

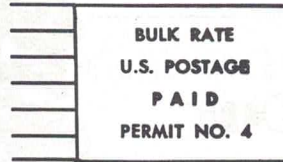
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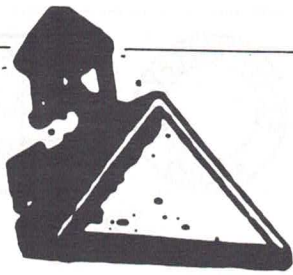


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PEWEE VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL 2003

Our Town



Janette Chapman, City Clerk

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The first regular meeting of the Pewee Valley City Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2003. In attendance were Kevin Arave, Beach Craigmyle, Michael Logsdon, Bob Rogers, Steve Rowland, and Suzy Walser. Also in attendance were City Clerk Janette Chapman, Mayor Clayton Stoess, Jr., and City Attorney John Frith Stewart.

CITY CLERK APPOINTMENT

The first order of business was the appointment by Mayor Stoess of Janette Chapman as the new City Clerk. Mayor Stoess administered the oath of office to Ms. Chapman. Ms. Chapman then presented the minutes of the December Council meeting, which were approved unanimously.

NEW FORMAT FOR MEETINGS

Mayor Stoess proposed and the Council adopted upon unanimous vote a new format for the conduct of City Council meetings. Citizens will have an opportunity to make comments at the beginning of each meeting and may also ask questions and make statements as the meeting progresses and the Council members address business matters. Mayor Stoess then opened the floor for those residents attending the meeting.

Walter Hayes thanked the Council members for their service and welcomed the "new faces" at the table. Don Helton echoed those sentiments and stated that he hoped the City festivals could be revamped. Also he questioned why more local events were not

POLICE REPORT

No officer was present to give the police report. Mayor Stoess confirmed during the meeting that the contract for security services between the City and the Oldham County Police Department has been terminated, effective March 31, 2003.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Rowland presented the financial report for the month, noting that approximately 75% of the budgeted road funds have already been spent prior to the new Council's taking office. He also questioned the ordinance providing for compensation for Council members and for the Mayor, as

COVER PHOTO

The new Mayor and Town Council took the oath of office, administered by Oldham County District Court Judge Diana Wheeler, on January 1, 2003. Pictured are (L-R) Mayor Clayton Stoess, Jr., Suzy Walser, Michael Logsdon, Steve Rowland, Bob Rogers, Kevin Arave, and Beach Craigmyle. Mayor Stoess' objectives for his administration are unity and civic involvement.

the audit for the last fiscal year stated that the compensation was improperly reported. Mayor Stoess asked that Mr. Rowland study the situation and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting as to whether the ordinance should be repealed or amended.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Mayor Stoess introduced the Council members and their respective areas of responsibility, and each member briefly discussed his or her priorities. Mr. Arave will handle Environmental/Properties.

Mr. Craigmyle will handle Communications/Records; he has inherited the launch of the Pewee Valley web site and hopes to post all City ordinances, the Call of the Pewee, and possibly local advertiser links on the site. It is operating at this time and the address is www.peweevalleyky.org. He sees the web site as a potential economic development tool and educational opportunity.

Mr. Logsdon will handle Public Safety. He expressed concern about the "double taxation" of the contract with the OCPD and will concentrate on alternate means of providing security in Our Town. He also questioned the new street signs, noting that they are obscure at night and pose a threat if emergency personnel are unfamiliar with the City and cannot read the signs.

Mr. Rogers will be in charge of Public Works. His immediate concerns center on some bad wiring in the City Hall annex and clogged drainage.

Mr. Rowland will oversee Finance/Legal. He hopes to provide a more thorough accountability for local tax revenues.

Ms. Walser will handle Events/Recreation. She called on all interested citizens to work

with her to help keep these activities a vital part of Our Town.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Stewart reported that the culvert fee lawsuit has been assigned to a three judge panel of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. (The City appealed the ruling of the Oldham County Court that the culvert ordinance was unconstitutional.) The Council discussed whether the ordinance should be repealed in its entirety or whether the fee should be rescinded. Some members of the Council stated that the county ordinances on culvert construction should be sufficient, but others noted that those laws may not be optimal for city construction, as opposed to rural settings. The Mayor advised waiting to address the issue until the court rules in the lawsuit. He asked Mr. Logsdon and Mr. Rogers to get information on specifications for culverts in set out in the Oldham County ordinances and other pertinent locations in the state.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rogers stated that drains in back of City Hall were backing up and dangerous wiring conditions in the annex needed repair; the Council approved a bid of \$835 from Action Electric to remedy the electrical problems and (contingent approval) a bid of \$675 from Crestwood Plumbing to pump out the septic tank, install a new concrete lid, and check the gas lights. If the Pewee Valley Fire Department can do the pumping, then Crestwood Plumbing's bid will not be accepted.

Mayor Stoess emphasized the need for a new copier, fax machine, electric stapler and writing board for Town Hall. The Council members discussed the merits of purchase vs. leasing of these items and voted to authorize the expenditure of \$1000 or less for this purpose. Mr. Arave and Mr. Craigmyle will solicit bids for these items.

The Mayor and Mr. Rogers will attend a KIPDA meeting on Storm Water and Drainage on January 15, 2003, during which on-going drainage problems on Hwy. 146 will be discussed.

Writing and applying for grants with KIPDA were discussed. Mayor Stoess asked the Council to consider whether the City should employ a professional grant writer for this purpose.

