

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

Thursday January 16, 2025

1. The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Thursday January 16, 2025. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Paige Bjorn, Henry Walser, Emily Rademaker, Norman Schippert, Amanda Mudd, and Rhonda Laguna, city attorney John Singler. City Attorney John Singler took the meeting minutes as clerk Denise Haney was out of the country.
2. Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Henry Walser made a motion to approve the December 2024, minutes of the City Council Meeting. Seconded by Paige Bjorn and all Council Members present voted in favor. Attorney Singler noted that each member of the council was administered the Oath of Office and signed the Oath of Office form which was filed with the Oldham County City Clerk prior to the new term beginning January 1, 2025. In keeping with tradition Attorney Singler readministered the Oath of Office to all Council Members present to begin the new term.
4. Financial Report: No Report
5. Police Report: The Pewee Valley Police Department Conducted:  
Calls/Runs- 3  
Traffic Stops- 26  
Warnings- 26  
Citations- 0  
Arrests- 0  
DUI- 0  
House Watches-3

Chief Healy reported that the Department planned and implemented traffic and high visibility pedestrian safety plans for Yule Log. There were several hundred attendees with 0 incidents or injuries. The Department conducted PSA's for New Years Eve celebrations including posting to the social media account and on-camera interviews with WDRB and WLKY. The Department focused on high visibility neighborhood patrols to deter package thefts during peak holiday delivery time. Radar locations Highway 146, Rollington. The Department goals are to upgrade social media (quality, frequency and safety information), update posted speed limit signage and explore grant writing opportunities. Retired Metro Police Officer Mike Purcel has been hired on a part time basis.

6. Announcements:

- The minor plat filed for 121 Peace Lane was denied due to lack of front yard setback.
- The city has received a \$14,000 grant for the museum renovation.
- The mayor thanked the community for their patience during the difficult snow and ice conditions. We made it together.
- January 30, 2025 4:30PM there will be a meeting on the Highway 22 expansion at Maples Park in Diebold's Barn. It is important for the community to show up. Many ideas have been proposed.
- The mayor reports a lot of coyotes are out due to snow and ice. It is mating season. The public should be aware.

Reports from Council

7. **Public Safety**- (Paige Bjorn)-Ms. Bjorn cautioned those citizens jogging in the roadway that there is little room to get off the road because of snow and ice.
8. **Insurance/Water Quality/ABC Administration**- (Henry Walser)- No Report
9. **Communication/Website**- (Amanda Mudd)- No Report
10. **Sidewalks/Festivities**- (Emily Rademaker)- The mayor noted that the city has a contract to repair Central Avenue sidewalks.
11. **Town Hall**- (Norman Schippert)- No Report
12. **Waste Management/Central Park**- (Rhonda Laguna)- No Report. However, she asked when council members get the agenda or any other important documents. The mayor noted the City Clerk was in Portugal therefore the agenda and meeting documents were not provided as usual because of her absence.
13. **Roads & Drainage/Environmental Board**- (Bob Rogers)- No Report

New Business

14. Second Reading of Ordinance 6, Series 2024 Budget Amendment. Attorney Singler did a second reading by summary of Ordinance 6 Series 2024 which increased the Police Budget to enable the purchase of a new police car. Norman Schippert made a motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Paige Bjorn. Vote: Approval 5, Opposed 1.

15. Open Comments

Michael Logsdon- Asked the Mayor about using Oldham County Sheriff Officers. The Mayor noted that the cost of the new part-time officer would be in lieu of Oldham County Sheriff patrols and would not increase the budget. Mr. Logsdon commented on the 121 Peace Lane plat and said the city should work to protect the area through its Historic Overlay Committee. Tom Clark agreed and said the city used to have an ordinance requiring a 60-foot easement and possibly that could be revisited. He also expressed concern about enforcement of street weight restrictions.

Ellen Weingardt - commented on the 121 Peace Lane plat. We need to protect historic properties and do more public outreach to protect our treasured historic district.

Tommy Edwards- commented that the 121 Peace Lane plat was denied only on the front setback and the plat can be revised to remove that defect.

Beach Craigmyle- commented on 121 Peace Lane. The city needs to expand the boundaries of its Overlay District.

Clayton Stoess- commented that the 121 Peace Lane plat can be redrawn and therefore 40 acres in the historic Central Avenue District should be protected by the Historic District Overlay.

Pat Harned - commented that the city meeting should be videotaped and put on the website because that is the new trend.

16. Pay Bills- Motion to pay bills by Henry Walser, seconded by Paige Bjorn and 5 council members approved and Council member Rhonda Laguna abstained.
17. Motion to Adjourn made by Henry Walser, seconded by Paige Bjorn, Rhonda Laguna abstained from voting, all others approved.

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Bob Rogers, Mayor

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City Clerk