

March 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 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, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Chris Little was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the March 03, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the February 2026 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

USDA Grant Monitors, Nichole Mason and Dwight Reynolds visited and have released 90% of the grant funds, the final 10% will be released when the building front is complete.

Grand opening for the expansion will be scheduled for May, 2026.

Terry Lehr's retirement problem will be tomorrow, March 18 at 2pm.

There is an upcoming meeting with the four residences on the north side of town regarding the waterline extension.

King Park Lagoon will have trout delivered on March 24, 2026.

We will host the Elected Officials meeting on April 30 at 6pm.

The Pittsfield Police Department now has an Emotional Support Dog, Dutchess will assist Officer Weir.

Tables have been ordered for the Council Room.

Public Comment

Mr. Booth addressed the Council to discuss the 12 acres between WalMart and Lowry Street. There has been a terrace added and a berm that would resolve the water drainage issues. He would like the Special Use permit to be amended to allow for planting of soybeans for a season.

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Alderman Ritchart stated that the Zoning Committee met and heard the request for a variance at 625 Jackson Street.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Variance as requested by Damon Properties for 625 Jackson Street, for a 10-foot rear yard instead of the required 15-foot.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. The Committee learned that the new therapy dog, Dutchess, is here, and she and Officer Weir are in training.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the ordinance committee discussed a proposed burn ban for the City and the County. Attorney Morris will prepare the proposed Burn Ban for the County. The Committee approved Ordinance 1766.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve Ordinance 1766 An Ordinance Establishing a City Boundaries and Annexations Committee, Authorizing the mayor to Enter into Agreements and From Committees Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement on its first reading by title only.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1766 by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve Ordinance 1763 An Ordinance Establishing a City Boundaries and Annexations Committee, Authorizing the mayor to Enter into Agreements and From Committees Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement on its second reading by title only.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

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Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Pittsfield regarding the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program .

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Ordinance 1767 TIF I District Amendment – Passed

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve the replacement of awnings that were removed, as necessary, during the downtown revitalization project, with the size, color, and style being determined by the City, if a Logo will be placed on the awning the business owner will be responsible for that cost.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to accept the bid from McConnell & Associates in the amount of \$185,115.00 to construct two Pickleball Courts at Lowry Park in Pittsfield.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the CDH Awareness walk/run at Lake Pittsfield on April 18, 2026.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall asked that Aldermen send sidewalk and street repairs via email to Tom Reinhardt or Todd Scranton.

Aldersperson Grimsley stated that he feels like salaries need to be reviewed.

Aldersperson Ketchum stated that Trout will be here on Tuesday. He thanked the City for its assistance with this project. The trout fishing event will be on the First Saturday in April.

Aldersperson Wombles stated that he thinks Clinton Street will need an overlay from Washington to Fayette Street.

Tom Reinhardt provided an estimate for the repair of Grove Street. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the Lake Campgrounds will open on April 13. The Square renovation is going well.

Max Middendorf stated that the SRTS easements have been submitted. He anticipates the release of the Memorial and Higbee intersection project in approximately two weeks.

Brittney Emerick reported that the Pike County Child Care task force Provider Palooza went well. Rent Fun is preparing a quote for Pickle Ball equipment at Lowry Park.

Deputy Chief Jennifer Thompson thanked Mashoff's and White Tail Properties for their financial support as well as the City Council for their support of the new K-9's that have been added to the department.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:58 p.m.
