

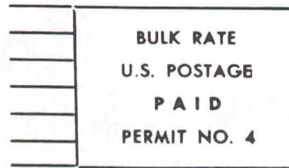
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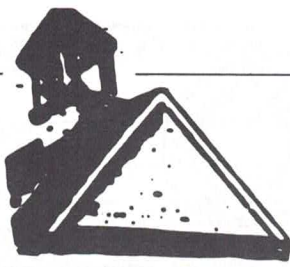


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SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Hall bell was rung at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 4, to open the ninth regularly scheduled City Council meeting for the year 2001. In attendance were Jim Marquardt, Suzanne Schimpeler, Peter Johnson, Kevin Fuqua, Roy Smith, Nathan Smith and Mayor Jim Kincer. Also in attendance were Barbara Webster, City Clerk, and City Attorney John Frith Stewart. Due to the lateness of the hour, this meeting was recessed until September 18. The following is a report of action at both the September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup> sessions.

## **CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

Walter Hayes, spokesperson for ENACT, an organization of concerned citizens against erecting the proposed telephone cell tower, reported that a rally was held outside city hall on August 28. ENACT is now a party of record so that the organization will be copied on all official correspondence relating to the cell tower. As spokesman, Mr. Hayes called for the Council to pass an ordinance regulating the operation and construction of cell towers in Our Town, including licensing fees and percentage rent. Mayor Kincer assured those present that he has been in daily contact with Crown Castle,

builder of the tower, and with local property owners to find an alternate, less offensive location for the proposed cell tower. The Mayor emphasized that he believes it is in the best interests of the City to maintain mutually respectful communication with Crown Castle. He noted that authority to erect towers given under the Federal Communications Act would supersede any ordinance passed by the City; in addition, the Mayor thinks that passage of an ordinance would trigger an immediate application by Crown Castle to erect the cell tower in the proposed, town center location. The Mayor, the City Attorney, and all the Council members are actively and continuously involved in seeking the best possible resolution of this significant issue.

Babs Turner commented that open burning is occurring even though the city is under an open burning ban until October 1. The Council reminds all residents to observe the ban until it is lifted next month. Violations should be reported to the police or fire departments.

Pat Payne noted that parking is only allowed

## **COVER PHOTO**

Marsha Chadwick, of Sunnyside Court, receives the FBI's Humanitarian Service Award from then director Louis A. Freeh at an FBI convention held in June in Wilmington, DE. The award was presented posthumously to her husband, John K. Chadwick, who died in Pewee Valley June 4, 2000, at age 68. With Mrs. Chadwick are her sons, Jeff and Jim. See story page 9.

on one side of narrow city streets; two sided parking would obstruct fire or emergency vehicles. Citizens are reminded of the Pewee Valley ordinance banning parking on both sides of streets. Ms. Payne also asked how much the Oldham County Sheriff's Department will charge for collection of city property taxes. Council member Fuqua responded that the amount will be approximately \$8,000. Ms. Payne suggested that a resident might have been interested in the position of tax collector at this salary. Mayor Kincer responded that the Sheriff's department is set-up to collect taxes; that in his opinion this is the most appropriate system to use; and that the position was advertised in the *Call of the Pewee* to no response.

Louise Marker commented that water is still standing in the drainage ditch on Tulip Ave. Nathan Stewart reported that the State highway department has promised to clean out the drains but is waiting for the necessary equipment to be freed up from other jobs; the city is on the list for clean-up.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Oldham County Police Chief Hicks thanked the Council and citizens for providing part of the old fire station for a police substation. He added that the cost to convert the facility was paid for by money obtained from drug busts. Chief Hicks reported that six officers will be working out of the substation, and that two of the officers will be solely assigned to Pewee Valley. At his request, the Council authorized posting of restricted parking signs in front of the building and granted permission to use one of the fire bays for washing police vehicles. Officer

John Meadors will command the new substation. Commander Meadors reported that there were 43 traffic citations and 23 warnings issued during August. Commander Meadors also mentioned that several OCPD officers took part in a recent Repair Affair and helped to refurbish a Town residence.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

"Doc" Stuedle and Vivian Reinhardt were sworn into office as City representatives to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals by City Attorney Stewart.

