

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
March 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, March 4, 2013. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Rex Florence, Will Chambers, Bethany Major, Dick Filippini, and Norman Schippert. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk.

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Henry Walser to approve the February 4, 2013 Minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Dick Filippini seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.

Financial Report

The Profit Loss Year-to-Date Actual and Comparison reports and Balance Sheet through February 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

There are 14 2012 Property Taxes uncollected.

Open Comments

Mike Logsdon, 112 Dogwood Lane, thanked Mayor Rogers for adding the additional “Open Comments” at end of the meeting.

Dick Filippini asked Magistrate Logsdon for a copy of the recommendations from the County’s Fire Department Task Force.

Police Report

Deputy Michael L. Meece, Oldham County Sheriff's Office

In partnership with the DEA, Sheriff Steve Sparrow and the Oldham County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Prescription Drug Take Back program on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00am until 2:00pm. This effort is part of the National Drug Take Back Day initiative.

The location will be at the LaGrange Fire Department Station 2, 3637 West Highway 146 in Buckner. Medications can be dropped off without getting out of your car. All unwanted prescription medications will be accepted. Needles must be capped and in protective containers. Liquids, such as syrups must be in original bottles or leak proof containers. Personal information should be marked off containers. All collected items will be properly secured until disposal. Any questions may be directed to the Oldham County Sheriff's Office at 222-9501.

Medications remain the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, with over 90 Kentuckians dying each month from prescription overdoses. Additionally, our waterways are polluted daily from these potentially harmful drugs being flushed and improperly disposed of. Always store medicine in a safe location that is out of sight and reach of children.

Never refer to medicine as candy to children. Close child resistant caps on bottles every time and keep them off counters. Ask guests to keep medicines in purses, coats and bags secured when they visit your home. When away from home always keep your painkillers stored in a locked secure location or keep them with you.

Take this opportunity to clean out medicine cabinets and help curb prescription medication abuse and help keep our waterways safe. Together we can all make a difference.

Residents are encouraged to practice safe driving habits and report erratic drivers to dispatch at 222-0111 or 911, and take advantage of the free house watch program offered by the City and County.

As a reminder, school is back in session, so be vigilant for children waiting for buses, crossing roadways, and school zones. Please obey the speed limits. Radar enforcement is underway throughout the city. Safety is everyone's responsibility!

Chief Greg Larimore, Pewee Valley Police Department

Chief Larimore reported he has met with teachers at the Presbyterian Church daycare center regarding an emergency evacuation plan.

Last month, we offered assistance with on-line registration for Code Red (the County's emergency alert phone call system) for those who do not have access to the internet. We have assisted five families with registration. If you haven't already signed-up, take a moment to do so. The Code Red link is on the City's website: www.peweevalleyky.org.

We are receiving four or five calls each week about speeders, walkers in the middle of the road or not visible. Bicyclists should ride with the flow of traffic. Runners/walkers need to stay to the edge of road facing traffic. Don't wear headphones if you are not facing traffic. Make eye contact with the driver so you know they see you. Wear reflective clothing. The Department of Transportation has donated 30 orange nylon net safety vests. Call Chief Larimore (640-9664) or Town Hall (241-8343) if you would like a free vest.

We applied for and received a \$1,500 Safety Grant from the Kentucky League of Cities for safety equipment for the Police department and Glenn Rowland.

Chief Larimore is working on a Homeland Security Grant for a taser. The apparatus costs around \$1,100. We are applying for \$900 from the Grant. Will Chambers asked if the taser

affects the heart. Chief Larimore responded that it paralyzes the major muscle groups, works like a “stun gun.”

Announcements

- Mayor Rogers thanked the Council Members for running for another term on the Council. In appreciation for their service, each Council Member received a personalized Louisville Stoneware mug.

Pewee Valley Fire District Board of Directors Report

The next Fire Board meeting is Monday, March 18, 2013, 7 p.m., at the Fire House, Station 1, 8607 Foley Avenue. If you interested in seeing the preliminary architectural drawings of the new fire house, they will be available at the meeting.

