

March 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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 Alderperson Kevin Ketchum, Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Robert Ritchart and Robert Wilson were absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve March 04, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Several City staff and officials attended the grand opening of Craig's Collision Center.

A meeting was held with Central State Reality owner Bailey Bowers regarding beginning a Pike County landlord association.

Mayor Mendenhall presented a TIF Summary that was prepared by Hometown Consulting. They have several redevelopment ideas such as seeking RFP for the Zoe Theater building.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit and Public Works Director Reinhardt have reviewed and prepared a Fee Schedule for council to review.

The City Hall expansion budget has been reviewed. We are to the point of selecting flooring. Mayor showed samples of the types of flooring that has been suggested.

Alderperson White moved to approve the February 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

The Public Safety Committee did not meet tonight due to lack of a quorum.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the School Resource Officer Contract with Pikeland Unit 10 School District.

Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, White, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve the appointment of April Epperson to the position of School Resource Officer upon Pikeland Unit 10 approving SRO Contract and her completion of Illinois Certification.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Little, White, Wombles (6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

The Ordinance Committee met and reviewed the current fees.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1745 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District I and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, on its first reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Little, White, Wombles (6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1745 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District I and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Little, White, Wombles (6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1745 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District I and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, on its second reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
Little, White, Wombles (6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1746 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District II and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, on its first reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1746 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District II and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Ordinance No. 1746 An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in TIF District II and Authorizing payment of that Surplus Revenue for Tax Year 2023 payable 2024, on its second reading, by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2025-1, A Resolution to adopt and allocate funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as part of the 2026 National Fitness Campaign.

Aldersperson Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve Pay Request 1 and final to Illinois Valley Paving for the Adams/Franklin Street project in the amount of \$397,562.77.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, White, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall distributed the TIF District Analysis prepared by Hometown Consulting.

Current City Hall Expansion budget was distributed.

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

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Lennon, Little
White, Wilson, Wombles (6)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the School Board meets tomorrow and all indication is that they will agree to the TIF I extension with a 25% distribution to the School District.

Good Energy is in the process of securing an aggregate contract.

IMGA suggests that we transition to prepay natural gas. There should be more discussion at the upcoming IMGA annual meeting.

Pickleball court bids have been received. The quote is \$180,000.00 for two courts.

Aldersperson Grimsley noted that there have been continued problems with vehicle parking on the sidewalk.

Aldersperson White asked that everyone abide by the red flag warning of no burning.

Aldersperson Ketchum stated that the fountain has been installed at the King Park Lagoon. Trout will be delivered Tuesday, at 5pm. Opening day of Trout season is April 5, there will be a kids fishing event that day at 8 am.

Aldersperson Wombles asked for an update on Cherry Street. Mr. Reinhardt stated we are waiting for easements to be signed by residents. He also asked the status of Higbee/Memorial, Max Middendorf stated we are waiting for IDOT approval.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Ann Moffit