Council member Marquardt stated that the car count on Old Forrest Road has been ordered and should be completed within two weeks. Council member Stewart reported that the shoulders on Mt. Mercy Drive have been built up and the road paved and striped. He is concerned that the shoulder will break down from cars parking on it in front of St. Aloysius Church. He is obtaining estimates to gravel the shoulder in front of the church, which has agreed to present the estimate to its governing body for consideration of payment. Mr. Stewart said that other approved culvert and drainage work on city streets is scheduled to begin in October.

Council member Smith presented information about street city signs, which would be double-sided, reflective and measure 30" x 6" at a cost of \$66.53 apiece. Mayor Kincer requested a sample be presented at the next Council meeting. Council member Schimpeler presented a drawing for a city sign to replace the police sign on the caboose. The Council authorized her to spend up to \$1,000 to

George Vaughn, chairman of the Pewee Valley Historic Preservation Commission, presented the Council with a mission and goal statement. He introduced Donna Neary, a consultant who would provide the Commission with information to develop a scope of work for development of an historical overlay district. The Council voted to pay Ms. Neary at the rate of \$60/hour, not to exceed \$2,000, to develop this information.

Council member Johnson reported that a representative from LG&E has agreed to look at the telephone pole on Central Ave. and consider moving it.

Mr. Stewart presented a quote from Enviro-Vac to provide fall leaf collection, for which citizens expressed a desire as a possible alternative to open burning. The charge would be \$110/hour, 3 hour minimum plus dumping charges, to vacuum leaves which have been raked to property lines. Mr. Stewart's motion to accept the proposal and to set-up two dates for collection was not seconded. Mr. Fuqua suggested that a price be fixed per truck filled. The Council voted to pay Enviro-Vac to vacuum leaves on two consecutive Mondays for a price not to exceed \$5,000 as budgeted.

The Council set the date of December 9 for this year's Holiday Festival.

The Council gave the second readings of Ordinances No. 6 (amending the existing Oldham County Goals and Objectives), No. 7 (changing the method of collection of city property taxes), and No. 8, (having to do with indoor and outdoor shooting ranges), Series, 2001. All were enacted and ordained.

The council then went into executive session, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings statute, to discuss potential litigation and the purchase of real estate. When the public meeting resumed, it was recessed until September 18<sup>th</sup>.

At the continuation of the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Kincer called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks upon the United States on September 11, 2001. The Mayor asked that the council begin each council meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, which followed.

Mr. Smith reported a quote of \$250 each for two signs to be placed on the Caboose. He will proceed to order them in blue and white. Council member Johnson reported that LG&E will remove the utility pole on Central Avenue, which doesn't have to be replaced elsewhere, at a cost to the City of approximately \$1,500. Ms. Schimpeler thanked everyone who participated for their help with the historic festival. She proposed the placement of 12 metal hanging signs along Hwy. 146 to promote historic figures in the community at a price of \$159/sign installed. The council passed this measure, subject to obtaining permission from the utility companies to hang the banners would on utility poles. Mr. Marquardt the traffic count results for Old Forrest Rd. It was found that between 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m., 30-40 cars drive on the road at an average speed of 37 mph. These results will be reported to the OCPD for further investigation.

The council next discussed a recent police report concerning a discharge of a firearm in

the City. In response, the council gave the first reading to Ordinance No. 9, Series 2001, which revises the current gun ordinance, to clarify that shooting of firearms is permitted only for protection of persons, family or invitees. BB, pellet and paintball guns are excluded from the ordinance, and the fine shall be increased to an amount up to \$1,500 and/or a jail term not to exceed 30 days.

Mr. Johnson noted that several homeowners have reported that their street number signs have been stolen; the council agreed that the City should continue pay to replace the signs.

The Mayor discussed requiring new construction or development in the City to bury utility lines. If the City had such a requirement and seed money in reserve, he could approach certain government agencies for financial assistance in burying utilities lines underground on public property. The city attorney observed that any requirement would be in the form of an amendment to the Oldham County planning and zoning comprehensive plan instead of an ordinance and the city would have to advertise for a hearing to amend the plan.

The Mayor called for a committee to discuss annexation plans. Members Marquardt, Smith, Johnson and Fuqua volunteered.

The Council again went into executive session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c) and (g), after which the meeting was adjourned.

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**THE LITTLE COLONEL PLAYERS** will present the classic Agatha Christie mystery, Mousetrap, the longest running play in theatrical history which is still in production in London, on October 4-6 and 12-14.

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*A letter from the members of the Pewee Valley Fire Protection District and Colonel Timothy J. Kehl:*

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District, like so many Americans, has faced a myriad of emotions during the month of September. To begin, Our PVFD family celebrates its first anniversary in the new station. We have enjoyed the new structure, as it allows the department to function at a much higher level of efficiency. Also, many capital projects initiated in the past decade have come to fruition: a new apparatus, new self contained breathing apparatus, and a thermal imaging camera. These projects bring us to a wonderful level of service we can offer, as in the past, to those in need.

The new fire engine for Pewee Valley has been on the drawing board for several years. We chose a Seagrave truck because we know these vehicles are very well built; the department currently owns a 1996 Seagrave which has served us well. The new truck replaces a 1973 model Ford.

The self contained breathing apparatus consists of air tanks that firefighters wear on their backs during any structure response and/or hazardous area where the air may be compromised. The new units replace those that have been in service for 20+ years.

The thermal imaging camera placed in service this month allows firefighters to see inside smoke filled areas, thus giving us the opportunity to find victims and the nature of the firespread much more quickly. This camera will save lives and property not only in our community but also in surrounding districts. Ours is only the second department in Oldham County to have this valuable equipment, and its cost, \$15,000 to \$25,000, proved a difficult challenge. Through a huge firefighter effort and the

outstanding support of the community via donations, we were able to make the purchase. Thanks to all of you who gave money for this project—you are the greatest! As stated, the department took delivery of the new fire engine this month. Due to the tragedy in New York and in our nation's capitol, the Seagrave company asked if Pewee Valley would return the truck to the company, where it would then go to assist with the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center. A new truck would be delivered to Pewee Valley in 6-8 months. The department voted unanimously to send the new truck to New York. Pewee Valley was among three departments offering new trucks to rescue effort—the others being departments in Maryland and California. We stood by, ready to assist, when the call came that no trucks were needed at this time.

I would like to thank all of the firefighters, the board of directors, and the community for their tremendous support of our department. We appreciate each community member—those that give so much, like Mrs. Chaudoin, who spearheaded our thermal imaging camera drive with her generous donations and other support, and Mrs. Kehl, who crafted 50 ribbons for each firefighter to show their support for this country during such trying times. Community members will also be available at the department on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to take donations to the WHAS Crusade, which go directly to relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C. Make checks payable to "WHAS Crusade."

The Pewee Valley Fire Protection District is grateful to serve such a wonderful community. We also offer our prayers and thoughts to the heroes in New York and Washington and as always stand ready to

lend our assistance not only to this community but to our great nation.



**God bless our firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical workers here and throughout our land.**

## DEEDS

D.W. Henry Co., Inc. to David and Darcella Henry, 8110 Houston Lane (FMV \$65,000).

