

April 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 18, 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, and Robert Wilson. Alderman Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles was absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve April 04, 2023, city council minutes.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, (4)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall, Tom Reinhardt, Chief Starman, and city hall staff have participated with the Pikeland School District Safety Training.

There have been several meetings with various companies that offer solar panels for panels at the wastewater plant.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Ann Moffit, and the finance committee have had several meetings to complete the 2024 budget.

The Public Safety Committee has met in reference to the Police Union Contract.

City Wide Clean-up will begin April 22, 2023 and continue through April 29, 2023. Hours are Monday – Friday 7am – 7 pm and Saturday 7 am – 4 pm.

Health insurance quotes have come back and are up again this year, there have been several meetings to discuss options.

Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt have been working with CASS Cable in hopes to obtain a WiFi sponsorship at the Lake.

Annual Airport Hangar lease agreements have been sent out.

Mayor Mendenhall has been working on committee meetings and will recommend that vital committees meet monthly.

Neighborhood Vehicle Stickers are available to purchase, and Mayor reminded everyone to stop in and purchase a sticker if they are operating a Neighborhood vehicle in City Limits.

Alderman Little moved to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon,
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		Little, Wilson (5)
Nay:		NONE (0)
Present:		NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the IMGA Amendment to Natural Gas All Requirements Sales Agreement.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to accept the Economic Development Committee's recommendation to approve the Business Incentive Program application from The Lunch Box.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved the approve the change of the Chief of Police from an hourly position to a salary position, with a salary of \$68,020.80, effective May 1, 2023.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to appoint Shane Allen to the salaried position of Utilities Superintendent with a salary of \$60,715.00, effective May 1, 2023.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to payout all existing comp time for employees that are now in salaried positions.

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Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to allow Mayor Mendenhall to negotiate the Deputy Police Chief as a salaried position.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase all Full-Time employees \$.50 per hour or \$1,040.00/year for salaried employees on May 1, 2023 with \$50,000 being allotted for salary increases for the fiscal year, to include May 1, 2023 raise and merit/performance raise in December 2023.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to accept UHC Option 3, as employee health insurance, as presented by Einstein Consulting, allowing the employees the option to select Option 1 and pay the premium difference.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to accept Mayor Mendenhall's committee appointments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

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The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to create standing committee meetings at the following dates and times:

First Tuesday of each month: Finance Committee at 5:00 pm

First Tuesday of each month: Utilities Committee at 5:30 pm

Third Tuesday of each month: Public Safety Committee at 5:00 pm

Third Tuesday of each month: Ordinance Committee at 5:30 pm

Third Tuesday of each month: Street & Alley Committee at 5:45 pm

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to direct Attorney Hollahan to prepare an ordinance to suspend the rules of competitive bidding for the purchase of a track loader.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the request of Farmers State Bank to close the alley directly behind Farmers State Bank on May 4, 2023.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to direct Attorney Hollahan to prepare an ordinance to remove the stop sign on Walnut Street at Grant Street.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Lennon thanked the citizens for electing him to another term.

Alderman Little thanked the Street and Alley Department for pouring the concrete pads at the lake.

Attorney Hollahan stated that he would not be in attendance at the next council meeting. Attorney Keisha Morris will attend on his behalf.

Public Works Director, Tom Reinhardt stated that two additional pads have been poured at the South Campground.

Mr. Reinhardt noted that the Fire Department as well as the Gas Department did an outstanding job last week handling a fire that occurred in town.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the Street and Alley Department plans to begin work on sidewalks after City Wide Clean Up has ended.

Max Middendorf stated that the Maysville Bridge bid opening will be May 2, at 10:00 am.

Ed Knight noted that he submitted the paperwork to IDOT to close the 2015 Safe Routes to School Grant.

Mayor Mendenhall expressed his thankfulness for the outcome of the gas explosion that occurred this past week. He noted that his is very appreciative for our Fire Department and that their hard work and their good rating keeps the insurance rates for the entire city down and that we are fortunate to have them.

Mr. Pfyl addressed the council and stated that the alley between Adams and Washington Street is being closed on a regular basis by private citizens. There have been complaints by him as well as other neighbors about the disturbance from derby cars and dogs running at large.

Alderman Little moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Ann Moffit