

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
April 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, April 8, 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 5:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Henry Walser to approve the March 4, 2013 Minutes of the City Council Meeting and the March 21, 2013 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council as written. Bethany Major 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 March 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

Open Comments

Jim Allison, 103 Castlewood Drive, asked the Council about a skateboarding ordinance (possibly from 20 years ago). John Singler will check the most current Ordinance Code.

Dr. Manta Loster, Pewee Valley Veterans Center, asked what is being done about the parking in the curve on Central Avenue. The State's placement of the no parking signs has made the issue even worse. Dr. Loster stated that drivers are coming around the curve at speeds higher than they should.

Mayor Rogers responded that Chief Larimore is in contact with the State to review the sign placements and other options (painting fog lines, stop bars, etc.). Drivers are now parking further up into the curve and making it even more dangerous. The City is asking the State to lower the speed limit on Central from the railroad crossing to Rosswood Drive. The residents of this community have made it clear they do not like speeders and the danger to pedestrians speeding brings. They pay taxes for County police, for the County sheriff department, and they pay City taxes for the City's police officer, and extra sheriff deputy patrols in the City.

Chief Larimore responded that he is setting up an appointment with the KYTC to address the signs and speed limit. He has done an informal speed survey at the location and found very few people are going 40 mph---most slow down because of the curve.

Bethany Major requested the State also consider stop bars at the Rosswood and Peace Lane stop signs on Central.

Dr. Loster also inquired about the drainage across Highway 146 in front of the old bank building. The State cleaned out the pipe a couple of years ago; however, the pipe is too small to drain the amount of water that comes from that area properly. This is a State right-of-way.

Police Report

Chief Greg Larimore, Pewee Valley Police Department

There was a burglary last week off Ash Avenue (just outside the City limits). Everyone is reminded to be watchful of surroundings. Chief Larimore is offering home security surveys to Pewee Valley residents. Contact Chief Larimore (640-9664 or 241-8343) you would like to schedule an appointment for him to survey your home, check locks, offer suggestions for improving security.

We are continuing to provide assistance with signing up for Code Red to residents without a home computer or internet access. Code Red is a valuable resource for emergency alerts to your home and cell phone numbers. If you have not signed-up with Code Red, you can follow the link from the City's webpage (www.peweevalleyky.org). Contact Chief Larimore or Town Hall (241-8343) if you need assistance.

The Code Red alert system is activated by the National Weather Service when there is a tornado warning. There were some concerns of residents hearing the sirens in eastern Jefferson County, but not in Pewee Valley. The NWS now uses computer models and databases to more accurately predict the path as well as the distance of a tornado. They can now project out what they think the scope of the storm will be, and continually alert sirens if the storm grows.

Police activity report for March:

Traffic stops	145	Complaints	29	Motorist Assist	13
Citations	60	Criminal Invest	4	Code Enforcement	19
Warnings	88	Accident Invest	2	School Patrol	48

Announcements

- We are at the start of tornado season. Everyone should have a week's worth of food and water, flashlight, fresh batteries, and a list of medications with someone at another location.

Pewee Valley Fire District Board of Directors Report

There will be an election for a resident Board member on Saturday, June 22nd, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 8607 Foley Avenue.

The next Fire Board meeting is Monday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 8607 Foley Avenue.

Dick Filippini stated that regarding Special Taxing Districts, they are required to present their budget to the Magistrates. The County Magistrates do not have authority over the budget, but it does have to be presented. The budget and the audit are public documents and have to be published.

Council Member Reports

Tree Board—Dick Filippini

The Arbor Day Celebration is Friday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in front of Town Hall.

Insurance/Stormwater—Rex Florence

The 2012 Annual Stormwater Report to the Kentucky Division of Water has been completed and submitted.

Public Safety/Communication/Website—Henry Walser

There are poles on Highway 146 and Central that need to be taken down.

The County-Wide Burn Ban begins May 1st.

Sidewalks—Norman Schippert

Repairs to the sidewalk on Ash Avenue have been completed.

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

The cobblestone pathway edgers for the park walkway have been received. The contractor bids for the walkway construction are due Wednesday, April 10th.

The Movie in the Park, is on the calendar for June 1st.

Mowing/Waste Management—Will Chambers

Everything is working well with Industrial Disposal services.

Roads and Drainage—Bob Rogers

Houston Lane will be repaved this summer. The next project will probably be Rebel or Mt. Mercy. Norman Schippert noted that Muirs Lane is rough again, with several large potholes. Mayor Rogers will look into bridging the potholes and asphaltting over those sections.

Old Business

Ordinance Addressing Abandoned Properties

Laura Eichenberger will provide copies of the Oldham County ordinance(s) to the City Council and the Planning & Development Comprehensive Plan meeting date and times.

The Council will review and discuss again at the May 6th meeting.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 3, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Amendment

John Singler presented the second reading 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.

A motion was made by Norman Schippert to adopt Ordinance 3, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Henry Walser with all Council Members voting in favor.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Dick Filippini, Bethany Major, Norman Schippert, Will Chambers, Rex Florence, Henry Walser.

Nays: None

New Business

Mayor Rogers recited the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 26th, 2013 Arbor Day in the City of Pewee Valley. An Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in front of Town Hall.

Sign Permit Application

An application was submitted for the St. Aloysius Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Fair on October 26, 2013.

A motion to approve the sign permit was made by Henry Walser and seconded by Norman Schippert. All Council Members voted in favor.

1st Reading Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget

John Singler presented the first reading of Ordinance 4 by summary. Total Revenue Funds: \$997,510. Total Expenditures: \$997,510.

A motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget was made by Henry Walser and seconded by Rex Florence. All Council Members voted in favor.

1st Reading Ordinance 5, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Property Tax Rate

John Singler presented the first reading of Ordinance 5 by summary. The ad valorem and personal property tax rates for the fiscal year 2013/2014 is fixed at the rate of \$0.1439 per \$100 valuation of property as assessed for taxation. Said tax shall be due as follows: through October 31st, 2013, face amount less 5% discount for early payment; from November 1st to 30th, face amount of bill. After December 1st, 2013, face amount of bill plus seven percent penalty, plus continuing interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month beginning January 1st, 2014 until paid in full.

Dick Filippini stated that when the reserves are back up, he would like the discount rate reinstated.

A motion was made by Henry Walser to approve the introduction of Ordinance 5, Series 2013, An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The motion was seconded by Bethany Major. All Council Members voted in favor.

Open Comments

The remaining Study Review Committee meetings for updating the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan are Thursday, April 18th, 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 a.m. at the Fiscal Court Building in LaGrange. Harry Hoffer is the Pewee Valley representative. Anyone may attend the meetings and speak. Following the April 23rd meeting, the draft Plan will go to Fiscal Court, and cities to adopt.

Magistrate Logsdon stated he is committed to getting the sidewalk along Highway 146 from Foley Avenue to the Oldham/Jefferson County line.

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

Henry Walser motioned to adjourn the April 8, 2013 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Norman Schippert, with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Date

Bob Rogers, Mayor

Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk