

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday March 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Jim Allison, Paige Bjorn, Norman Schippert, Emily Rademaker and Angelica Shea. 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.

Norman Schippert made a Motion to approve the February 2024 minutes of the City Council Meeting as written. Angelica Shea seconded the motion, and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report – 2 taxes for 2023 remain delinquent... 119 Mt. Mercy Place and 104 Castlewood

Open Comments – Residents of Maple Avenue expressed their various opinions regarding sidewalks on Maple Avenue. One resident stated that she did not feel a need for sidewalks due to drainage issues, losing mature trees, placements of utilities, maintenance of sidewalks, and if it is a public safety issue in response to speeding on Maple then that needs to be addressed specifically. As taxpayers, residents want to have a say about how tax money is spent, and residents have repeatedly voiced concerns about hiring a Pewee Valley police officer. The mayor reiterated he would be happy to break down what would be required to hire an officer and that it has changed drastically since wages, retirement, and worker's compensation have increased and fewer officers are in the workforce. Another resident asked if something needed 100% approval from residents of a street for proposed projects, the council stated they do not, but a petition is necessary to gauge the interest of the residents regarding said project. Final approval ultimately comes from the council. Overall, the residents want to know what can be done as a community. Council member Emily Rademaker shared this concern and spoke with the city and county officials who stated that the city is getting more police hours, better equipment, and better overall coverage by contracting through Oldham County.

The mayor stated that all of the feedback is in response to hearsay on a Facebook page that is not the official city of Pewee Valley FB page or affiliated with official city business or projects.

Tom Clark asked for residents to participate in the Oldham County Bicentennial celebration by recognizing Pewee Valley's uniqueness and amazing history and implored residents to purchase and read the new book and to check out the city's historical website. There is an Arts Festival in May and would love volunteers to help man the Pewee Valley booth.

Police Report –

OCSO Conducted:

40 - Traffic Stops

23 - Traffic Charges

24 - Warnings

2 - Calls for service

5 - House watch checks

0- Warrant arrest

Pewee Valley Fire Chief York reports they have made 25 calls for service in June. 12 EMS assists, 13 Fire calls and 5 of the 25 were within the city limits.

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) – Reminds everyone to lock your cars and do not leave personal articles in your vehicle. Please wear light colored clothes and carry a light when walking during darker hours. Jim would like St. Al’s and the city to review the agreed parking and traffic plan made with the city regarding the fish fry. Jim thanked Chris Fitzner for mapping out city streets, and speed limits will be assessed.

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

Communication – (Henry Walser) - No report.

Sidewalks and Festivals- (Emily Rademaker) – No report.

Waste Management- (Paige Bjorn) – No report.

Insurance/Water Quality (Norman Schippert) – No report.

Roads- (Bob Rogers) – Oak Valley will be paved in the spring. The city will bid out through the county repaving of Shadowood.

Open Comments - None

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

Adjourn - Motion to Adjourn made by Norman Schippert, seconded Angelica Shea, and all approved.