

September 01, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 01, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Pittsfield City Hall at 215 N Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor Gary Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Kevin Ketchum is absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the August 18, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                  |
|            | Present: | Robert Wilson (1)                                         |

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the Asporcolas lawsuit has been settled and the deed has been recorded. Economic Development Director is working with Hometown Consulting to draft a request for proposal for the property.

The Music For a Mission Festival is coming up on September 13, gates open at 5 pm.

Kenny Gwartney has retired effective 08-31-2026.

Illinois Rural Water is running a camera through the sewer system on Jill Street.

Public Comments: None

The Finance Committee met and discussed the funding for the various street repairs. A portion will come from MFT tax; however, the majority will come from budgeted general funds.

The Utilities Committee met; Kenny Gwartney retired, and Jason Clendenny has accepted the position of Gas and Water Superintendent. The department is planning hydrant flushing and continuing to work on meter reader replacement. The committee learned that meetings were held with Rees Construction, Hutchison Engineering, and Brown's Electric regarding the water line issues. A plan to replace sections of copper with PE pipe should rectify the electrical issue. Brown Electric will also do a basic electrical inspection of each building on the square.

The Street and Alley Committee met tonight. John Neupauer has been permanently placed in the Street and Alley Superintendent position. The downtown revitalization project is slightly ahead of schedule. The department is reviewing sidewalk projects. Wyatt Baker has been hired for the street and alley laborer position.

The Ordinance Committee met and reviewed the Historical Preservation Ordinance.

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Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1780 – Annual Tax Levy Ordinance on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                          |

The motion carried.

Ordinance 1778 – Historical Preservation Ordinance – Tabled

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to accept the bid from Pike Co. Power for generator replacement at the Wastewater Facility, in the amount of \$223,790.00.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                          |

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the request for Girl Scout group to use the grassy area near the soccer field to tent camp as requested.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                          |

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to draft a resolution to waive the mileage requirement for Jason Clendenny to be appointed Gas and Water Superintendent.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                          |

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that John Neupaer has been placed permanently in the position of Street and Alley Superintendent and Wyatt Baker has been hired as Street and Alley Laborer.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt updated the council on the water line issue with the Downtown Revitalization project. After meetings were held with Rees Construction, Hutchison Engineering, and Brown's Electric regarding the water line issues. A plan to replace sections of copper with PE pipe should rectify the electrical issue.

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Aldersperson Ritchart moved to pay the bills as stated by the City Clerk.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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| Roll Call: | Yea:     | Grimsley, Lennon, Little,<br>Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7) |
|            | Nay:     | NONE (0)                                                          |
|            | Present: | NONE (0)                                                          |

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Wombles thanked everyone for their hard work on the Pickleball court as it is open now.

Aldersperson Little asked if markers would be used when snow plowing at on the square. Mr. Reinhardt stated that markers would be used and they plan to use the skid steer which will provide for more accuracy during plowing.

Aldersperson White thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and plant for the funeral services for her mother.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the Fall Festival parade route has been changed at the request of the Fall Festival Committee and is not due to the construction. Kenny Gwartney's position of maintenance and zoning is being considered and in the meantime Mr. Reinhardt will handle the duties. We are ordering a mower replacement for the airport.

Brittney Emerick stated that a circus will take place in the football practice field on October 3 and 4.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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