

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY
MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday July 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Jim Allison, Paige Bjorn, Norman Schippert, 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.

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

Financial Report – None

Police Report –

OCSO Conducted:

38 - Traffic Stops

25 - Traffic Charges

25 - Warnings

9 - Calls for service

10 - House watch checks

0- Warrant arrest

Pewee Valley Fire Chief York reports they have made 29 calls for service in June. EMS assist calls were 14, fire calls were 15 of the 29, 8 were within the city limits.

Announcements – The Pewee Valley summer picnic is Saturday August 3rd from 6 to 10pm featuring the Monarchs. Kidzone will be in the park featuring bounce houses, balloons, face painting and petting zoo. The fire department will again be grilling to raise funds for the Children’s Crusade.

Council Member Reports-

Public Safety – (Jim Allison) – Reiterated that the public safety budget and police budget are two different line items for the city. Public safety covers signage, streetlights and the purchase of flock cameras etc. The police budget covers just items related to police protection. He also would like residents to take a close look at the police survey, noting that a 24% CITY tax increase on average is not a significant bump, averaging about \$12 to \$17 a month for the average tax bill. You can see how much you paid in taxes on the city website to compare.

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) – The city will bid out (piggybacking with the county) milling and repaving of Rosswoods as the next road project.

New Business – Attorney Singler presented by summary the second reading of Ordinance 2, Series 2024 an Ordinance relating to the encroachment permit process which updates the language to change the fee of the permit and how to work security into the bond protecting the city from using taxpayer dollars. A motion was made by Norman Schippert to accept the second reading by summary, seconded by Paige Bjorn, roll call vote was taken and all council members present voted in favor to pass the ordinance.

Open Comments – A few residents reiterated they would like the council to take into consideration when reviewing the surveys that both options 2 and 3 call for an officer and these residents are fine with either as long as a police officer is hired for the city. Other residents would have liked clarity on the impact of a 24% city tax increase and how that affects their bill and if other sources of revenue have been explored. Attorney Singler explained that a CITY tax increase requires a public hearing in a certain statutory way and a petition must be filed to have a tax increase on the ballot. A notice must be filed explaining to residents how to file the petition to force the tax increase on the ballot, it is up to the community. Other residents asked how the mailing was sent out, because there were residents that did not receive the survey. The mailing was based on the Call of the Pewee mailer and if someone did not receive the survey just contact the office and it will be delivered and the clerk asked that residents, please check the website for updates and sign up for constant contact, reach alert, and the Call of the Pewee if you would like. A resident thanked the mayor and city for clearing the right-of-way near the railroad and how much better it looks.

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

Adjourn - Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Allison, seconded Angelica Shea, and all approved.