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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 07, 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 Kevin Ketchum, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Alderman Kevin Wombles. Alderman Bill Grimsley was absent. Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve January 17, 2023 city council minutes.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White (5)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: Wilson, Wombles (2)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

There was a water main break on Walnut Street Thursday, February 2. Our crews worked well into the night and repaired the break.

Mayor Mendenhall and Chief Starman met with the Louisiana Missouri Mayor and new Police Chief, who had questions about how we handled budgeting.

The IMGA annual Executive Board Meeting will be held on March 28, 2023 in Springfield.

There have been ongoing meetings with the Little League Board to establish Pike County Little League.

The Pike County Vet Clinic is open for business in their new building at the Industrial Park.

Trux LLC should have their opening in the Industrial Park very soon.

Our employee holiday party was held on January 21, it was well attended and many employees and/or spouses express gratitude for the party.

Street and Alley Committee meet with MECO Engineering to review 2023 Road Projects.

The Airport tree removal project is nearing completion.

Mayor Mendenhall reminded everyone that Valentine's Day was next week.

Alderman Little moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of Marvin Wilke, owner of 1258 West Washington Street, to construct an addition which will leave seven feet (7') rear yard instead of the required twenty feet (20').

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Ketchum, Lennon, Little,
Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (7)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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Economic Development Committee Meeting Report – Meeting tabled due to lack of quorum.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Director job description as presented by the Personnel Committee and advertise for said position.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the Ty Rylander Run for March 18, 2023 at 10:00 am beginning at the Methodist Church with the route being the same as previous years.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve Resolution 23-01, Well #4 Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$115,550.34.

Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Lennon moved to approve the final plans for expansion of the disc golf course.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Josh Allen with J & J Trash Service addressed the Council and stated that he has heard rumors that the City plans to set rates for trash service. Mayor Mendenhall explained that he, as well as several Alderman, have fielded complaints about the trash service and the City is simply gathering information at this time. He asked that the City not consider regulating the rates. He explained that his rates are \$90 per quarter and he will never unfairly charge the residents of Pittsfield. Chris Little asked how many customers he had in Pittsfield and he stated approximately 500. He has an additional truck ordered and feels that with the new truck he can provide additional services to the residents. He also asked that the

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City not enter into any contracts for trash service. He noted that several municipalities that have contracted services are having problems. Alderwoman White again assured him that the Council has not accepted any bids for services and are only gathering information on the issue.

Mayor Mendenhall reported that he received an email from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity stating that a \$100,000.00 grant has been awarded to the City of Pittsfield. Upon further research it appears to be a discretionary funding grant requested by our Representative Davidsmeyer.

Notice of Award for the USDA Community Facility Grant for the purchase of a squad car has been received.

Alderman Ritchart complimented the Street and Alley crews on tree removal on Clarksville Road. Mr. Reinhardt stated that there are a few more that will be removed around town.

Alderman Lennon has had residents that have approached him about Pickle Ball courts and lights at the walking paths of Lowry and King Park.

Alderwoman White reiterated Mayor's reminder that next week is Valentines Day. She also thanked the Water Department for the expedited repair for the water main on Walnut Street.

Alderman Ketchum stated that he participated in a ride along with Officer Watkins and was very impressed with the way Officer Watkins and the entire Police Department presented themselves.

Ed Knight shared that he has had Deputy Clerk Flesner compile data in reference to electric usage for each of our facilities. Additionally, he has measured locations at the lake as well as Lowry Park for Pickle Ball courts.

Tom Reinhardt thanked the council for noticing the hard work that all of our crews have been doing. There is currently a gas line repair taking place on Fair Street. There is a Beaver Dam at Lake Pittsfield that has presented itself as an issue, they are in the process of removing it. The brush pile remains closed due to a commercial tree service placing large trees on the pile that has taken a while to burn, it should be open within a few days. Mr. Reinhardt stated that the use of the burn pile by commercial tree services will need to be addressed.

Max Middendorf shared that Memorial and Fair Street work has a bid date of February 23, 2023. Mr. Middendorf also stated that a family member had an emergency situation, being an automobile accident, and he would like to commend our First Responders. He indicated that by watching our volunteer Fire Department you would never know they were not a full-time paid department. Alderman Ritchart stated we should make a request to the state for a change in that intersection.

Kenny Gwartney stated the pump for the Lagoon fountain has been ordered.

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Mayor Mendenhall noted that S & S Dance, who is the tenant of the location of the expanded City Hall, has purchased a building and work on the expansion will began once she has relocated.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Ann Moffit