

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY  
MINUTES OF CITY  
COUNCIL  
Wednesday April 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Jim Allison, Paige Bjorn, Norman Schippert, Emily Rademaker, Angelica Shea and Henry Walser. Also, in attendance were city Attorney, John Singler, City Clerk Denise Haney and about 15 city residents. Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Paige Bjorn made a Motion to approve the April 2024 minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Henry Walser seconded the motion, and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report – No report

Open Comments – The mayor addressed the emergency response to the armed person hiding in the city which recently occurred. County emergency services could have done a better job keeping the community informed. The city is considering signing up with an additional alert system called REACH ALERT to allow the City of Pewee Valley to issue additional notices to similar events in the future. The mayor opened the floor for public comment. Mary Lawrey addressed the council. She is here tonight along with about 15 residents to ask the council and the mayor to hire a police chief so that the city has its own police department. She and her supporters are in favor of an individual police department for the city, in addition to the emergency police response already provided by Oldham County Police, which is also supplemented by the additional patrols the city pays for by off duty Oldham County Sheriff's Deputies. She and her supporters continue to believe that the City of Pewee Valley needs and deserves its own police department and that the cost of the department is affordable to the city. After her comment, the mayor called for any additional public comment and there was none.

Police Report –

OCSO Conducted:

54- Traffic Stops

27- Traffic Charges

37- Warnings

11- Calls for Service

6- House watch checks

0-Warrant arrests

Pewee Valley Fire Chief York reports they have made 20 calls for service in March. 9 EMS Runs, 11 Fire Runs, 6 were within the city limits. Reminder of the upcoming EPS regulated burn ban effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. This ban is put in place by the EPS due to the poor ozone quality in our area during the summer months.

Announcements – The Pewee Valley farmer’s market will begin on June 13th and alternate every other Thursday. The book The History of Pewee Valley, The Eden East of Louisville is available for purchase at town hall. The cost is \$25, and proceeds go back to the museum.

#### Council Member Reports-

Public Safety – (Jim Allison) – Went to the Oldham County Fiscal Court to hear how the county was going to deal with the complaints of lack of notice to the community on the recent armed fugitive response. He is not opposed to an additional emergency contact system for the city, but it is only good if the city gets timely information from the county.

Central Park/Town Hall – (Angelica Shea) – The renovations to the front of town hall will begin soon, including removal of one vehicle bay door and replacement with a pedestrian door and windows to match.

Communication – (Henry Walser) – He would support a City of Pewee Valley Police Department if the majority of the city wants it, even though he has had more interaction with law enforcement than anyone in the room.

Sidewalks and Festivals- (Emily Rademaker) – The city needs to look at sidewalks that need repair after the winter and asked the residents at the meeting to report to the city any areas they see that need repair.

Waste Management- (Paige Bjorn) – No report.

Insurance/Water Quality (Norman Schippert) –Insurance has been paid for and renewed with the Kentucky league of Cities Insurance Trust.

Roads- (Bob Rogers) – Wingham Paving won the bid for repaving Shadowood Lane for \$30,601.00. On 4/26/2024 1p.m. in the city park the city will host an environmental day as part of the MS4 Program.

New Business- A motion was made by Henry Walser to approve a temporary sign permit for the Women’s Club Art Show on May 11, 2024. Seconded by Jim Allison, approval was unanimous.

Pay Bills - Motion to pay bills by Paige Bjorn, seconded by Angelica Shea and all approved.

Adjourn - Motion to Adjourn made by Henry Walzer, seconded Angelica Norman Schippert, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.