

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY  
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday January 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2022. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Paige Bjorn, Henry Walser, Jim Allison, Norman Schippert, Angelica Shea and Emily Rademaker. Also in attendance were City Attorney, John Singler and city clerk Denise Haney

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

District Court Judge Jerry Crosby formally swore in the elected city council members and mayor.

Henry Walser made a Motion to approve the December 2022 minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Paige Bjorn seconded the motion, and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report- Monthly report presented. 98% of 2022 property taxes have been paid.

**Open Comments** – Edgewood resident Tim Reid addressed the council about the continued public safety and traffic issues when the trains stop and block intersections in the city. He asked the council what the city could do to mitigate the situation if the railroad will not. Mayor Rogers told Mr. Reid that he has addressed the state and basically has been told the trains have the authority to stop. Mayor Rogers spoke with Jason Nemes and said he is going to gather a list of people that he can meet with, including the press, to address the safety of schoolchildren and residents and how it can be met if there is a train blocking intersections to allow emergency vehicles through. Residents can also call dispatch at 222-0111 to inform them the train is stopped in the city. Mr. Reid and council member Norman Schippert asked of the city could develop their own plan for alerting residents of the trains, whether a train cam, posting a train schedule or possible litigation. Meetings and discussions of possible solutions will continue to be explored.

**Police Report** – Officer Chris Fitzner stated that overall things are running smoothly but he has noticed some extreme speeding in particular areas, especially on Mt. Mercy, and cited two drivers for it which included reckless driving and wanton endangerment.

OCSO Conducted:

101 Traffic Stops

39 Traffic Charges

65 Warnings

6 Calls for service

10 House watch checks

The Pewee Valley Fire dept. reports they have made 25 calls for service in December, 6 within city limits.

**Announcements** –The mayor thanked Glenn Rowland for his hard work clearing the roads during the extreme cold and snow. The city will be again sponsor two Oldham County Community Scholarships.

**Council Member Reports-**

**Public Safety-** Jim Allison said he spoke with Jason Nemes about setting up a meeting with CSX and Ford about the trains and possibly having a town hall meeting. He followed up to see if there was any additional information about hiring a new police chief and documenting that procedure. Mayor Rogers stated that he is researching procedures for hiring police chief.

**Central Park/Town Hall** – (Angelica Shea) – No report

**Communication** – (Henry Walser) No report.

**Sidewalks and Festivals-** (Emily Rademaker) No report

**Waste Management-** (Paige Bjorn) -

**Insurance/Water Quality** (Norman Schippert) - No Report

**Roads-** (Bob Rogers) - The city is accepting applications for a new engineer.

**New Business** – A motion was made by Jim Allison and seconded by Henry Walser to re-appoint George Chapman, Paige Bjorn, Carol Goodrich, Shelley Schippert, Tom Clark and to the Pewee Valley Board of Adjustments and Appeals. All council members voted to approve the motion.

**Pay Bills** - Motion to pay bills by Henry Walser, seconded by Paige Bjorn and all approved.

**Adjourn** - Motion to Adjourn made by Henry Walser, seconded by Paige Bjorn, and all approved.