January 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, January 04, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, and, Alderman Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Council meeting.
Alderman Knight seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Ty Rylander Memorial Run on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. with the same route as previous years.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Kathy Hull, CEO at Illini Community Hospital addressed the City Council in reference to the request of Illini to have employee parking on Adams Street at the daycare facility on Mississippi Street. She stated that they would like to use 4 parking spaces for employee parking only west of the tree on Adams Street and indicated that there would be no child drop off permitted in that area. Chief Starman gave data from the mobile speed sign that has been in that area and indicated that the average speed was 31.5. He stated that although there were vehicles that had excessive speed the average is comparable to any other street in town that parking is permitted on. Alderman Ritchart stated that he believes it would be unfair to deny the request of Illini based on the fact that the house to the west of the facility and many other locations on that street park in the same manner. Mayor Mendenhall asked Kathy Hull if Illini would be willing to extend the sidewalks if the vehicles extended into the sidewalk. Ms. Hull stated that she believes that can be accomplished.

Alderman Grimsley moved to allow parking at Illini Daycare on Adams Street with extended sidewalks being installed at the expense of Illini.
Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance No. 1688, Propane Tank Ordinance within the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles(8)
	Nay:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to suspend the rules of the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1688, as stated above.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles(8)
	Nay:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve Ordinance 1688, as stated above, on its 2nd reading.
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wombles(8)
	Nay:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1689, An Ordinance providing for installation of Handicapped Parking Space within the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1690, An Ordinance Amending Zoning Code Section I-9 Industrial District of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its first reading.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules of the 2nd reading of Ordinance 1688, as stated above.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.
Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Ordinance 1690, as stated above, on its 2nd reading.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles(8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to fund the ICC fine of $138,800 by using all funds from the Gas Department Fund from the 2021 – 2022 Budget Year.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles(8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to prepare a resolution to commit $300,000 to the Downtown Revitalization Project should the grant be awarded. The funding would be $100,000 in FY 2021 – 2022, $100,000 in FY 2022 – 2023 and $100,000 in FY 2023 – 2024.
Alderman Little

Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles(8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that he will prepare a proclamation in reference to Illini Community Hospital's 80th year.

Alderman Ritchart moved to direct the Clerk to pay bills as stated.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Yea: Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles(8)
Nay: None (0)
The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon stated that the Airport Committee will me on January 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss stump/tree removal.

Alderman Little stated that he would like to explore what the City can offer to new businesses. He has a rebate plan that was drawn up in 1998 for the Industrial Park but was never enacted. Max stated that our area has benefits in place, such as TIF and Enterprise Zone, we need to market our benefits. Alderman Little would also like to look at incentives for new home being built such as zero charge gas meter installation. Economic Development Committee will meet on January 12 at 4 pm.

Ed Knight stated that he will met tomorrow with PCED to review available funding for growth opportunities.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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City Clerk