

February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 21, 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, Robert Wilson, and Alderman Kevin Wombles. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve February 07, 2023 city council minutes.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Vacant positions for the Gas/Water Department, the Park Manager and Parks and Rec Director have been posted.

Mayor Mendenhall met with JWCC President Bryan Renfro.

The Hooligan Car Show has announced that they will be coming back for the Fall Festival.

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce has announced that they are accepting nominations for Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Community Betterment Winner.

A letter has been sent to all property owners in the B-2 Central Business District explaining the Historical Preservation Committee and also the permitted uses in the B-2 Central Business District.

The IMGA Annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Northfield Inn in Springfield.

Alderman Grimsley moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of Christina Butler, owner of 838 W Adams Street, to construct a porch which will have a front yard of ten feet (10') instead of the required twenty feet (20') and construction of a deck which will leave a yard of five feet (5') instead of the required ten feet (10').

Alderman 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.

Alderman Grimsley moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of Harrison Lane, owner of 178 E Kellogg Street, to permit the placement of a mobile home on said lot with said mobile home making three (3) mobile homes total, and placement of the mobile home with a rear yard of eight feet (8') instead of the required twenty five (25').

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve the January 2023 Monthly Treasurer's Report.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to accept the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to approve the Business Incentive Program application from Pike County Quick Lube.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1709 – An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the TIF District I and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue of the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on its first reading.
Alderman 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.

Alderman Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1709 – An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the TIF District I and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue of the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts.
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1709 – An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the TIF District I and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue of the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on its second reading.

Alderman 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.

Alderman White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1710 – An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in the TIF District II and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue of the Pike County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on its first reading.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson moved to approve Resolution 23-02 a Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance in the amount of \$180,311.80.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve Resolution 23-03 a Resolution in support of the 2023 Raise Grant Application.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to accept the estimate from Mark Edlin for erosion control at the Pittsfield Penstone Airport, in the amount of \$25,950.00.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the amendment to the Employee Handbook to allow for an employee to carry-over 30 vacations days instead of the current 10.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

Alderman Ketchum 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:

Alderwoman White asked what the dates of the City-Wide Clean-up are. Mr. Reinhardt indicated the dates are April 22 – April 29.

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Alderwoman White asked if there is a date set for the Business Meeting. There isn't one set yet but should be set soon.

Alderman Ketchum has received complaints about non operational vehicles parked around town and dogs outside without being on a leash. Mayor Mendenhall has spoken with a citizen that he has received dog complaints about as well. Chief Starman indicated that the Animal Warden should be contacted with any unleashed dog concerns, and if there are specific areas that vehicles are an issue his department should be notified and they will look into it.

Alderman Wilson asked about the status of the dog park. Clerk Ann Moffit has spoken with Michael Jennings from Picture Pittsfield who indicated that it was recommended they leave the park locked until March to allow time for grass to grow.

Tom Reinhardt stated that Kenny Gwartney and the Street and Alley crew has installed Story Book signs for the Library around the walking path at King Park.

Tom Reinhardt also stated that tree removal around down has been progressing nicely.

Kevin Garnet with MECO Engineering updated that the Memorial and Fair Intersection should be on the IDOT Bid list in the next few weeks. He also indicated that the Maysville Bridge should be bidding in March.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into closed session at 6:39 pm to discuss Personnel and Property. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to enter into open session at 7:03 pm.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the negotiated agreement with Steven Watkins.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderwoman White moved to offer to vacant Police Officer position to Clint Weir.
Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Ann Moffit