

July 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, July 15, 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 July 1, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	White (1)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the June 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Wilson 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 thanked Alderman Wombles, Clerk Moffit and Public Works Director Reinhardt for covering for him while he was on vacation.

Mayor Mendenhall met with Attorney Morris in reference to the solar ordinance as well as a Class Action lawsuit regarding FFF Litigation and Forever Chemicals.

There will be a Duck Blind Drawing at the Pittsfield Lake Ball Diamond on Sunday July 20.

Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt met with Senergy Sound Systems to further discuss the sound system for the Downtown Revitalization.

Mayor Mendenhall announced a Public Meeting will be held regarding the Proposed 4th Amendment to the Pittsfield Tax Increment Financing District I Redevelopment Plan, Project and Area on Tuesday, August 5 at 5pm.

Alderman Ritchart noted that the Public Safety Committee met, Chief Starman is on vacation and Deputy Chief Thompson and Sgt. Weir will cover in his absence.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met discussed the Solar Ordinance. Attorney Morris has reviewed Jacksonville's Ordinance and will provide recommendations for amendments to our ordinance soon. Attorney Morris continues to research Crypto Kiosks.

Ordinance 1752 passed.

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Aldersperson Wombles moved to approve Resolution 205-05 A Resolution providing for a Change Order in the amount of \$6,485.00 for the City Hall Expansion Project.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

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:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that a group from Texas will fly in on their way to Wisconsin for an airshow. The planes are unique, vintage, and interesting and he suggests visiting the airport to check them out.

Alderman Ketchum thanked the Street and Alley department for the sidewalk repairs as well as the work on Memorial and Benson Street.

Tom Reinhardt reminded everyone that the Duckblind drawing will be held on Saturday, July 19 from 10 – 12 pm. The Street and Alley Department has begun patching of the streets from various leaks and projects that have been completed.

Max Middendorf stated that the Grant Application for the sewer enhancement has been submitted. He also asked for a special meeting to be held for review of the wastewater plant. He would like the meeting to take place at the plant. A special council meeting will be held at 3 pm on August 5.

Brittney Emerick announced that the Locks of Love sculpture is not complete. There will be an art event on the square Friday 5 – 8 with a theme of “What does kindness meant to you”. She met with Cole of Hometown Consulting and reviewed the analysis of a grocery store probability.

Cathy Welch addressed the council and asked for work to be completed on the North/South Alley between E Perry Street and North Street. She has lived there for 38 years and the alley has only had significant work done one time. The Alley is used regularly as a drive for 4 residents and three trash trucks.

Jim Filbert asked if there has been an announcement for the music festival. Mayor informed him the announcement should be coming soon, the band has been secured.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 p.m.