

CITY OF PEWEE VALLEY

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday May 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Wednesday May 7, 2025. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members: Paige Bjorn, Henry Walser, Emily Rademaker, Rhonda Laguna, Norman Schippert, and 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.

Henry Walser made a motion to approve the April 2025 minutes of the City Council Meeting, second by Paige Bjorn and all Council Members present voted in favor.

Financial Report: Updated financials were presented.

Police Report:

Calls/Runs- 8

Traffic Stops- 28

Warnings- 13

Citations- 15

Arrests- 0

DUI- 0

House Watches- 3

We continue to upgrade and update social media and are working to update speed limit signs. We continue to send PSAs, the previous one was regarding drunk driving, the next PSA will address scams.

Announcements – Mayor Rogers recited the Arbor Day Proclamation. The mayor thanked everyone for their help with environmental education day and Shakespeare in the park. He thanked Wingham paving for the great work installing a walking path on Central Ave. He thanked Shelley Schippert for the donation of display cases, and he also thanked Carol Goodrich for her service on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals as she is retiring from the board and the new appointee will be Steve Rademaker. Norman Schippert made a motion to accept Steve Rademaker as the new board member, seconded by Henry Walser, and approved by the council. The mayor thanked Michael Logsdon for his work to help get a contract to restore Rollington Road.

Reports from Council

Public Safety- (Paige Bjorn) – Walkers please wear reflective clothing and follow pedestrian rules for the road.

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

Communication/Website- (Amanda Mudd) – The website has the calendar of events on the bottom of the homepage. If you see something that needs to be adjusted, please let Amanda know. Cameras for streaming of council meetings hopefully will be installed in July or August. Amanda requested headshots for council members and if you are a Pewee Valley business and want to be added to the website please contact Amanda. Reach alerts will go out as needed.

Sidewalks/Festivities- (Emily Rademaker) – There will be a movie in the park on June 6th, the film will be “The Wild Robot”, starting at 8 p.m.

Town Hall- (Norman Schippert) – Townhall will be getting an upgrade to the electric panel.

Waste Management/Central Park- (Rhonda Laguna) – No report

Roads & Drainage/Environmental Board- (Bob Rogers) – The pothole on Maple Avenue was repaired. Libs paving will be repainting speedhumps.

New Business

A motion to accept the Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the City of Pewee Valley and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, was made by Norman Schippert, seconded by Henry Walser and approved by all council members.

A second reading by summary was presented by John Singler of Ordinance 2, Series 2025 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7, Series 2022 Establishing A Pewee Valley Overlay District Commission and Establishing Regulations for the Creation of Overlay Districts. Emily Rademaker explained the ordinance would add 4 members to the overlay commission and establish regular meeting dates, which are the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Norman Schippert, seconded by Henry Walser and approved by all council members.

Attorney Singler introduced and summarized the first reading of City of Pewee Valley Ordinance No 3, Series 2025 An Ordinance Establishing the Budget for The City of Pewee Valley for The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 202 And Ending June 30, 2026. A motion to accept the introduction and first reading was made by Norman Schippert, seconded by Amanda Mudd and approved by the council.

Attorney Singler introduced and summarized the first reading of City of Pewee Ordinance No 4, Series 2025 An Ordinance Establishing The Tax Rate For Ad Valorem Taxes On Real Property For The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 In The City Of Pewee Valley, Kentucky, And The Levy Of An Ad Valorem Tax Thereon For The General Operation Purposes Of The City For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, To June 30, 2026. A motion to accept the introduction and first reading was made by Rhonda Laguna, seconded by Amanda Mudd and approved by the council.

Open Comments

Clayton Stoess asked when the cameras would be installed and if the meetings will be streamed. Amanda reiterated camera installation should be over for streaming. Clayton also asked why the

overlay committee meeting was delayed. Emily Rademaker stated that they are still waiting to hear from Jim Urban about which properties should be considered for the historic district and then the new committee members can hear the suggestions and plans from the beginning at the June meeting. Clayton asked what the subject of the cancelled Board of Adjustment and Appeals meeting was going to be. The mayor told him it was for Peace Lane, but it was settled as they withdrew their application for the plat. The mayor thanked John Singler and George Chapman for their work on getting the issue resolved.

Jim Allison pointed out that the proposed data center may impose increased utility rates and projects like that should be addressed by our overlay committee so Pewee can avoid these types of problems. He also asked residents to push our county representatives to impose legislation to avoid expansion as well.

Mary Lowry reiterated Jim Allison's concerns and wants Pewee Valley to be protected from these proposed developments, such as data centers. She asked what the council's position is on the issue, and the mayor stated that once the facts are presented, instead of hearsay, the mayor and council can address the proposed project. She asked residents to fill out the Please complete the survey found at <https://www.occompplan.com/communityengagement>

Tom Clark implored residents to attend the OC Planning and Zoning meetings, to study the maps which are out-of-date, and voice your concerns. It pays to be informed and if you want to keep a quality environment then you need to be involved so take advantage of meetings and seminars offered.

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

Motion to Adjourn made by Henry Walser, seconded by Norman Schippert, and approved by all council members