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COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday February 4, 2025. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Allen Ford, Henry Walser, Paige Bjorn, Emily Rademaker, Amanda Mudd, Norman Schippert, city attorney John Singler and clerk Denise Haney.

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

A motion was made by Henry Walser, seconded by Paige Bjorn to approve January 2026 minutes of the City Council and approved by all council members present. Financial Report: Updated financials were presented. The city continues to collect property taxes and 99% total collected.

Police Report:

Courtesy notices - 26

Traffic Stops – 64

Citations – 34 (8 of those will appear in court for misdemeanor charges for various violations)

House Watches - 6

Calls for Service – 6

Self-initiated calls for service – 3

No crime reports within the city

Announcements –The office will be closed the week of February 16th. The museum is nearly finished; flooring and lights will be the final steps and then the work will begin to go through materials and set up displays.

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Reports from Council

Public Safety- (Paige Bjorn) – Paige thanked the road crew for their work during the snow.

Insurance/Water Quality/ABC Administration - (Henry Walser) - No report

Communication/Website- (Amanda Mudd) – Please sign up for Reach Alert on the website it is the best way to receive updated notifications.

Sidewalks/Festivities- (Emily Rademaker) – The overlay committee has paused on pursuing new ordinances regarding the historic district. Unless an issue arises, the committee will not continue to meet monthly. The city engineer is addressing issues and putting a plan together regarding the sidewalk on Maple, one tree has been removed. Shakespeare in the Park will be April 23rd.

Town Hall - (Norman Schippert) – No report.

Waste Management/Central Park- (Allen Ford) – Republic has had difficulty on some roads picking up due to the weather, residents will have to wait until the next regularly scheduled pick up date. We would love to have new people join our historical society.



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Roads & Drainage/Environmental

Board- (Bob Rogers) – It has been a trying time with the snow, and the city is looking into adding new equipment and outsourcing certain areas. The mayor thanked Glenn Rowland for taking great care of the roads during the snow and Chris Hosler for clearing the town square of snow.

New Business –

LaGrange Mayor John Black introduced himself and asked for support from the council and residents in his election for office of county judge executive. He reiterated his love for the county, his mayoral experience and work with specific contacts like the department of transportation, his dealings with Frankfort, and the ability to listen to residents regarding concerns for their specific areas of the county.

OC planning commission employee William Douglas introduced himself and asked for support as he is running for District 5 magistrate. He talked about his experience as stormwater chairman and in law enforcement, starting as a LaGrange officer, then with the drug enforcement administration. He moved into public service and was appointed to the planning commission. He is an advocate of public safety, smart economic growth and good stewardship of taxpayer money.

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JD Sparks introduced himself and stated that he is running for Magistrate. He worked as division director in the energy and environment cabinet and worked in Ky Emergency Management He is a Marine veteran and reiterated his love of community work and asks for your support.

Council member Emily Rademaker proposed hiring a company to develop a master plan for the city, this plan would assess and survey the community for their vision of the city and conceptualize it. Emily reiterated the charm of our city and how we keep it, so people continually desire to live here. She encouraged the council and residents to look at the Crestwood master plan (on their city website), so you have an idea of what a master plan looks like.

Open Comments –

Mary Lowry thanked the council for passing the ordinance updating the lot size to 1.5 acres. She offered her help with the development of a master plan for the city and thanked the mayor for the help during the snow and addressing the need for newer equipment and additional manpower if needed.

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Michael Logsdon urged council members and residents to pay attention to the dealings in Frankfort because they mandate what cities and counties do but do not fund these projects. Please contact David Osborne and especially Jason Nemes if you have any concerns. Michael thanked the mayor and Glenn for helping with the roads and can help with bids for outsourcing, salt, etc...

Motion to pay the bills by Henry Walser, seconded by Emily Rademaker and approved by all council members present. Motion to Adjourn made by Henry Walser, seconded Emily Rademaker, and approved by all council members present
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PV Black History

Frazier Town is a historical African American neighborhood that sprang up in the 1870s. It lies just beyond Pewee Valley's city limits off Rollington Road close to the Jefferson County-Oldham County line. It appeared first on the 1879 Beers & Lanagan Atlas of Pewee Valley as a small collection of about nine homes clustered near a "Colored Church" -- Sycamore Methodist Chapel -- directly behind George Fisher's farm. Sycamore Chapel served as the nucleus of the new African American neighborhood.

Originally, the black Baptist and Methodist congregations shared a combination church/school facility on Old Floydsburg Road in Stumptown, built and paid for by the Freedmen's Bureau in 1869. Local lore suggests that the Frazier Town community was named for Bartlett Frazier, a freedman who at one time owned land there. Originally born in Louisiana, his first documented presence in the Pewee Valley area occurs in the 1870 census. At that time, he was living at Clovercroft, then the home of Milton M. Rhorer, and was one of three servants/laborers residing on the estate's grounds. It's possible that Frazier came to Kentucky with Rhorer from Louisiana.

In 1874 -- eight years after moving to Pewee Valley -- the Milton Rhorer family picked up stakes and moved to California. By then, the Fraziers, who had been married since 1863, already owned land in what would become the Frazier Town neighborhood. On November 9, 1870, they had purchased an acre from William Hill. By the time of the 1880 census, the Fraziers were living on their two-and-a-half acres. Bartlett was employed as a farm laborer and Mary as a laundress. His year of birth was estimated as 1840, and hers as 1836. The Fraziers owned that property until Mary's death on July 2, 1912. Bartlett had died before then. Mary was listed as a widow on the 1910 census and was working as a housekeeper. Although the Fraziers had two children, neither lived to adulthood. With no heirs, Mary decided to leave her land for the benefit of the community. A copy of her will, dated May 17, 1912, and witnessed by her physician, her neighbor Harriet Gibson, and several white neighbors in Rollington, is on file at the Oldham County Courthouse.



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****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

The city of Pewee Valley has a rich history and as our museum renovations are coming to a close, we need help! There are a lot of artifacts and records to sort through.

The historical society of Pewee Valley invites any interested residents of Pewee Valley to get involved and join us in our volunteer activities. We are involved in a variety of things such as managing and maintaining the museum at town hall, as well as a variety of different historical related matters. We are dedicated to preserving and telling the history of Pewee Valley and its residents for future generations. Email Allen at: ford@peweevalleyky.org

EVENTS

WE ARE CELEBRATING THEE BARD'S BIRTHDAY WITH SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK ON APRIL 23RD, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



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ACTIVITY

March 4	6:30 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting Town Hall	Pewee Valley 241-8343
Feb 16	7 PM - PVFPD Board of Trustees Meeting	For info contact clerk@ peweevalleyky.org
March 16	7 pm - Pewee Valley Environmental Board Meeting -	Pewee Valley 241-8343
Wed Feb 18	10:30 am Pewee Valley Woman's Club Meeting - 218 Mt. Mercy. If interested, please call. Liz Carter 502 802-3727	Pat Nieters 502-241-7203



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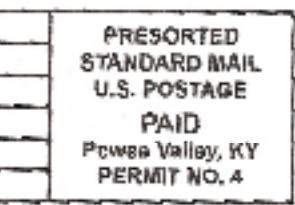
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