Discussion was held on residents' complaints of a stop sign down and garbage on the side of Rollington Road. Mayor Stoess suggested that the Council develop a Resident Request for Action form with three copies – one for the complainant; one for appropriate council member; and one to the Mayor. He distributed a sample form for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Resident Paul Culbertson stated that Edgewood Manor wishes to discuss maintenance of its pavers with Mr. Rogers as part of general City road needs.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor discussed appointments to City offices, committees and boards; he would like to see more citizens involved in these duties. Residents who are interested in

serving Our Town in such a capacity are urged to contact Mayor Stoess or any Council member to make this interest known. The Council reappointed Sallie Haynes as editor of the Call of the Pewee and Virginia Chaudoin as Town Historian.

Tree Board appointments expired December 31, 2002. The Tree Board meets the fourth Monday of the month. The Council reappointed the current Tree Board members to two year terms, expiring in December, 2004. They are: Jim Brewer, Debbie Entwistle, Carol Rose, Belinda Keasler, Vivian Reinhart and Greg Rose.

Among other appointed positions are Town Greeter and Cable Rate Commission.

OTHER ISSUES

Mr. Arave asked the Council to consider changing meeting dates, which would require an ordinance amendment. Council members will discuss the matter at the next Council meeting.

The Council then recessed the regular meeting to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings statute.

When the regular session was reconvened, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon unanimous vote of the City Council.

FEBRUARY MAYOR'S NIGHT IN

Mayor Stoess will be at Town Hall at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, February 18th, to hear your concerns.

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Crestwood Baptist Church will host an interdenominational men's luncheon on February 6, 2002, from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Joe Schoenbaechler, Oldham County Chamber of Commerce President. The "Ironman Luncheon" series addresses issues that face Christians in the workplace, community, and home and is open to all individuals. If possible, please make reservations no later than February 4 by calling 243-9998.



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RHF LLC to William and Ann Boone, 15.9 acres, Ash Ave. and Ky. 362 at 317 Ash Ave., \$776,500.

Walter and Jean Schumm to Oscar and Rosario Weinmann, Lots 1 and 2, 129 Maple Ave., \$158,000.

David and Donna Russell to Lonnie and Connie Young, two tracts of land on Old LaGrange Rd., 114 Edgewood Way, \$369,875.

Terence and Kimberly Rowedamp to Kyle and Desirae Idlemann, Lot 9 Bentbrook Place, 8103 Bentbrook Place, \$380,000.

McWilliams Real Estate Inc. and Earl Carroll Jr. to Joe and Zella Russell, 6805 Central Ave., \$128,000.



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DEATHS

William Russell "Bill" Murphy, age 63, died December 11, 2002, at Norton Suburban Hospital. He was a plant supervisor for Calihan & Co. in Peoria, IL, retired from Armour Foods and a member of Local No. 227 Meat Cutters Union. Survivors include his wife, the former Betty Rankin; two sons, William "Rusty" Murphy Jr. and Troy A. Murphy; a daughter, Vickie D. Murphy; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Edward L. White, age 60, died December 6, 2002, at his home. He was an Army veteran and a member of Kenwood Baptist Church. Survivors include four children, Tennille White, Regina White, Veronica White and Curtis White; his mother, Sue Riddle; a sister and brother; and a host of grandchildren.

Helen Umbolenstock Vaile, age 93, died December 26, 2002, at her home. She was a native of Mechanicsville, Iowa. Survivors include two sons, Frank P. Vaile Jr., and Tim Vaile; a daughter, Roseanne Camacho; and five grandchildren.

John Thomas Bridwell Jr., age 69, died January 8, 2003, in Boonville, IN. He was a retired assembler at General Electric, a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, and a member of First Baptist Church in Pewee Valley. Survivors include a son, John Bridwell III; three daughters, Mary V. Miller, Elaine Bridwell and Sharon Bridwell; three brothers; a sister; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Wesley Aaron Pearman, age 86, died January 10, 2003 at Glasgow State Nursing Facility in Glasgow. He was an Army

veteran of World War II, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pewee Valley and a retired self-employed carpenter. Survivors include his wife, the former Bernice Harbolt; two sons, Rodney L. Pearman and Wesley B. Pearman; a daughter, Sharon Pearman; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION TREES AVAILABLE

The Tree Board has planted additional trees along Mt. Mercy Drive which are available for purchase as memorials or celebrations of loved ones. Approximately 25 trees are available for purchase. The cost is \$150, which includes a stone plaque. (The new stone plaques will eventually replace the old brass plaques.) Call Carol Rose at 241-1178 for more information.

P & Z BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS and Appeals will hear two cases at 7 P.M. on February 4, 2003, which concern Pewee Valley: Request for zoning change on Houston Lane to operate a bed and breakfast, and request for conditional use on Bentbrook Place for encroachment of garage.

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PEWEES OF NOTE

Mary Ann Marcum was named Technician of the Year by the Kentucky Society of Health System Pharmacists at the organization's fall meeting in Lexington. KSHP annually selects a Pharmacist of the year, but this was the first year for the technician's award.

Craig Lee Retzlaff Jr. has received his bachelor's degree from Murray State University.

Air Force Airman **Patrick E. Nethery** has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jane Yantes and a 2001 graduate of South Oldham High School.



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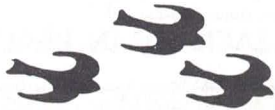
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