There will be an election in June 2013 for the residential members of the Board. Dick Filippini will find out the specifics of the election date and how to get on the ballot. The election information will be in the April *Call of the Pewee*.

Oldham Ahead—Louise Allen, Executive Director

Oldham Ahead is a not-for-profit and a qualified land trust community group that was formed to preserve the county’s quality of life through good planning. The group has accepted its first conservation easement off the Hwy 42 corridor and a couple of larger parcels may come about this year. Oldham Ahead also monitors land development issues throughout the county.

The group is now looking at the update of the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan, which has been in development for at least a year. State law requires the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed and updated, if necessary, every five years; and, legislative bodies review the goals and objectives before the Plan is prepared. Oldham Ahead assisted with the last update, and hopes that Pewee Valley, LaGrange, and Crestwood cities still have the opportunity to plan for themselves. Kentucky statutes are written as such so cities do not have to have identical ordinances.

Council Member Reports

Tree Board—Dick Filippini

For the most part the removal and clean up of the dead and dying Ash trees on Ash Avenue is finished. If you have an Ash tree on your private property that are either dead or dying from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, you may want to consider taking those trees down. The Tree Board can recommend companies for the tree removal. Whichever company you choose, be sure they have liability and worker’s compensation insurance. Ask to see their insurance certification. The Tree Board will continue to take down Ash trees and other dying trees in the City’s right-of-ways.

Insurance/Stormwater—Rex Florence

The City's liability and property insurance policies are being renewed and paid this month.

The Annual Stormwater Report to the Kentucky Department of Water is being prepared by Stantec. The Report is due April 15th.

Public Safety/Communication/Website—Henry Walser

In response to the pedestrian safety issue, Henry will look into obtaining handouts for residents regarding safety.

Sidewalks—Norman Schippert

Mayor Rogers reported that the State Highway Department is moving toward extending the sidewalk section from the Pewee Valley City limits to the Jefferson County line.

Town Hall/Festivities/Historical Society/Park—Bethany Major

The Pewee Valley Historical Society met on February 12th and meeting again on March 19th. They are working on historical markers at Fraziertown and African-American section in the Confederate Cemetery, and improvements to that section. The group is also working on the next photo display in the Town Hall bay.

The 2013 Pewee Valley Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Day will include two tours of historical homes: The Beeches and Edgewood.

The next "Movie in the Park" night is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.

Paula Kennedy updated the Council on project developments in Central Park. Once the septic system installation is complete behind Norton's Medical building, we can begin work on the patio project behind Town Hall that will connect with a pathway to the Park. There is a potential project for a mural on the back of Town Hall facing the Park. Mayor Rogers and Paula have met with Environs, Inc. on starting the pathways through the Park. The pathways are part of meeting the stormwater mandates, as the base system of the pathways will filter water as it drains through.

Mowing/Waste Management—Will Chambers---There was no new report.

Roads and Drainage—Bob Rogers

There hasn't been much snow so far this year. Glenn Rowland has done a great job keeping the roads clear through the nights when there has been some snow.

The topcoat will be done on Houston in the summer.

We have received the signed contract with CSX Transportation for the installation of crossing gate at Wooldridge. Payment for the gates is included with this month's bills. CSX requires pre-payment before beginning the work.

Mayor Rogers met with L. G. & E. regarding removing the utility pole at Wooldridge and Highway 146 prior to the installation of crossing gates. L. G. & E. would charge \$125,000 for the removal. The pole will remain in place for now.

The "No Parking" signs have been put in place by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on Central Avenue in front of the vet's office. Vehicles continue to be parked in the section of the curve. Chief Larimore clarified that the section of the curve is the roadway. If a vehicle is parked there it is in the roadway. It is illegal to park in the roadway.

The City has started discussions again with the Transportation Cabinet regarding reducing the speed limit on Central Avenue.

