

December 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, December 05, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at the Pittsfield City all at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and Alderman Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles. Alderman Robert Wilson was absent.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve November 21, 2023, city council minutes.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall announced the following:

Alderman mailboxes have been moved into the City Clerk's Office.

A meeting is scheduled with Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit, Pike County Economic Development Director Brenda Middendorf with Make My Move.

The Deer Santa Festival was Sunday, December 3, and was very successful.

The Mike Knight Memorial Disc Golf Tournament will be held December 10, 2023, at 1pm.

The Business Owner's meeting will be held December 13 at 6pm at Brewed.

Employee Evaluations have began with Mayor Mendenhall and Supervisors.

Mayor Mendenhall reiterated that there is a Food Truck Ordinance in effect and if anyone sees a food truck in operation they should notify law enforcement.

Alderwoman Whtie advised that the finance committee met today and discussed the 2023 salary range, Christmas Bonus', and funding request forms.

Alderwoman White moved to approve an employee Christmas Bonus for 2023 in the amount of \$450.00 for full time and permanent part time employees.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman White moved to allow for exceeding max salary, if necessary, to allow for possible performance based raise at year end.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart advised that the utilities committee met today and learned from Supervisor Shane Allen that the border station shelter has been ordered. A price has been obtained for a new public water meter. Mr. Allen will research possible a location to move the meter. The committee also learned from Tom Reinhardt that the East Lagoon pump is down and Petersburg Plumbing is going to assess the pump for repair options.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1725 – An Ordinance Amending Title IX: General Regulations for the City of Pittsfield, as to Chickens, on its first reading, by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Resolution 2023-12 Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Higbee/Memorial Intersection.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Resolution 2023-13 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall read a letter notifying the council that his retirement will be effective 12/31/23.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall noted that we are accepting bids for Yard Sale items until December 22, 2023 and Yard Sale Property items until January 26, 2024.

Alderman Ritchart stated the Christmas Lights look very nice.

Alderman Grimsley asked about the dumpster on Clarksville Road. GFL should have it removed by January 4, 2024.

Alderman Little thanked Mr. Hollahan for his service.

Ed Knight stated we have received a Notice of Funding Opportunity from DCEO in the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Reinhardt thanked Mr. Hollahan for all of his assistance over the years. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the field tile work has begun at the airport.

Chief Starman stated that Richard Hubbard has been hired as a police officer effective January 4, 2024.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Ann Moffit