

May 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the May 6, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall presented a proclamation for Skilled Nursing Week to the Eastside Nursing Home.

A local Business Owner's meeting will be held this week.

Meetings continue with Utility Pipe Sales in reference to a new AMI system.

Additional meetings have been held with Hutchison Engineering for the Downtown Revitalization project.

Airport Grant applications have been signed and submitted.

The new LED displays are installed on the fuel tanks at the airport.

JWCC will host a class for 4th – 8th grade at the Pittsfield Lake June 23 – 27, scholarships are available.

We are working with Two Rivers & their workforce office in Macomb on an apprenticeship program for water and wastewater operators.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met and learned the new police vehicle has been purchased and lighting has been installed, and decals are currently being placed.

Alderperson Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met tonight for general discussion.

Ron Masik from Rise Broadband, an internet provider based in Colorado, presented information for their company. Rise Broadband plans to offer services in Pittsfield and Pike County. A right-of-way agreement will be presented once the final plans have been sent to the City.

Brittney Emerick shared information on CPACE. Commercial Property Assess Clean Energy "C-PACE" is a program in which businesses can apply for financing through the Illinois Finance Authority. The application process would be administered by City personnel. There is a sample ordinance that Brittney will provide for the council to review.

Alderperson White moved to approve an agreement with Ampion Renewable Energy.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon
 White, Wilson, Wombles (6)
 Nay: Little, Ritchart (2)
 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
 Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
 Nay: NONE (0)
 Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Ketchum stated that pool season is upon us and asked that everyone be cautious in the area.

Aldersperson Wombles stated that Kevin Garnett is preparing an estimate for milling.

Aldersperson Little stated that it is national EMS week and thanked all of our local emergency personnel and encouraged others to do the same.

Katie Sidwell addressed the council with concerns about an individual living in a vehicle in her neighborhood. This has been ongoing since March 19. The vehicle is on private property, and an eviction notice is effective for June 30. Mrs. Sidwell has concerns for the safety of the individual, the cat that is also living in the vehicle, as well as the neighbors, due to persons coming to meet the individual. Officer Clendenny will review the matter.

Brittney Emerick stated that JWCC has created a sculpture for Locks of Love to be placed at the Lake. Doug McDonald will be painting the sculpture next week.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:43 p.m.