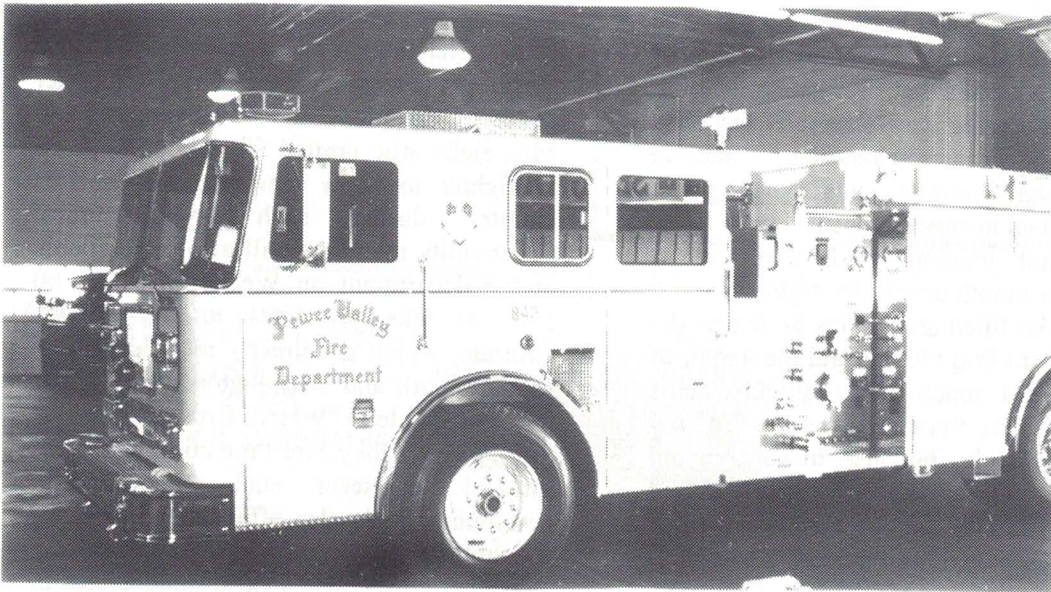
Charles Spaulding to Charles and Sherry Spaulding, Quitclaim, 6317 Old Floydsburg Road (FCV \$125,000).

Charles and Mary Reed to Karl and Mary Elizabeth Bjorn, 208 Cherry Hill Road, \$203,000.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Mary and Robert Mook (Owner); Mike McClain (Builder); 208 SF addition to garage; 7808 Sunset Road; \$6,000.

Steven Applegate (Owner); Control Systems, Inc. (Contractor); Remodeling building for dance studio; 207 W. Hwy. 146; \$15,000.



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**JOHN K. CHADWICK** was awarded, posthumously, the Humanitarian Service Award for his work with Appalachia Service Project and Habitat for Humanity. The award is given annually to a retired FBI agent who has devoted much of his time serving others. Each year, Mr. Chadwick accompanied a group of young people from his church in Hinsdale, IL to Appalachia to help restore homes for the less fortunate. They stayed at the Chadwick home in Pewee Valley on their way to and from Hinsdale. All the young people wanted to be on his team, and he was an inspiration to those lucky enough to be assigned to him. His mission was to teach the youngsters that there is joy in serving. In recognition of the award to Mr. Chadwick's, the FBI Foundation has donated \$1,000 to the Appalachian Service Project and to Habitat for Humanity.

In November, retired and current agents of the FBI in Louisville held a "Louisville Honors Chadwick" day to assist in the construction of the 115<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity home in Louisville. An FBI publication reported on the event, noting that "those who have worked along side John knew of his contagious enthusiasm and quiet leadership. Project participants installed Tyvek house wrap, cut and installed windows and removed temporary construction walls, in temperatures hovering just above freezing."

Mr. Chadwick joined the Chicago staff of the FBI in 1967 and became supervisor of the Major Theft Unit two years later. In 1976, he was promoted to Washington, where he headed the FBI's interstate theft operations. There he initiated undercover operations procedures that are still in place today. Mr. Chadwick returned to Chicago in 1981 and began supervising most of the

region's investigations as the bureau intensified efforts to take on the Mob. Mr. Chadwick made it a habit to personally greet each member of the Mafia taken into the Chicago offices for questioning, reports a former colleague, Jack O'Rourke. "He wanted them to see him face to face, feel their handshake, let them know who they were up against. He was a class guy, supremely smart. You couldn't just get on his squad; there was a waiting list."

Mr. Chadwick retired from the FBI in 1986 and became director of foreign missions for the U.S. State Department in Chicago. He retired from that position in 1992.

Mr. Chadwick had most recently served in Pewee Valley as a member of the Pewee Valley Fire Protection District's board of directors.





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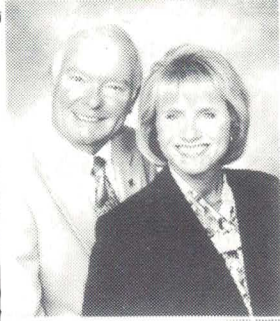
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