

February 17, 2026

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

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

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (7)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	White (1)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the February 09, 2026, Special City Council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Wilson, Wombles (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Grimsley, Ritchart, White (3)

The motion carried.

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

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

The annual IMGA Gas Meeting is March 31, 2026.

A meeting was held with the Airport Engineer to review the Airport Agreement for consultant Services.

Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt met with Bob Stambaugh for the sound system for the Downtown Revitalization project.

Mayor Mendenhall has surgery scheduled for February 20, 2026. Alderman Wilson will serve as Mayor Pro Tem until Mayor Mendenhall has recovered.

Construction has started around the square. Please observe the Orange cones, barrels, etc. that are being used to block parking spots in the areas in which the crews are working.

No Public Comment

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. The Committee learned that the new K-9, Maverick has had to successful drug identifications. Alderman Ritchart noted that law enforcement presence may need to intervene with parking during the construction.

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Alderson Ketchum stated that the ordinance committee discussed adding small engine repair as a special use and will direct attorney Morris to prepare an amendment to the special use ordinance.

Alderson Ritchart stated that the Zoning Committee met and heard the request for a special use permit from Caitlyn Baker and Justin Edwards to allow for a small engine repair business at their residence. The committee determined that upon the addition of small engine repair as a special use they would recommend approving the permit as requested.

Alderson White moved to approve the agreement with Hanson Engineering for Consultant Services at the Penstone Airport in the amount of \$46,223.25. Alderson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderson Wombles moved to approve Ordinance 1763 TIF I Surplus Revenue on its first reading by title only.

Alderson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderson Wombles moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1763 TIF I Surplus Revenue by title only.

Alderson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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Alderson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance 1764 TIF II Surplus Revenue on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance 1764 TIF II Surplus Revenue by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance 1763 TIF I Surplus Revenue on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Discussion occurred about the property located at 927 W Perry. A demolition order was used by the court for the previous owner. Attorney Morris will file the proper motion with the court to have the order reissued since the owner has changed.

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

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:		NONE (0)
	Present:		NONE (0)

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated several trees have been removed on South Madison.

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Aldersperson Wombles stated that there is a Pickleball Tournament on Saturday to benefit the Every. Little. Thing. Project.

Aldersperson Little asked that everyone be sure to patronize the businesses on the square during the construction period.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the East side of the Lake is closing due to soft roads. March 19 will be Terry Leahr's last day would be March 19.

Brittney Emerick announced that the Pike County Child Care task force is having an event on March 10, 6-8 at JWCC for daycare providers, former providers, as well as potential providers.

Gary Mendenhall reminded everyone that neighborhood vehicle stickers are available for purchase.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m.
