

April 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 21, 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, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles attended remotely. Kevin Ketchum was absent.

Alderperson White moved to approve the April 07, 2026, city council minutes.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the April 13, 2026, city council special meeting minutes.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wombles, White (2)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

A meeting was held with the IEPA and Attorney Generals office regarding the Honey Creek Project and lift station at Country Roots Subdivision.

Mayor Mendenhall extended a sixty day extension of the Carnes and Galle Hangar Lease. Both individuals have health issues and are trying to sell the aircraft.

There will be an elected officials meeting at City Hall on April 30, 2026 at 6pm. Reservation deadline is April 24.

April 30, 12pm – 1pm, John Wood Community College will host a meet and greet with Dr. Potter, the JWCC President, at the Pittsfield Campus.

The Municipal Electrical Aggregation Agreement with Homefield Energy will have a rate increase from .12 to .1309.

Mayor Mendenhall asked Attorney Morris for an update on the Asporcolas suit. Ms. Morris indicated that the settlement offer was rejected. They have implied that they would entertain an offer to purchase the property.

Public Comment: None

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

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

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

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Present: NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. The Committee learned that Weston McAllister has been hired as a full-time police officer. He will begin the academy in May.

Ordinance Committee did not meet.

Tom Reinhardt stated that IREC would like to place an antenna on the West Water Tower. The council gave Mr. Reinhardt permission to negotiate an agreement and bring it back to council for approval.

Mr. Reinhardt stated that he has received a request from a resident that a traffic control sign be placed at Clinton and Jefferson. Council has asked for Chief Starman's recommendation.

Aldersperson White moved to increase Full-time employees salary \$1.25 per hour and permanent Part-Time employees salary \$1.00 per hour beginning May 1, 2026.
Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

Aldersperson White moved to increase the starting salary by \$1.00 per hour. After discussion of the motion, the motion was withdrawn.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to pay bills as stated by City Clerk.
Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

New Business:

Aldersperson White asked that a joint meeting be held with the Personnel Committee and Finance Committee on May 5 at 4pm.

Aldersperson Grimsley stated that the street Bear Court is in bad shape and needs attention.

Aldersperson White thanked the employees for their hard work in cleanup relief due to the recent storms.

Alderman Wombles asked Max Middendorf for an update on the Higbee/Memorial project. Mr. Middendorf stated that he anticipated the bid award to be in June.

Aldersperson Little asked if the Kayak Rental was open. Tom Reinhardt stated that at last check it was still in hibernation.

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Tom Reinhardt updated that brush pick-up will take a major part of the summer after the severe storms. We had a water main incident on Jackson Street today and the crews are actively repairing, there will be a boil order. The generator went down at the Sewer Plant during the storm. Tubes have been ordered to continue replacing them.

Max Middendorf stated that the SRTS project is anticipated to be let by June.

Brittney Emerick reported that a Farmers Market type store will be opening on the square in the former Casteel Paint building. There is a grant available for churches that wish to plant trees. The America 250 celebration will be held on July 3 on the square.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that there are laws regarding electric bikes, scooters, etc and they should be adhered to.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:59 p.m.
