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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 02, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles, attending remotely. Alderperson Beth White absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the May 19, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wombles (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall met with three different potential business prospects.

Meetings have been held with MECO Engineering regarding sewer extensions for the Industrial Park West.

The Music Festival planning is progressing nicely, and we hope to be able to announce bands soon.

Mayor Mendenhall met with Steve Martin concerning the Zoe Theater. He is waiting for one more bid before beginning the teardown of the building.

Max Middendorf from MECO has made a suggestion for the Higbee/Memorial Intersection. The current plan is to use Rebuild Illinois Funds to fund this project; in doing so, an Environmental Study is required, which will delay the project. If we use local funds that will expedite the project, we could then reallocate the RBI funds to Grove Street and couple those funds with TARP funds to lower our local fund usage on Grove Street.

The concrete has been poured on the Pickleball court; it must now cure for two weeks.

The mayor requested that aldermen please notify the Public Works Director or the mayor of any dilapidated properties or properties with issues in their wards.

The Downtown Revitalization project is running a little ahead of schedule. Mayor asked that everyone continue to visit and support our downtown businesses during this phase.

Mayor Mendenhall asked that the public be aware of electric bikes operating on the roadways. He has met with Chief Starman about the matter and his staff has been engaging with youth that has been seen operating the bikes and scooters and educating them about the use and safety rules.

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Public Comments: None

No Ordinance Committee Meeting was held.

No Finance Committee Meeting was held.

No Utilities Committee Meeting was held.

The Street and Alley Committee met briefly and learned that the Downtown Revitalization project is slightly ahead of schedule. The underground work should be completed next week. Tom Reinhardt stated that the brush pickup from the storm is complete, and the crews are back to a normal schedule of brush pickup on the first Monday of the month. The Street and Alley Department is now at full staff and will begin patching next week.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve Resolution 2026-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Application for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Public Works Director requested the Tornado Siren bid item be tabled.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to pay the bills as stated by City Clerk.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Grimsley asked if there have been any staffing changes. City Clerk Moffit stated there had not been. Alderspersons will be notified of future changes.

Aldersperson Wombles asked if we had any updates on the Airport equipment grant. Mayor stated we did not.

Aldersperson Little asked where our sewer main ended on Lakeview Heights. Tom Reinhardt stated it was at Panther Creek Subdivision.

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Chief Starman stated that Weston McAllister is in week three of the academy and doing very well. Additionally, he elaborated on the legality of operating electric scooters and bikes. Electric scooters are not legal to operate on a roadway or sidewalk. At any point a person is seen operating one, they have been informed by law enforcement to cease operation. Electric bikes are legal to operate on roadways, not sidewalks. Electric bikes have different Classes based on speed. Class 1 bikes can be operated on a roadway by anyone. Class 2 and above may only be operated by someone 16 years of age or older. There is legislation pending to make changes to the laws. Until the laws have changed, officers will continue to speak with anyone seen operating an electric bike to inform them of the laws regarding them and the safety measures that are recommended to be followed.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 p.m.