Old Business

Ordinance Addressing Abandoned Property – John Singler

This ordinance draft is to look at updating property maintenance standards under the City's nuisance ordinance (not having utilities on, not secured, not occupied for a long stretch of time).

The City Council agreed to continue to review the ordinance and discuss at the April meeting.

Cell Towers—Dick Filippini

At the last discussion, Verizon was going to take strength readings but wanted Verizon subscribers to report specifically where they had little or no reception. Verizon has said it is best to have the customers experiencing signal loss to contact them directly.

Norman Schippert will work with Paula Kennedy on a section in the *Call of the Pewee* about cell phone signal strength.

New Business

Oldham County Comprehensive Plan—Bob Rogers

Several sections from the Comprehensive Plan draft (dated January 2013) were noted:

Pg. 19, Objective CF-2-3, 1.: Pertains to wastewater treatment. During the last Plan update, the City had to interject that if approved by the Health Department, the septic tank system is adequate for the City of Pewee Valley.

Pg. 27, Objective BI-2-3, 1.: “Improve the physical appearance of the cities.” The City wants Scenic Corridor standards to remain the same.

Pg. 52, Table 2.10, Single Family – City: “1. Connection to wastewater treatment facility required.” Again, we need to state that a State Health Department approved septic system would suffice in Pewee Valley---just as it is now.

Pg. 118, paragraph 1, “. . . perhaps consideration should be given to reducing the size of the Planning Commission.” The City has sent a letter to Jim Urban addressing this issue, stating we wish to keep the same number of representatives that we have now.

Pg. 20, last paragraph: Regarding consolidating the three Boards of Adjustments (LaGrange, Pewee Valley, and Oldham County) into one board. The letter to Jim Urban also addressed this issue. We want to keep our own Board of Adjustments & Appeals. Our BOA members ask good questions and are community sensitive.

A motion for City Attorney John Singler to compose a letter to the Oldham County Planning & Development Office, addressing the City’s interests noted above in the Comprehensive Plan update was made by Dick Filippini and seconded by Will Chambers. All Council Members voted in favor.

Application for Run: St. Aloysius Eagle 5K Race

A motion was made by Dick Filippini to approve the application with the stipulations that 1. St. Al’s is responsible for arranging traffic control with the Oldham County Sheriff’s Office, and 2. St. Al’s is responsible for notifying residents and businesses along the route. Henry Walser seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Resolution for Police Equipment Grant

Chief Larimore presented information on a Homeland Security grant for the purchase of a taser. The total of the equipment is \$1,000 and the grant request is for \$950.

Norman Schippert motioned to approve the Resolution 1-2013, A Resolution of the City of Pewee Valley, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application for And, Upon Approval, To Enter Into An Agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS), To Execute Any Documents Which are Deemed Necessary by KOHS to Facilitate and Administer the Project and to Act as the Authorized Correspondent for this Project. The motion was seconded by Rex Florence and all voted in favor.

1st Reading: Ordinance 3, Series 2013, FY 2012/2013 Budget Amendment—John Singler

John Singler presented the first reading of Ordinance 3-2013 by summary: Under “Revenue,” “Grants” increased \$10,000, and “Total Funds” increased \$10,000. Under “Expenditures,” “Central Park” increased \$10,000, “Environmental Improvements” increased \$6,000, “Police” increased \$27,000, and “Estimated Reserves Year End” decreased \$33,000.

The increase to the Grants and Central Park line items were offset by the Head Trust Fund grant for the Park. Environmental Improvements increase is for mowing. The Police increase is due to the extra patrols and hiring firm expenses.

A motion was made by Dick Filippini for introduction of the first reading of Ordinance 3, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Will Chambers with all Council Members present voting in favor.

Appointment of Chris Chandler to the Tree Board

A motion was made by Henry Walser and seconded by Bethany Major to appoint Chris Chandler to the Tree Board. All Council Members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Henry Walser to pay the bills, seconded by Norman Schippert. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Henry Walser motioned to adjourn the March 4, 2013 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Dick Filippini, with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Date

Bob Rogers, Mayor

Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk