

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, July 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on the Monday, July 3, 2017. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Paige Bjorn, Bethany Major, and Michele Pisano, and John Singler, City Attorney. Council Members Rex Florence and Norman Schippert, and City Clerk, Laura Eichenberger were absent.

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 both June 5, 2017 Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting and the regular City Council Meeting as written. Paige Bjorn seconded the motion and all Council Members present voted in favor.

### **Financial Report**

The Profit & Loss vs. Actual and Balance Sheet through May 2017 from the Treasurer were distributed in the Council Member meeting packets.

### **Open Comments**

Carrie O'Connor, 142 Rosswood Drive, thanked Mayor Rogers for all his work for the City over the years and requested that the Mayor and Council be paid monthly. John Singler responded that it has to be set by ordinance. It would have to be done prior to May 2018 (first reading in March 2018 and second reading April 2018). State statute rules that the pay rate of an official cannot be changed during their term in office. A pay rate ordinance would have to be filed by the first of May of an election year.

### **Police Report**

Chief Larimore reported that the County as a whole has been experiencing young adults/teenagers in the middle of the night getting in to unlocked cars. None have been reported in Pewee Valley. Lock your car doors.

A speed survey was conducted on Mt. Mercy Drive over a period of five days. During that period, 3,631 cars traveled on Mt. Mercy, with an average speed of 21 mph. Only one car registered in the 41 to 45 mph range. Between July 2016 and June 2017, 37 traffic charges were made in that area. There were no accidents. Most of the complaints are from walkers. State statute KRS 189.570 dictates that if there are no sidewalks, pedestrians are to walk on the shoulder. If there is no accessible shoulder, pedestrians are to walk on the edge of the road, single file.

Total Police activity for the month of June:

Traffic

Traffic Stops.....212  
Traffic Charges .....109  
Courtesy Notice .....136  
Motorist Assist .....4  
Accidents.....4  
DUI .....2

Criminal and Miscellaneous

Complaints .....20  
Criminal Investigations .....5  
Criminal Arrests .....2  
Code Enforcement .....20  
School Patrol .....15

**Announcements**

- The City will again have a booth at Oldham County Day, Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 5 pm.
- The 2017 Summer Festival is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm to 10 pm, featuring The Monarchs.
- Mayor Rogers thanked resident John Morgan for donating the Little Colonel Series books missing from the City’s collection housed in the Museum.
- The next quarterly Mayor’s Night In meeting is Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.
- Mayor Rogers thanked the sponsors that are contributing to the Summer Festival. We have some very generous donors.

**Council Reports**

Public Safety—Michele Pisano

Michele Pisano stated that Oldham County Fiscal Court passed a new Ordinance last month that requires homeowners and business owners to have their address numbers prominently displayed. This is a more detailed Ordinance with more enhanced specifications for how the address should be posted and includes a \$200 fine for non-compliance. The intent is to facilitate the most rapid arrival of first responders in the event of an emergency.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration—Henry Walser

St. Aloysius has renewed their ABC License.

**Old Business**

Veterans Memorial Park Sponsorship

It was decided at the June meeting the City will donate \$1,000 and up to an additional \$1,500 matching grant contingent upon individual resident or business donations. Michele Pisano will coordinate the matching grant and donations from the community.

## **New Business**

### Public Hearing: Road/Bridge Projects Using Municipal Aid Funds

As required by law, a public hearing must be held prior to using Municipal Road Aid funds. This year, the City will receive a total of \$28,766.81 from the State for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Mayor Rogers stated the City will put shoulders on Tulip and Dogwood. The next road paving project will be on Old Forrest.

There were no comments from the public regarding road/bridge projects.

### Pewee Valley Sesquicentennial—Donna Russell, Town Historian

The City celebrated its official Centennial in 1970. The year-long event planning committee was headed up by the Town Clerk, Lee Heinman, a Courier Journal reporter and editor. Events included a Little Colonel Pageant, a special two day event where the City received their Charter, a Little Colonel two day festival downtown (before we had town square). The celebration started the annual Yule Log tradition, the “Call of the Pewee” newsletter, and resulted in the publication of a booklet. The town came together in a big way. The City turns 150 years old in March 2020. The sesquicentennial year celebration will bring an opportunity for us to build more of a spirit of community.

A motion was made by Bethany Major to create a sub-committee of the City Council to help plan the sesquicentennial celebration. The motion was seconded by Michele Pisano and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Bethany Major and Norman Schippert will serve on the sub-committee. Anyone who would like to be on the committee can contact Bethany Major. For more information go to [www.peweevalleyhistory.org](http://www.peweevalleyhistory.org).

## **Open Comments**

Carrie O’Connor, 142 Rosswood Drive, raised questions regarding short term rentals of residential homes. Mayor Rogers stated he has researched this issue and Oldham County has nothing restricting or regulating it. The City has zoning authority but operates under the County code. To create restrictions, the Oldham County Joint Planning Committee would have to be asked to make a recommendation to the Oldham County Planning Commission to create regulations for short term rentals (also known as “AirBnB”).

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

Henry Walser motioned to adjourn the July 3, 2017 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Bethany Major, with all Council Members present voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk