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## FALL TREE PLANTING TIPS

The cooler weather is perfect for fall planting because the trees are better able to retain moisture. Despite the cold, as long as you're able to stick a spade in the ground, it's okay to plant your trees. They will stay dormant through the season and bud in the spring. In fact, the roots will have more time to establish themselves, allowing them to bloom more lavishly and acclimate to the warmer weather easier. Plants with an established root system better withstand heat and wind the following summer. Additionally, pests and diseases are less likely to inflict trees in the cooler weather.

Fall is also great for pruning older trees since most of the branches will be leaf-free.

Here's a few helpful things to know when planting in the fall:

If you're not able to plant immediately don't worry, you can store your trees in a cool, dry place for up to five days. The garage or basement are perfect.

If you know you won't be able to plant your trees within a week, then consider heeling in your trees. Better yet, be proactive and pre-dig your holes before the cooler weather sets in. Store the dirt you removed from the holes in a garage or tool shed to prevent it from hardening and becoming more difficult to work with when it comes time to planting.

When planting in the fall it's important to use mulch around your trees to reduce the possibility of freezing and thawing that can lead to frost heaving. Mulch has multiple benefits including preventing evaporation, water runoff, improving water penetration to the root zones and limits weed growth that may also compete for water. A 2- to 3- inch layer is most effective.

Avoid planting in pots, unless it is a last resort. If you are planting in a pot for the season and intend to transplant it in the spring, be sure to keep the pot indoors or in the garage. One thing to note is that when you do transplant in the spring it will be important to slowly reintroduce the plants to outdoor conditions by leaving them in the pots before transplanting into the ground.

Snow on the ground does not mean your soil is frozen. In order to freeze, your day time low temperature has to stay below 32°F for 4-6 weeks. (information provided by the Arbor Day Foundation)

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# COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday October 1, 2025. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Allen Ford, Paige Bjorn, Norman Schippert, Emily Rademaker, Amanda Mudd, 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 Norman Schippert, seconded by Paige Bjorn to approve September 2025 minutes of the City Council and special council meeting minutes from Sept 25th, 2025, and approved by all council members present.

**Financial Report:** CPA Richard Paulmann presented the audit report. (Full reports are available at town hall) A motion to approve the audit was made by Paige Bjorn, seconded by Amanda Mudd and approved by all council members present.

## Police Report:

Courtesy notices - 12

Traffic Stops – 30

Citations - 18

Hose Watches - 2

Calls for Service – 8

Chief Healey and Ofc Purcell completed additional in-service classes via Blackboard.

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We were able to secure grants for new body armor, ballistic plates, ballistic helmets and a ballistic shield at no cost to Peewee Valley taxpayers. We were also able to secure a 6000.00 credit from FLOCK for our current FLOCK cameras. I would like to clarify a type-o regarding our July numbers. In July we had (58) stops with (24) citations and (34) courtesy notices. The numbers posted showed the (24) citations as (24) "calls for service" which is where the confusion may have come in.

We had some car hoppers hit the Edgewood subdivision in which they appear to be armed. We posted a PSA regarding this activity immediately after reviewing camera footage. We continue to highly encourage citizens to lock their cars, keep garage doors secure and not leave any valuables, especially firearms, in your vehicles. Thank you.

**Announcements** –The mayor thanked Richard Paulmann and Stan Clark for their work on the budget and audit. Tree giveaway is October the 4th at 9am in Central Park. The electric for the museum renovation will start next week, and the framers will begin in the museum after the initial electric is installed.

## Reports from Council

**Public Safety-** (Paige Bjorn) – The city is working on a location for a new flock camera.

**Insurance/Water Quality/ABC Administration** - (Henry Walser) - No report  
**Communication/Website-** (Amanda Mudd) – No report.

**Sidewalks/Festivities-** (Emily Rademaker) – Just a reminder the fall festival is Saturday, October 4th, with kids' zone, vendors, and live music. The city is meeting with engineers and collecting bids for the sidewalk project on Maple Avenue. This sidewalk will run from La Grange Road to Elm; it will be approx. 4 feet wide, with concrete/asphalt aprons over gravel drives and ADA compliant. The mayor is working on an engineer to present a plan for the sidewalk. The overlay commission met and was presented with a rough draft of a vision plan for the city. It will be tweaked based on community input with priority being to obtain the historic charm and character of the city.

**Town Hall** - (Norman Schippert) – No report

**Waste Management/Central Park-** (Allen Ford) – No report

**Roads & Drainage/Environmental Board-** (Bob Rogers) – There is plenty of salt for the winter. Minor repairs are being done on the blazer. A study was compiled from OC dispatch on accidents on Hwy 22 near the Clore Lane/Wooldridge interchange.

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Since 2022 there have been 168 accidents, (31 were injury accidents) so a letter was drafted from traffic engineer Diane Zimmerman from the city to the state with a request to lower the speed limit to 35 mph from 45 mph. A motion was made by Paige Bjorn to send the request to the State Road Department, seconded by Norman Schippert and approved by all council members present. Bids for 2 future asphalt projects (Old Floydsburg and Red Plum) came in and the city is working on a grant to help with the costs of these projects.

**New Business** – A motion was made by Norman Schippert to approve the temporary sign permit submitted by St. Al's. This was seconded by Paige Bjorn and approved by all council members present.

**Open Comments** – A resident asked if the sidewalk could be connected from Central Court to Peace Lane. The mayor and Emily Rademaker said they would look into accessibility for a path.

**Pay Bills-** Motion to pay bills by Paige Bjorn, seconded by Amanda Mudd and all council members present approved.

Motion to Adjourn made by Paige Bjorn, seconded by Allen Ford, and approved by all council members present (Minutes are not official until approved at the council meeting)

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2025.**

A few fun facts about  
Daylight Saving Time:

Daylight saving time negatively  
affects night owls more than morning  
people.

