

March 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, March 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, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles.

Alderman Robert Ritchart was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderwoman White moved to approve March 07, 2023 city council minutes.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, White, Wilson (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wombles (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

A representative from Cass Communications has been contacted and met with about WiFi at Lake Pittsfield. Another meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023.

Mayor Mendenhall was the master of ceremonies at the Courthouse Spring Equinox Glow. The sky was clear and the glow was able to be seen.

Mayor met with a potential new business for the Pittsfield Square.

Mayor Mendenhall and Clerk Moffit met with Apptegy, hosts of our website and app, we currently have 270 app users and plan to market the app soon as well as launch a YouTube channel.

Mayor Mendenhall has been tracking the Natural Gas futures in hopes to catch a low cost and lock in additional years.

Mayor will be attending the Pike CEO Pitch Event this Friday.

Mayor Mendenhall and Ed Knight have met with Simply Solar in reference to solar panels at City Buildings.

Interviews were conducted for the Park Ranger position and Mark Reeves will be appointed as park ranger for the 2023 season. David Forshey was the only applicant for the Recreational Director position and Mayor Mendenhall will meet with him tomorrow.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Little moved to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee to approve the Business Incentive Program Application for Chris Nichols dba Trux LLC.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to open the campgrounds at Lake Pittsfield on April 15, 2023 and each year thereafter, weather permitting.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to set the camping rate at \$20.00 per night and \$500 per 30 day month.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mike Rohn stated the alley behind his home on North Memorial has a bush that causes damage to vehicles driving in the alley. The resident on the other side of the alley is causing issues. Mr. Reinhardt has looked into the matter and has not been able to locate a survey to determine where the alley begins. He will investigate and if the bush is in the alley the Street and Alley Department will trim it.

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Alderman Grimsley asked if there was any way that the improvements being made at Pine Lakes can be promoted. Mr. Filbert with Coulson Publications stated that he was planning to write an article. Alderman Grimsley also stated that he has received complaints of traffic issues on Mississippi Street to Perry Street.

Alderwoman White stated the Fire Department Father Daughter went very well.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the trout were delivered today and he reminded everyone that no fishing is allowed until April 1, 2023 at 8 am.

Alderman Wombles asked if the final tree trimming has been completed. Mr. Reinhardt stated it has not been completed.

Economic Development Director Ed Knight stated that he has been working on solar quotes and placement location for panels.

Max Middendorf with MECO Engineering stated that the Well is drilled. He also stated that the Maysville Bridge project should be going to bid at the end of the month and the bid date for Memorial and Fair is Thursday at 10am.

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt stated that a water main repair was completed today on Morrison at Jackson. There will be no boil order.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that the brush clean-up at the lake has been done. Additionally, the State has placed the 7th grade girls basketball championship signs and Pine Lakes has requested signs be placed in town for their campground.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into closed session at 6:31 pm to discuss property and contracts. Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to enter into open session at 7:01 pm. Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Ann Moffit