

October 06, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 06, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room at 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, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Alderperson Robert Ritchart is absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the October 06, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that the Lowry Park Pickleball court is open and sidewalks will be added to the court. There has been a donation of benches and concrete pads for the benches on each side of the sidewalk.

Hometown Consulting has drafted a RFD for the East Adams and former Race Track Property that we are currently reviewing.

A business registration form is being drafted and will be presented for review soon.

A personnel committee meeting was held to discuss the code hearing position.

The downtown revitalization project is coming to its final stages.

Public Comments: None

The Finance Committee met and voted to pay, through the HRA, the difference between the prior co-pay of \$50.00 per month and the cost of the name-brand prescription not covered by BCBS, for an additional one-year period, to be revalued in the 2027 renewal year. The committee discussed performance bonuses and Christmas bonuses and also learned from Chief Starman that due to rising fuel costs, his department is on track to be over budget for equipment expenses. He is taking measures to decrease the expense.

The Utilities Committee did not meet. Mayor Mendenhall stated that there would be an IMGA meeting on October 23 in Auburn.

The Street and Alley Committee met tonight. John Neupauer stated that the sidewalk on Jefferson Street has been completed. The sidewalk areas of concentration were discussed. Street milling and overlay were reviewed.

October 06, 2026

Thomas Sims with Marvel Mirror presented information on an Easy Button that his business offers. The Easy Button would automate routine tasks.

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2026-11 – A Resolution to Allow Elected or Appointed Governing Body Officials to Participate in IMRF.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to approve Resolution 2026-12 MFT Resolution

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve the 2026 Salvation Army Bucket Blitz on Thursday, December 3 from 10 am – 2 pm at the intersection of Memorial and Jefferson Streets.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Bishop Hardware TIF Redevelopment Agreement – Tabled

Aldersperson Ketchum moved to approve the Benchboard Lease renewal as presented.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to accept the bid from Damon Plumbin for the Kamar Drive Sewer Main Extension in the amount of \$129,500.00.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

October 06, 2026

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

The motion carried.

Health Insurance Pharmacy Benefit – Passed - Approved in Committee

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

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to enter into closed session to discuss personnel at 6:40 pm

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to enter into open session at 7:15 pm

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Personnel – Tabled

Aldersperson Grimsley asked who mows the border station. Public Works Director stated our staff mows it.

Aldersperson Lennon questioned the legality of Neighborhood Vehicles on the highway and E-Bike usage. Chief Starman stated it is not legal for NHV to operate on State Highways and as of now E-Bikes are legal.

October 06, 2026

Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt stated that the South Side of town has been experiencing low water pressure and the Gas and Water Department is currently working on the issue. There has been additional damage at the pickleball court.

Ann Moffit stated that an Air Evac representative would be here next week to discuss an Air Evac Membership.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:24 p.m.
