

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, August 3, 2015. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Rex Florence, Will Chambers, Bethany Major. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk. Council Member Norman Schippert and Dick Filippini 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 Bethany Major to approve the July 6, 2015 Minutes of the City Council Meetings as written. Henry Walser seconded the motion and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report

The financial reports from the Treasurer were not available. The 2015 Property Tax & Water Quality Fee bills are expected to be ready in late August.

Open Comments

Emily Garrett, Principal, Pewee Valley Jr. Academy, shared some of the activities the small school does in the community: visiting at Friendship Manor, playing chimes at Tri-County Agency, delivering papers to residents on Ash Avenue and collecting canned goods. The school has a youth program at the church every Wednesday night. The students also take gifts, hats, and mittens to a local orphanage. The faculty and students want to be an active part of the community. A link to the Academy's website is on the City's web site under Community Information.

Don Helton, 113 Dogwood Lane, stated when Pewee Valley became a Tree City USA, the annual Arbor Day tree planting was rotated between Pewee Valley Jr. Academy and St. Aloysius. Further, the students at the Jr. Academy are role models and serve our community in a variety of ways. The school is one of best kept secrets.

Don Helton is the chair of the Veterans Park. He stated they will be breaking ground this Fall and plan to dedicate the park next Fall. The focal points of the park will be panoramic monuments and at the entrance a monument recognizing the supporters and sponsors.

Mr. Helton expressed strong feelings against putting a gate at the plastic fence opening on Dogwood Lane.

Mayor Rogers responded that the City is not going to open Dogwood to Old Forest. The City is considering putting up a keyed gate and give access to fire, EMS, and police. A couple of Dogwood residents have expressed concern about access if Dogwood is blocked. There are grave concerns about emergency vehicles accessing Dogwood Lane. The City Engineer has given a recommendation.

Don Helton asked the Mayor and Council to define whether emergency vehicles do not have access to Dogwood Lane.

Michael Logsdon stated 25 years ago there was a farm gate that could be lifted and moved. He suggested hanging a farm gate on eye hooks that can be easily moved.

Bethany Major and Rex Florence requested a survey of the 11 Dogwood residents to find out what they want done. This issue will be on the September 9, 2015 Agenda.

Police Report

There are item thefts from unlocked cars taking place everywhere. Please keep your doors locked.

The County has a new Code Enforcement Officer. He is very pro-active in monitoring for code violations.

Total police activity report for July:

Traffic

Traffic Stops.....160
Citations16
Warnings.....148
Motorist Assists1

Criminal & Miscellaneous

Complaints45
Criminal Investigations.....20
Code Enforcement9
School Patrols17

Announcements

- Mayor Rogers thanked Donna Russell for writing a 750 word essay highlighting the City's activity in the area of environment/revitalization for entry to the Kentucky League of Cities Enterprise Award.

Council Reports

Communication/Website—Henry Walser

The City brochure is finished. It was included in the booth at Oldham County Day.

Festivities/Town Hall/Central Park—Bethany Major

Bethany thanked everyone who helped with the Summer Festival. The next event is a Concert in the Park featuring the Whiskey Bent Valley Boys, Sunday, September 20th, 5 pm to 8 pm.

Movie Night in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, with pumpkin painting at 7 pm and movie at 8 pm.

Bethany thanked everyone who helped with the City's booth at Oldham County Day.

Roads & Drainage—Bob Rogers

Rebel Drive has been asphalted. The next road project is Mt. Mercy.

There was a lot of flooding in July. Town Hall flooded 4-5 inches and dry wall had to be removed. Mayor Rogers thanked Chief Larimore and Glenn Rowland for coming in the early morning and cleaning up after the flood.

New Business

Permanent Sign Permit Application: St. Aloysius School

St. Aloysius School has obtained permission from LG&E to hang a permanent banner on a utility pole across from the school. The banner recognizes the school in achieving the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (earned by only 50 private schools in the nation each year).

Henry Walser motioned to approve the Permanent Sign Application and Bethany Major seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Special Event/Temporary Sign Permit Application: Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church Daycare

The Daycare requests an annual permit to put up their enrollment banner as needed throughout the year.

Bethany Major motioned to approve the Temporary Sign Permit for one year. Henry Walser seconded the motion and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Sign Ordinance Update

John Singler noted the City's sign ordinance needs to include a sub-category for banners for the non-profits. The last amendment to the City's ordinance was to address attached banners for businesses.

LED Lights

Mayor Rogers stated utility cost for street lights is going up. Other cities are beginning to switch to LED lights. We would like to do a joint venture with LG&E for the City's street lights. We may try them in Central Park first. The Council agreed.

Open Comments

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

Rex Florence motioned to adjourn the August 3, 2015 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Henry Walser, with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

September 8, 2015

Date

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk