

July 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at 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, and Robert Wilson; Kevin Wombles was present by phone; Beth White was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the July 07, 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 asked if Alderperson Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Paul Lennon would serve on the Joint Planning City Boundaries and Annexation Committee. Alderperson White is not in attendance; the matter will be placed on the next agenda for appointment.

Mayor Mendenhall announced that the Music with a Mission event will be held September 13, 2026; the lineup is Gabe Howard, Filthy Heathens, and Them Dirty Roses. The current mission for this event will be an amphitheater and golf cart path to the lake.

A meeting was held with CDS Office Technologies to discuss the contract renewal.

A meeting was held with Hometown Consulting to discuss the strategic plan for Pittsfield.

The Pickleball courts are complete; the work around the courts has not been completed.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the June 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Public Safety Committee met tonight. Chief Starman advised of the following: A lighting issued with the Durango occurred. The repair has been made and the cost was \$3,800.00. The new K-9 vehicle should be completed this week. The K-9 program is off to a good start, several meth arrests have been made, as well as assists with other departments with drug sniffs. We currently have two ordinance officers, one working the Perry, Griggsville area and one working in Pittsfield. Weston McAllister is over half-way through training and graduates in September, after which he will have a 6–12–week FTO program. All officers participated in and in house night firearms training instructed by Mitchell Barton and Zach Tuley. Officer Tuley is attending a four week fire arms High Risk Traffic Stop/Use of Force Master Instructor Course. The Fire Truck is not in service yet, lettering has not been completed. The new transport truck is ready for pickup.

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The Ordinance Committee did not meet.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1777 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027 on its first reading by title only.

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.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1777 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

Aldersperson Little moved to approve Ordinance No. 1777 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance May 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027 on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to give Mayor Mendenhall authority to enter into an agreement with Hutchison Engineering for Phase II of the Downtown Revitalization.

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.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve vacating four parking spaces at Landess Terrace Apartments to allow for the placement of a dumpster to service the complex.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the three-year contract with CDS Technologies for Managed Technology Services.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the Historic Preservation Advisory Board as follows: Kevin Ketchum, Alderman, Max Middendorf, Chairman, members, Robert Wilson, Curt Simonson, Jim Filbert, Peter Wright, Earl Pursley, and Kate Marable.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to move forward with the preparation of the Lease Agreement with Adams Co-Op for placement of an antenna on the water tower for a monthly fee of \$250.00.

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.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve the placement of a wooden chapel at Lake Pittsfield, near the locks of love structure, after reviewed by MECO Engineering.

Aldersperson Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles(8)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles(7)

Nay: NONE (0)

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Lennon has been keeping up closely with the Downtown Revitalization project, and he is very happy with Reese Construction.

Aldersperson Ketchum commended the Street and Alley Department on their road patch work.

Aldersperson Little asked about the Fiber that approached us a few years ago about coming to town. Mr. Reinhardt stated that we have not heard back from them after the initial contact.

Tom Reinhardt stated the following:

Road patches are being done at two locations on East Fayette, one location on West Fayette, Clarksville Road, and West Jefferson Street.

Tubes have been ordered to begin tube replacements in several areas, including Cherry Street. There are two residents on Cherry Street who have not signed the requested easement, and we will have to work around that.

Mulch has been delivered and, with the assistance of the Pittsfield Work Camp, has been placed under the playground equipment at both parks.

The meter reader equipment replacement continues.

There have been a few water line issues during the downtown revitalization project, but he believes they have been rectified.

The crew is currently working on a Water Main Break near Lowry Street, which has resulted in a boil order.

There has been a request to place a Slow, Children Playing sign on Kellogg Street. Mr. Reinhardt asked Mr. Morris if that had to be approved by ordinance; she will check into that.

Attorney Morris stated that the settlement with Ms. Asporcolas is being finalized.

Brittney Emerick stated that Hometown Consulting is making updates to the City's Strategic Plan. She has submitted a proposal for a business location in Pittsfield to the Illinois EDC. She is in the process of reapplying for the OSLAD grant, there will be a Public Meeting on August 12 at 5pm regarding the grant application.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:47 p.m.