When President Wilson signed day-  
light saving time into law during WW  
I, it was commonly called “fast time.”  
During WW II, when it was again put  
in force after the bombing of Pearl  
Harbor, it was called “War Time.” Re-  
searchers found a 2% decrease in  
SAT scores when the tests were ad-  
ministered after daylight saving time.  
Contrary to common belief, farmers  
did not lobby for daylight saving time  
and even fought against it in 1919.

However, they lost against urban  
retail outlets, such as fast food and  
tourist companies, who were in favor  
of the time change.

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Steven and Carolyn Nicaise to Trustees of the Steven and Carolyn Nicaise Living Trust, 7400 Powhatan Lane, FMV \$350,000.00, warranty deed.

Jane Ferebee-Grady and Jason Caldwell Grady to Jane Ferebee Grady and Jason Caldwell Grady, address of 208 Maple Avenue, FMV\$320,000, quitclaim deed.

Matthew and Kamille Bayless to Ashton and Joshua Hunley, Lot 1 containing 1.239 acres more or less Maple Avenue, \$1,060,000.00, general warranty deed. There's something festive about the chang-

Patrick Vaughn to William and Raegan Ferrell. :Lot 8 Tract A and Lot 9 Ross Woods, \$500,000

Karen Swinney to Jeremy and Jonathan Swinney Trustees of the Swinney Family Irrevocable Trust , 1.21 plus or minus acres on maple Avenue, FMV \$270,000 quitclaim deed.



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# PEWEE VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## ACTIVITY

Wed Nov 5	6:30 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting Town Hall	Pewee Valley 241-8343
Sunday, December 7th	Yule log celebration	For info contact clerk@ peweevalleyky.org
Mon Oct 20th	7 pm - Pewee Valley Environmental Board Meeting -	Pewee Valley 241-8343
Wed Oct 15th	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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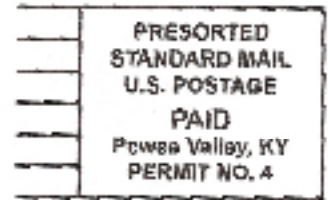
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Council of the City of  
Pewee Valley, Kentucky

### Opinions

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, , and the aggregate discretely presented component units, each remaining fund, and remaining fund information of The City of Pewee Valley, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The City of Pewee Valley 's basic financial statement listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate remaining information of The City of Pewee Valley, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The City of Pewee Valley and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The City of Pewee Valley's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The City of Pewee Valley's internal control. Accordingly no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgement, there are conditions or events, considering in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The City of Pewee Valley's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that I identified during the audit.

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5-8 and 25-26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with our audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide assurance.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated September 23, 2025 on my consideration of The City of Pewee Valley's internal control over financial reporting and on tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards in considering The City of Pewee Valley's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Richard F. Paulmann*

Richard F. Paulmann CPA, LLC  
Pewee Valley, KY  
September 23, 2025

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY, KENTUCKY  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$2,337,580	\$ 417,580
REVENUES				
Property taxes	326,000	326,000	326,587	587
Insurance premium taxes	475,000	475,000	508,619	33,619
Franchise fees	5,200	5,200	5,689	489
Grants and miscellaneous revenues	10,000	10,000	8,169	(1,831)
Reimbursed Expenses	-	-	182	182
Miscellaneous income	12,150	12,150	17,285	5,135
Interest income	30,000	30,000	70,237	40,237
Total Revenues	<u>858,350</u>	<u>858,350</u>	<u>936,768</u>	<u>78,418</u>
Total Revenues and Resources	2,778,350	2,778,350	3,274,348	495,998
Expenditures				
Administrative	90,000	95,000	94,099	901
ABC Administration	500	500	102	398
Communications	16,000	16,000	15,859	141
Contingency	20,000	15,000	-	15,000
Environmental improvements	72,500	72,500	67,430	5,070
Festivities	20,000	20,000	15,467	4,533
Historical Society	2,500	2,500	1,220	1,280
Insurance	32,000	32,000	24,973	7,027
Road and drainage	200,000	200,000	199,894	106
Central Park improvement	15,000	15,000	9,341	5,659
Town Hall	30,000	30,000	25,102	4,898
Waste Management	98,000	98,000	91,796	6,204
Police	147,200	217,200	191,928	25,272
Sidewalks & Town Square	75,000	75,000	33,822	41,178
Public Safety	35,000	35,000	25,940	9,060
Total Expenditures	<u>853,700</u>	<u>923,700</u>	<u>796,973</u>	<u>126,727</u>
FUND BALANCE ENDING	<u>\$ 1,924,650</u>	<u>\$ 1,854,650</u>	<u>\$ 2,477,375</u>	<u>\$ 622,725</u>

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY, KENTUCKY  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Municipal road aid	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 36,191	\$ 8,691
Interest income	700	700	2,902	2,202
Total Revenues	<u>28,200</u>	<u>28,200</u>	<u>39,093</u>	<u>10,893</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Road and drainage	28,200	28,200	7,375	20,825
Total Expenditures	<u>28,200</u>	<u>28,200</u>	<u>7,375</u>	<u>20,825</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>31,718</u>	\$ <u>(9,932)</u>

STORM WATER FUND

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Storm water fees	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,743</u>	<u>743</u>
Total Revenues	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,743</u>	<u>743</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Water Quality Management	26,000	26,000	16,266	9,734
Total Expenditures	<u>26,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>16,266</u>	<u>9,734</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>10,477</u>	\$ <u>10,477</u>