

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL  
June 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, June 3, 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 May 6, 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 May 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

We are expecting the certified property tax roll from the PVA office mid to late July.

**Open Comments**

Jim Allison, 103 Castlewood, stated in response to the Mayor's friendly reminder that the area adjacent to Houston & Castlewood has now been mowed but not his property it is the City easement.

Mr. Allison sent a message to the City Attorney for clarification of vegetation in the new Nuisance Ordinance.

Mr. Allison wants the City Council to be aware of a new driveway that may be cut out on Houston Lane.

Laura Hall, 115 Rest Cottage, thanked the City through the process of renovating the building next to Town Hall. The Halls are requesting a sign permit for a banner to hang on the front or side of the building and asked for the \$20 fee to be waived.

Mayor Rogers responded that if it meets the specifications within the sign ordinance there is not a problem with it.

Mike Logsdon, 112 Dogwood Lane. Magistrate Logsdon asked Mayor Rogers to hold off establishing a Quiet Zone until Mayor Deibel begins the process for Quiet Zone status in Crestwood.

Jeff Schroering, 7309 Shadowood Lane, President of the Shadowood Homeowners Association, would like to discuss the idea of running the Quiet Zone through Crestwood. Mr. Schroering asked to delay the implementation of the Quiet Zone in Pewee Valley.

There were questions and comments about the Quiet Zone from several residents and visitors from Crestwood.

**Police Report**

Chief Greg Larimore, Pewee Valley Police Department

Chief Larimore reported now that school is out, there are more kids out in the City. There has been a little mischief here and there. Chief Larimore reminded residents to call in anything suspicious, close garage doors, and lock your vehicles. Be wary of door-to-door sales calls. Be sure you are dealing with a reputable company. All solicitors are required to obtain an Oldham County Permit.

Police activity report for May:

Traffic stops .....	138	Complaints .....	49	Motorist Assist .....	10
Citations .....	24	Criminal Invest.....	16	Code Enforcement ...	34
Warnings .....	122	Accident Invest .....	7	School Patrol .....	51

**Announcements**

Mayor Rogers thanked Stephanie Scanlon for the new plantings in Central Park and the work on weeding and planting flowers in the swales. She will be adding more plantings.

**Pewee Valley Fire District Board of Directors**

The Fire District Board met last month. The Board is moving along the new firehouse. The new firehouse figure reported last month of \$1 million has been corrected. The new firehouse construction is \$1,250,000 (unequipped).

The Fire Board election is Saturday, June 22, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Fire Station, 8607 Foley Avenue. Any resident within the fire district may vote.

Dick Filippini stated he is running for one of the two resident seats on the Fire Board. Pewee Valley is a volunteer station. There is a manned station in South Oldham and the Middletown Fire Department is located on the other side of Kroger. The Board is spending money unnecessarily. The cost of new station cost does not include furnishings and equipment. The station is going to be responsible for primarily a portion of Shelby County, Persimmon Ridge. Shelby County puts roughly 30% of the tax base into the Pewee Valley Fire Board. There is a new regulation that the budget has to be seen by the County Judge Executive and Magistrates; but, they have no authority over the budget.

## **Council Member Reports**

### Tree Board/Storm Damage—Dick Filippini

Later this month, the Tree Board will conduct a quick survey of the remaining Ash trees. Any Ash tree anywhere in the City is dying from the Emerald Ash Borer. There is a company in Indiana that says it can treat for the Emerald Ash Borer if the tree is young and healthy enough. If you are interested in contacting this company, please call Dick Filippini.

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

Henry asked John Singler if there is an ordinance regarding swimming pools in Pewee Valley. John will research the Code of Ordinance and respond back to Henry.

The Public Service Commission has not responded to the surplus poles standing throughout the City.

### Sidewalks—Norman Schippert

The sidewalk along Central near St. Aloysius is overgrown with thornbush and shrubbery again. The area just needs a foot cut back, twice a year. It is the homeowners' responsibility to cut back the overgrowth.

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

Movie Night in the Park was great. There was a time mix-up printed in the Call of the Pewee. In the future, Bethany's phone number will be published with the Movie Night information in the Call of the Pewee and on the City's website. If you have movie suggestions, please call Bethany Major. The next Movie Night in the Park will be scheduled closer to Fall.

The Annual Summer Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Monarchs will perform in Town Square.

