohibit the use of pallets for fence construction” was read by title only, by the City Clerk.

Alderman Jacoby moved to approve the bill on first reading and move the bill to second reading. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3504**. “An Ordinance amending fence code to prohibit the use of pallets for fence construction” was read by title only, by the City Clerk.

Alderman Jacoby moved to approve the bill as **Ordinance 3503**. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3505**. “An Ordinance amending Title II, Article V, Section 210.760, Noise Disturbance Prohibited Acts” was read by title only, by the City Clerk. Mayor called for a motion to pass the bill on first reading. No motion was made.



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Mayor Slater directed the City Clerk to read **Council Bill 3506**. “An Ordinance amending Title II, Chapter 205, Section 205.380, Limitation of number of dogs, cats and miniature pigs ” 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 Moss seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – nay, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion failed with 4 ayes, 1 nay, 2 absent and 1 vacancy.

Closed Session: Alderwoman Jacoby moved to enter into closed session, authorized by 610.021, subsection 1 (legal), 3 (personnel) and 12 (negotiated contracts). Alderman Mesimer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Jacoby – aye, Martin – aye, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye, Langner – absent, and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy. 6:58 pm. Everyone was excused except for Clerk Matthew Chapman.

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 – absent, Mesimer – aye, Moss – aye, Scarborough – aye and Williams – absent. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent and 1 vacancy. 7:23pm.

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. 7:25pm.

Mayor David Slater

ATTEST: _____
Matthew Chapman, City Clerk