

December 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 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 Alderperson Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the November 19, 2024, city council minutes as amended.

Alderperson 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.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit, and Economic Development Director Brittney Emerick attended the ribbon cutting for Sugar and Smoke.

Mayor Mendenhall and Zoning Director Kenny Gwartney met with the new owner of the former Higbee lot and reviewed the plans for two duplexes he plans to build.

Mayor met with JWCC President Bryan Renfrow to discuss various possibilities for JWCC in Pittsfield.

Mayor Mendenhall has been contacted by three prospective business owners looking to bring their businesses to town.

Mayor has been in discussion with a dry cleaning business looking to provide a dry cleaning drop-off service in town.

An updated timeline has been created by Mayor Mendenhall, Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt, and Project Manager Ed Knight for the completion of the City Hall Expansion. The anticipated completion date is April 2025.

Mayor Mendenhall and Economic Development Director Brittney Emerick have met with Cole McDaniel of Hometown Consulting to finalize their proposal.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit, and Attorney Morris, met to discuss 1% grocery and medical supply tax.

Public Works Director and Economic Development Director Brittney Emerick have been working on Cherry Street easements.

There will be no brush pick-up for January.

The holiday party will be on January 11, 2025.

Gas and water department will be marking utilities on Lowry and Morrison Street for the Safe Route to School route.

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Aldersperson White stated that the Finance Committee met today and discussed Christmas Bonus', 2025 Wage Range, and Tax Levy Ordinance.

Aldersperson Wilson stated that the Utilities Committee met today and learned that Mayor Mendenhall and Tom Reinhardt met with Hutchison Engineering regarding water meters and locations of them. There was also a meeting with Sheriff Greenwood about the tunnel from the Courthouse to the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Greenwood indicated that whatever needs to be done would be acceptable. Jacob Seal passed his Class B water license test. There are three additional employees who will be obtaining gas certification. Tom Reinhardt is working on obtaining easements for the Lagoon Project. Flagging for the Safe Routes to School project continues.

Aldersperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met tonight and Mayor Mendenhall stated that there was a discussion about the Damon's Plumbing quotes in reference to the Jill Street homes.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve the Damon Properties Annexation Petition for the property located at the west end of Kellogg Street.

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 No. 1741 An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, commencing on the first day of May 2024, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2025 on its first reading by title only.

Alderman 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 suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1741 An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, commencing on the first day of May 2024, and ending on the thirtieth day of April, 2025 .

Aldersperson Ritchart 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 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.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to enter into a contract with Hometown Consulting for an annual price of \$35,000.00 to be paid quarterly.

Aldersperson 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.

Aldersperson White moved to approve a \$500 Christmas Bonus for full time employees and \$250.00 for permanent part-time employees.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to the 2025 Wage Report as presented.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Jill Street – Honey Creek Sewer – tabled

After discussion no business license ordinance is necessary. We will have a business registration and no license at this time.

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

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little
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Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)

Nay: NONE (0)

Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Grimsley is concerned with a solicitor that is going door to door asking if he can pray. The Police Department has been in contact with him.

Aldersperson White thanked the Street and Alley Department for street patching.

Aldersperson Wombles stated the fuel system needs to be updated at the airport.

Aldersperson Little is concerned with the loss of daycare with the closing of Illini Daycare. Mayor stated that he has been contacted by two individuals looking for space for a daycare.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Ann Moffit