

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
May 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, May 6, 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 April 8, 2013 Minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Norman Schippert 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 April 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

### **Open Comments**

Jim Allison, 103 Castlewood Drive, stated regarding the dividing of the tract at Houston Lane, he is in communication with the County regarding the possible drainage issues. Mr. Allison thanked Bethany Major for responding to his e-mails regarding the draft nuisance ordinance.

### **Police Report**

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

With summer approaching, many residents will be away from home on vacation. Safeguard against crime by following simple yet effective security practices. These include stopping newspaper and mail delivery, to include having a neighbor pick up any packages left on the porch. Overflowing mailboxes invite trouble. Do not publicize your trip on social sites such as Facebook, or tell contractors scheduling work you will be gone during certain times, but ask a few trusted neighbors or family to keep a watchful eye on your home, leaving an emergency contact number with them. Use timers to have lights and radios come on at varied times throughout the house to have the "lived in look". Consider shutting off the water to your washer to avoid potential flooding in the house. Take advantage of the free house watch program offered by the City and County by calling 241-8343 or 222-0111.

As a reminder, school is still 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 and Mayor Rogers, and a representative from the Pewee Valley Veterinary Center met with representatives from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) to review the issues with Central Avenue. Painting a "No Parking Zone" with hash lines on the road in lieu of signs, "Stop" bars at the stop signs, and fog lines defining the roadway were discussed.

The KYTC conducted a speed survey last week on that section of Central Avenue.

Regarding Mr. Allison's question regarding persons on skateboards, Chapter 73, Section 73.03 of the Ordinance Code states, *"Except on streets which may be declared from time to time as "play streets" by the city and protected by barriers or official signs, it shall be unlawful for any person on skates or riding on a coaster sled or toy vehicle of any kind, to go on any roadway except at a crosswalk."*

There have been several questions regarding the sign ordinance. If you have a question about a sign in your yard, contact Chief Larimore or the City Clerk. Most of the complaints are about contractor and yard sale signs. Most have been compliant in removing the signs.

There has been another burglary report. An abandoned property on Ash Avenue was burglarized Friday. Items such as scrap metal and toilets were taken.

If you see any activity out of the ordinary, please call Oldham County Dispatch (222-0111) to report it. Just this past month, two criminal arrests were made from information called in by residents. The citizens are the eyes and ears of law enforcement.

Police activity report for April:

Traffic stops .....	124	Complaints .....	26	Motorist Assist .....	7
Citations .....	29	Criminal Invest.....	14	Code Enforcement ...	25
Warnings .....	92	Accident Invest .....	3	School Patrol .....	46

**Announcements**

- Mayor Rogers announced the City's Police Department has been awarded a federal Homeland Security grant for upgrading the police computer systems. He thanked Chief Larimore for working on the grant.
- Mayor Rogers thanked Brad and Pat Palmer for the plantings in the fire pit. For several years the Palmers have planted and maintained the fire pit flowers.

## **Pewee Valley Fire District Board of Directors**

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

The next Fire Board meeting is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 8607 Foley Avenue.

It is very important for the residents of the community to vote. The budget of the Fire District is a little less than the City's budget, and it is important for residents to be involved. The new Fire House (unequipped) is \$1 million. The Board had approximately \$600,000 in the bond market and have now moved it over to CDs.

Dick Filippini stated that it is important for tax payers to know where the money is being spent. Everyone is encouraged to vote and attend the meetings.

## **Council Member Reports**

### Tree Board/Storm Damage—Dick Filippini

Arbor Day was celebrated last Friday. There was a small turn-out and the event went well.

#### *Emerald Ash Borer*

There is a privately owned business in Indiana that claims they can treat the Emerald Ash Borer if the Ash tree is young enough. The City of Louisville is spending the money to treat the Ash trees in an effort to prolong their lifespan so the removal process can be spread out over several years. They can't possibly remove all the Ash trees that will die from the EAB. The treatment is expensive, but if you have Ash trees on your property that are not too far gone, the company claims they can save them. Contact Dick Filippini for the company's information.

The Tree Board is looking into a federal grant.

### Water Quality/Insurance—Rex Florence

The City's insurance is paid and up-to-date. The Water Quality permit is also up-to-date.

Audit proposals for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 will be coming in soon.

### Public Safety/Communication/Website—Henry Walser

Now that the greenery is back, Henry is taking photos around the City for the website.

The Hall's (314 Mt. Mercy Drive) requested the speed bump sign be moved from its current location that is now in their parking lot. The City Engineer had reviewed its

placement and determined it should remain where it is. We will ask him to review the placement again.

L. G. & E. have taken their line off several poles. AT&T and/or Insight leave their lines on so they don't have to remove the poles. John Singler gave Henry the Public Service Commission contact for help in getting the poles removed.

#### Sidewalks—Norman Schippert

Mayor Rogers met with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. They will complete the sidewalk along Highway 146 from Foley Avenue to the Oldham/Jefferson County line (and hope to link the sidewalk to the section in front of the new assisted living facility). There are a lot of drainage issues to deal with. It will probably be next summer before it is constructed.

#### Festivities/Town Hall/Central Park—Bethany Major

The low bidder for the Central Park walkways is EZ Construction. The walkway installation is being overseen by Mike Smiley, Environs, Inc. Polypavement is the material being used that makes the gravel walkway handicap accessible. The project will start in the next few weeks.

The Movie in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> (after dark – a time has not been set yet). The event can be rescheduled if the walkway construction is a problem.

The Pewee Valley Historical Society met in April. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall. B Murphy is the newest member. Tours of The Beeches and Edgewood will coincide with the Fall Arts & Crafts fair. The committee is working to improve the African American cemetery.

Kentucky Confederate Memorial Day is Saturday, June 8th

Bethany encourages anyone who would like to know more about the history of Pewee Valley to come to the meeting.

#### Waste Management/Mowing—Will Chambers

Will reported the City looked great for Derby. Kevin Loudon (Louden Lawncare) did a good job with the City's mowing.

#### Roads & Drainage—Bob Rogers

There are no new updates on roads. Houston Lane will be top coated sometime this summer.

#### **Old Business**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget

John Singler presented the second reading by summary. The total budget revenue is \$997,510. The ordinance is ready for action.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget was made by Dick Filippini and seconded by Henry Walser. A roll call vote was taken:

Henry Walser, aye	Dick Filippini, aye
Rex Florence, aye	Bethany Major, aye
Will Chambers, aye	Norman Schippert, aye

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 5, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Tax Rate

John Singler presented the second reading by summary. The property tax rate of .1439 per \$100 has remained the same for the last six years. The only change for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 is the early payment discount rate is 5%.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 5, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Tax Rate was made by Dick Filippini and seconded by Rex Florence. A roll call vote was taken:

Henry Walser, aye	Dick Filippini, aye
Rex Florence, aye	Bethany Major, aye
Will Chambers, aye	Norman Schippert, aye

**New Business**

Rules of Use for Central Park

John Singler and Bethany Major have discussed the rules and use of public property. Discussion will continue at the next City Council Meeting.

Drainage Along Highway 146

Mayor Rogers will contact the City Engineer and State again regarding the drainage along Highway 146.

The City Council asked Paula Kennedy to include a message in the Call of the Pewee for residents to keep ditches clear of leaves and debris.

**Open Comments**

Jim Allison, 103 Castlewood, requested the draft nuisance ordinance be available on the City's website before the first reading.

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 May 6, 2013 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Norman Schippert, with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk