

January 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, January 17, 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, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Alderman Kevin Ketchum. Alderman Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles were absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve January 03, 2023 city council minutes.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Ketchum, Little, Lennon, Ritchart, White (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Grimsley (1)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor and Ed Knight met with potential developers in reference to retail business and residential opportunities in town.

A meeting was held with Heather Veile with IMGGA to discuss gas pricing.

Mayor Mendenhall, Ed Knight, Brenda Middendorf with Pike County Economic Development, and Max Middendorf with MECO met to discuss grant possibilities for the Industrial Plaza Expansion.

Mayor Mendenhall and Ann Moffit met again with Apptegy and the City continues to progress with the App, Website and a possible You Tube Channel.

Mayor Mendenhall met with Park Board Director Laura Maki in reference to the Pike County Little League forming and a potential Recreational Director to maintain the Rec Leagues at the City Lake and have some involvement in the Little League as well.

Mayor Mendenhall and City Hall staff have fielded numerous complaints in reference to trash charges.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's Report, with noted changes to the CD rates.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed many topics. Several items have been forwarded to Attorney Hollahan for review and drafting of Ordinances for Council review.

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The Economic Develop Committee did not meet to discuss the approval of a Business Incentive Program application due to lack of a quorum.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Employee Handbook with changes as presented.
Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Coy Bainter with Carpe Disc Golf stated that the 2022 Big Buck Classic was very well attended and was an overall success. The league has approved the Big Buck Classic 2023 to be a two day event. To do this there will need to be an expansion of the course or a second course added. Carpe Disc Golf previously discussed a temporary expansion with council, however, at this time they feel it would make more sense to add a permanent expansion.

Alderman Lennon moved to proceed with the expansion of the disc golf course with baskets and design cost of \$10,000.00 or less
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Big Buck Classic Disc Golf Tournament dates of October 21 and October 22, 2023.
Alderman Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Mendenhall reported that the Pike County Economic Development Corporation has received necessary paperwork from a potential business for the Industrial Park that will allow the City to submit a grant application which would cover 50% of the cost of the Industrial Park Expansion.

Alderman Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that all Alderman should submit their requested street repairs to Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt, the Street and Alley Committee will meet at 8:30 Monday, 01/23/2023.

Alderman Grimsley noted that the patching of the streets looks very nice.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the kid's trout fishing tournament will occur this year the date will be the 1st Saturday of April.

Ed Knight is working with The Economic Development Group on a 3rd TIF District to accommodate a 30 unit apartment complex.

Chief Starman stated that Alderman Lennon participated in a ride along with an officer and Chief Starman welcomes any Alderman to do the same.

Kevin Garnett with MECO Engineering stated that the Memorial Street bid opening should be 1st of February, also the Maysville Bridge opening should be late February. The Well #4 drillers should be back next week.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into closed session at 6:29 pm to discuss Sale of Property, Contracts and Personnel.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to enter into open session at 7:07 pm.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Ann Moffit