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THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Maintaining Your Septic System...

Saves You Money

Regular maintenance fees of \$250 to \$300 every three to four years is a bargain compared to the cost of repairing or replacing a malfunctioning system, which can cost between \$3,000 and \$7,000 for a conventional system. The frequency of pumping required for your system depends on how many people live in your home and the size of the system.

Protects Your Property Value

An unusable septic system or one in disrepair will lower your property value, not to mention pose a potentially costly legal liability.

Keeps You and Your Neighbors Healthy

Household wastewater is loaded with disease-causing bacteria and viruses, as well as high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus. If a septic system is well-maintained and working properly, it will remove most of these pollutants. Insufficiently treated sewage from septic systems can cause groundwater contamination, which can spread disease in humans and animals. Improperly treated sewage also poses the risk of contaminating nearby surface waters, significantly increasing the chance of swimmers contracting a variety of infectious diseases, from

eye and ear infections to acute gastrointestinal illness and hepatitis.

Protects the Environment

More than four billion gallons of wastewater is dispersed below the ground's surface every day. That's a lot of water! Groundwater contaminated by poorly or untreated household wastewater doesn't just pose dangers to drinking water—it poses dangers to the environment. Malfunctioning septic systems release bacteria, viruses, and chemicals toxic to local waterways. When these pollutants are released into the ground, they eventually enter streams, rivers, lakes, and more, harming local ecosystems by killing native plants, fish, and shellfish.

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The EPA's SepticSmart initiative is a nationwide public education effort that aims to inform homeowners living on properties serviced by septic systems on the importance of properly maintaining their septic system and provide valuable resources to help homeowners make important decisions regarding their wastewater management needs.

This article is a reprint from the www.epa.gov website. Please contact your local health department for additional advice and assistance.

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JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, January 6, 2014. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Will Chambers, Bethany Major, Dick Filippini, and Norman Schippert. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk. Council Member Rex Florence was absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Profit Loss Year-to-Date Budget vs. Actual, Year to Date Comparison, and Balance Sheet reports through December 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

OPEN COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for open comments.

POLICE REPORT

There have been no recent events to report this month.

Total police year-end activities:

Traffic Stops – 1015	Accidents – 37
Complaints – 381	Warnings – 881
Motorist Assist – 98	School Patrols – 461
Citations – 175	House Watch – 705
Code Enforcement – 278	Special Detail – 122
Criminal Invest. – 123	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friends of Pewee Valley, Inc. has finally received approval from the IRS as a charitable organization, 501(C)(3). The status is approved and effective back to February 2011.

Mayor Rogers thanked Cindy Trujillo and Bethany Major for the Yule Log. The event went well with great food and a large attendance.

Town Hall flooded with approximately 2" of water on December 22, 2013. Some previous years' audited records are still drying out. Mayor Rogers and Norman Schippert met with an architect and engineer this month about working on di-

verting water on Town Square to prevent another flood of Town Hall.

PWV FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Mayor Rogers reported he was unable to attend the December meeting. Work is continuing on the new fire station.

FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 AUDIT REPORT

– **John McIntyre, McIntyre & Wooldridge, PSC**

Mayor Rogers introduced John McIntyre, and thanked Stan Clark, City Treasurer for working on the audit.

John McIntyre provided copies of the audit to the Council Members and presented the highlights of the audit by summary. The City received an “Unmodified Opinion without Exception” by the independent auditor (the same result as in the past several years).

There was discussion regarding the seed money provided by the City for the Stormwater MS4 Permit program. This permit program is in its early stages and reimbursement is not expected at this time. Stan Clark noted this is the third year of the program.

Recommendations from the auditor included: using an oversight procedures checklist; bidding out of garbage/recycle contract every three to four years; and an amendment to the Stormwater Management Ordinance under accounting procedure.

A motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Audit was made and seconded, with all Council Members present voting in favor.

KENTUCKY DIVISION OF WATER AUDIT

– **John Malueg, Stantec Consulting, Inc**

In December, John Malueg, Mayor Rogers, and Laura Eichenberger met with the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, “MS4”) Program Coordinator of the Kentucky Division of Water to conduct the City’s first Stormwater Program audit. The City has done an excellent job with the program and received an “A+” on the audit. The highlight of the audit was Central Park. Stantec conducted a MS4 Outfall Mapping and Dry-Weather Screening in 2011. This has put the City several years ahead of schedule in complying with the Permit mandates. New EPA regulations are expected this year that will replace our current permit.

Mayor Rogers thanked Laura Eichenberger, Paula Kennedy, and John Malueg for their help in making the MS4 program successful.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Henry Walser (Public Safety/Communication/Website): The City’s new website is near completion.

Dick Filippini (Tree Board/CSX): The winter tree removal bid was awarded to Greenhaven. LG&E has completed an inventory of the dead or dying Ash trees (due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation) throughout the City that threaten power lines.

Rex Florence (Ins./Water Quality): Absent from meeting.

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Bethany Major (Festivities/Town Hall/Park): Bethany Major thanked everyone who helped with the Yule Log. She has received positive feedback that the Yule Log was a great time and very festive.

Bethany and Laura Eichenberger will meet to follow up on developing Welcome Packets and Pewee Valley business listings.

Paula Kennedy has met with Roger Hack on the plans for building a bridge over a bioswale in the Park. Construction will be in the Spring.

Norman Schippert (Sidewalks/Park): No report.

Will Chambers (Waste Management/Mowing): The garbage contract will be let out for bid in April. The current contract expires June 30, 2014.

Bob Rogers (Police/Roads): Mayor Rogers thanked Glenn Rowland for the long hours salting and clearing the roads.

OLD BUSINESS

2nd Reading: Ordinance 8, Series 2013, Oldham County Comprehensive Plan—Goals and Objectives, October 22, 2013 Update — John Singler provided the second reading by summary of Ordinance 8, Series 2013. Brian Davis of Oldham County Planning and Development was present to answer any questions. There was no further discussion.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 8, Series 2013, An Ordinance Regarding the Adoption of the Goals and Objectives for the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan—Goals and Objectives,

October 22, 2013 Update was made and seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with all present Council Members voting in favor.

Cell Tower Update — John Singler updated the Council and residents on the status of the proposed cell tower. The deadline for public comments has passed. All letters received have been submitted. First the cell tower company will have to pass a National Historic review (106 Review). The next step would be to file an application through the Planning Commission for approval. At this point, an application has not been filed.

Michele Pisano, 115 Ash Avenue, thanked Mayor Rogers and the City Attorney for time invested to-date to battle this pending application.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Permit: American Diabetes Association — The City's sign permit application needs adjustments to include location and other information. Both the County and City ordinance prohibits signs in the right-of-way.

The City Council asked John Singler to review and revise the permit application and better



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define the current sign ordinance. Consideration of this sign permit request was tabled until the February 3, 2014 Council Meeting.

Sign Permit: Oldham County Community Scholarships — Laura Hall submitted a permit request for a temporary banner over the door of 314 Exchange. The banner will hang January 25th to January 31st.

A motion to approve the sign permit request was made by Dick Filippini and seconded by Henry Walser. All Council Members present voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor, City Council Members, and City Attorney moved to Executive Session per KRS 61-810 Exceptions to Open Meetings, item (c) Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency; and item (f) Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, members' or student's right to a public hearing if requested. This excep-

tion shall not be interpreted to permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret.

A motion to return from Executive Session was made and seconded, with all Council Members present voting in favor.

Upon approval of payment of outstanding bills, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

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PEWEE VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
SIGN UP NOW	Adult Co-Ed Volleyball - Thursday nights. Games start in late January. Registration thru mid-January. Cost \$150 per team.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, Wed & Thurs	6:30 -7:30 pm - Zumba Fitness Class - JW Black Center, \$4 per class drop-in; \$3 each with purchase of 10 classes.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, Feb 3	7 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Feb 13-16 Feb 21-23	7 pm - <i>Guilty Conscience</i> - A brilliant and ruthless criminal attorney plots to kill his wife and tests each scenario in the courtroom of his mind. Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 pm; Sun 2:30 pm - Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$12.	Little Colonel Playhouse 588-1557
Feb 16-17	7 pm - Auditions - I Ought to be in Pictures - Herb, a Hollywood scriptwriter currently "at liberty" is surprised when his forgotten past reappears.	Little Colonel Playhouse 588-1557
Mon, Feb 17	7 pm - Pewee Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 8607 Foley Ave, Pewee Valley	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Tues, Feb 25	7 pm - Mayor's Night In	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343




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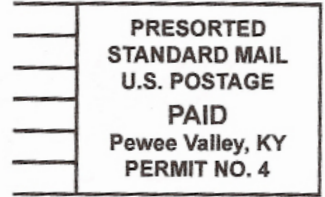
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