The stone has been ordered for the Central Park walkways. Construction will take place in June. The back wall of Town Hall is being prepped for a mural.

### Mowing/Waste Management—Will Chambers

Junk pick up day is the last Wednesday of each month. It is recommended that residents call Industrial Disposal when setting out more than one junk item at a time. Some instances may require a special pick up arrangement between the homeowner and I.D.

Bethany Major asked that an update on I.D. acceptable items be included in the Call of the Pewee. Will Chambers asked to review the update first.

## Roads and Drainage—Bob Rogers

Work on the right-of-ways off Houston and Ash, shoulders on Maple and Wooldridge has been done. Muirs Lane has been regraded. We will piggy back on the County's asphalt price per ton when their bidding process is complete in the next couple of weeks. Then Houston can be asphalted.

### **Pewee Valley Quiet Zone**

Mayor Rogers made the following statement:

The City of Pewee Valley entered into contract with the CSX Corporation in April 2011. The City started the process with CSX in 2009 for rail improvement in Pewee Valley. In 2006, we got involved with Hal Heiner when there were talks about improvements on LaGrange Road. The City is now weeks away from completing the contract with CSX. The City's contract with CSX will not be voided based on what may or may not happen in Crestwood.

The City's on-going progress with crossing gates and a Quiet Zone have been reported in the newspaper and the Call of the Pewee. The process takes a long time. For years, we have been dealing with the railroad about every two weeks.

Regarding the Wooldridge crossing, I met with the railroad today. They are installing the supports for the gates Thursday. The City Engineer is spotting where the No Horn signs will be placed.

When finished the City will be safer and the quality of life for many of our residents will be improved.

Bob Rogers  
Mayor, City of Pewee Valley

### **New Business**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Ordinance 2, Series 2013, Nuisance Ordinance

Following discussion, Norman Schippert motioned to table the first reading until the Council can schedule a Special Meeting meeting to further discuss the Nuisance Ordinance and the Rules and Contract for Use of Town Hall and Central Park.

#### Resolution 2-2013, Municipal Road Aid

A motion to adopt the annual Municipal Road Aid Agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Pewee Valley was made by Dick Filippini. Henry Walser seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.

## Formal Request for Support to Lower Speed Limit on Central Avenue

Mayor Rogers and Chief Larimore met with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet about the parking in front of the Vet's office on the curve of Central Avenue. The State does not want to lower the speed limit. The City will have to meet with Transportation Secretary Hancock to request lowering the speed limit to 25 m.p.h. on Central Avenue from Peace Lane (at Muirs Lane) to Highway 146. The 35 to 25 m.p.h. transition would take place at the curve between the stop signs at Peace and Central. Mayor Rogers will also talk with Senator Harris regarding this request.

Chief Larimore stated that Pewee Valley residents are cognizant of the speed limits in the City. Lowering the speed limit is not to hand out speeding tickets. It is to protect pedestrians and pets. The volume of pedestrian and cyclist traffic is tenfold in the Summer months. Chief Larimore advocates lowering the speed limit to 25 m.p.h.

Mayor Rogers would like to petition St. Aloysius again for support, take pedestrian and vehicle traffic photos during events in the City, and include all in a packet of support for lowering the speed limit.

Dick Filippini made a motion supporting the State proposal and supporting Mayor Rogers in all efforts to have the speed limit lowered from 35 to 25 m.p.h. on Central Avenue. Bethany Major seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Dick Filippini and seconded by Bethany Major for the City Council Meeting to move to Executive Session. All Council Members voted in favor.

The Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and Chief Larimore entered Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Dick Filippini, seconded by Henry Walser to return to regular session at 8:29 p.m. All Council Members voted in favor.

### **Open Comments**

Jim Allison, 103 Castlewood, stated the entrance to the school is on Central Avenue. Why doesn't the State put a school zone there?

Chief Larimore responded that it would be less expensive to lower the speed limit.

Jeff Schoering, 7309 Shadowood Lane, stated he would like to be heard by the Council in a Q&A session. Mayor Rogers stated he and Dick Filippini are available after the meeting this evening. Mayor Rogers also holds a monthly Mayor's Night In and is available by phone (and e-mail). He also offered to attend a Homeowners Association

meeting. Mr. Schoering stated that he and the Shadowood residents love Pewee Valley and are happy with the quality of life here with the exception of the train horns.

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

Henry Walser motioned to adjourn the June 3, 2013 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Rex Florence, with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk