

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, October 7, 2013. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Rex Florence, Bethany Major, Dick Filippini, and Norman Schippert. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk. Council Member Will Chambers was 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 the September 4, 2013 Minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Rex Florence seconded the motion and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report

The Profit Loss Year-to-Date Comparison and Budget vs. Actual report through September 2013 from the City Treasurer was distributed to Council Members.

Open Comments

John Bishop, 317 LaGrange Road, expressed his sincere thankfulness to Mayor Rogers, the Council and everyone else who worked toward stopping the train horns. Mr. Bishop also thanked Chief Larimore and police departments for the House Watch program.

Judicial System (HB 463)

Judge Jerry Crosby and Judge Diana Wheeler were introduced. The Judges were invited to speak to the City Council to address issues regarding recent crime in Pewee Valley.

Judge Crosby stated first and foremost, until convicted, innocence is presumed. The only crime not entitled to release on bond is murder. There is in place a pretrial release process that begins with arrest. A pre-trial officer interviews the inmate and makes a recommendation to the Judge what the bond should be. The categories used to evaluate the inmate's bond are: low, low-moderate, moderate, moderate-high, and high risk. If the evaluation results fall in to the low categories, then House Bill 463 requires the offender be released on their own recognizance or unsecured bond with pretrial monitoring. There are many who come through the court as repeat offenders. If it can be found that the repeat offender is a danger to the community or a flight risk, the Judge can overrule the statute. Bonds are set twice a day, every 12 hours.

Judge Wheeler stated there was research behind House Bill 463 that showed, surprisingly, monetary bonds are not incentive for offenders to return to court. One of the issues HB 463

addresses is giving jails relief by releasing low to moderate risk inmates. Judges are obligated to release them and allow due process to go forward. All the constitutional rights come into play.

Police Report

Regarding the City's sign ordinance, it states that even if the sign is on private property it is a violation. We have received complaints off and on—sometimes up to three calls a week regarding an illegal sign.

Total police activity report for September:

Traffic Stops..... 214
Citations 63
Warnings..... 157
Motorist Assists..... 6
Accidents..... 0
DUI..... 2
Criminal Investigations.. 9
Complaints..... 41
Code Enforcement..... 25
School Patrols..... 57

Announcements

- Mayor Rogers thanked everyone for the Park Dedication. He stated Laura Eichenberger and Paula Kennedy did a great job. It was a lovely evening.
- The Kentucky League of Cities Safety Grant application period is open until December 15th. We are working on the grant.

Pewee Valley Fire District Board of Directors Report

At the last Board meeting, they were in negotiation with the contractor and attorneys. The cost is still at \$1.5 million. If they hit rock, it will be more.

Council Member Reports

Tree Board—Dick Filippini

Peter Barber, Kentucky Department of Forestry, spent all morning and part of an afternoon prioritizing trees that need to come down. Due to the emerald ash borer and the removal of the Ash trees along Ash Avenue, none of the trees for winter removal last year were taken down.

Insurance/Stormwater—Rex Florence

Mayor Rogers will touch base with Stantec this month regarding the City's Stormwater Permit.

Public Safety/Communication/Website—Henry Walser

The website needs to be upgraded. Mike Thompson has done the LaGrange Fire and Police websites and will do the City's for \$500. The Walser family is donating \$500 and the website will be dedicated to memory of John A. Walser.

A motion accept the \$500 gift to the City from the Walser Family to be used upgrade the City's website and dedicate it to the memory of John A. Walser was made by Norman Schippert and seconded by Bethany Major. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Festivities/Town Hall/Central Park—Bethany Major

Movie in the Park Night is Friday, October 25th, at 8:00 p.m. "The Goonies" will be shown.

Saturday, October 26th is the Pewee Valley Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Day. The Historical Society is sponsoring tours of the historical home, "The Beeches."

The Historical Society is working on improving the African American Cemetery. A group from U of K have written a proposal for the project. Also, there is an old stone church on the Haunz's property that can be moved.

The Yule Log is Sunday, December 8th. The Oldham County singers will perform.

Bethany Major and Laura Eichenberger are working on welcome packets for new Pewee Valley residents and a comprehensive list of all businesses housed in the City to print in the Call of the Pewee along with website and contact information.

Roads and Drainage—Bob Rogers

We have salt for the Winter. Glenn Rowland is having surgery and will be off for four or five weeks.

New Business

Planning & Development Update—John Singler

John Singler stated it is in the City's best interest to continue to be part of the Joint Planning Unit in Oldham County. It makes sense financially and in terms of having a uniform comprehensive plan.

Ordinance 7, Series 2013: Approving Extension of Cable Franchise Agreement—John Singler

This ordinance extends current agreement to December 2016.

A motion for introduction of the first reading of Ordinance 7, Series 2013 was made by Henry Walser, seconded by Norman Schippert. All Council Members present voted in favor.

Sign Permit Request

Laura Hall asked for a sign permit to put up a temporary banner for two weeks (through the Arts & Crafts Day). Also, the Halls would like to coordinate the Christmas lighting with the rest of Town Square.

Bethany Major motioned to approve the permit request for keeping the temporary banner for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Rex Florence and all Council members presented voted in favor.

Open Comments— There was no response to the call for Open Comments.

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

Henry Walser motioned to adjourn the October 7, 2013 Meeting of the City Council, seconded by Rex Florence, with all Council Members present voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Date

Bob Rogers, Mayor

Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk