

November 21, 2023

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

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve November 07, 2023, city council minutes.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the October, 2023 treasurer's report.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall announced the following:

The Gas Department held is annual Gas Safety Training at the Pittsfield Fire Department. All emergency services personnel and officials were invited to attend.

Mayor Mendenhall and Public Works Director met with Wastewater plant employees and Wastewater plant Engineer, Tim Hasara.

Mayor Mendenhall and Public Works Director Reinhardt attended the Pike CEO Breakfast.

Mayor Mendenhall met with MEOC Engineering and a potential new business owner to identify the most appropriate location for business.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit and Economic Development Director Ed Knight met with Pike County Economic Development Director Brenda Middendorf to discuss and potential new resident recruitment program.

The next business owners meeting will be December 13 at 6pm at Brewed.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the variance request of CJ and Danielle Hayes at 353 Cherry Street to permit the placement of an accessory building which will leave a one-foot side yard instead of the required six feet, providing the accessory building will have no windows on the North Side of the building.

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Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart advised that the Public Safety Committee met tonight and Chief Starman explained that a new squad truck would be purchased using the Terran as a trade-in. We will have a balance to be paid however, in February we will sell the BMW to off-set the cost.

Chief Starman also advised that the License Plate readers have been very successful.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit and Fire Chief White met to discuss funding possibilities for a new fire truck.

Alderman Ketchum advised that the Ordinance Committee met tonight and discussed the Fowl Ordinance and made recommended changes.

Alderwoman White moved to approve the agreement with Northwater to complete the Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan (NARP) as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Little moved to approve the Yard Sale packet with bids for equipment to be returned by December 15, 2023 and property bids and plan of intended use to be returned by January 26, 2024. Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to approve payment to Mark Edlin Dozing in the amount of \$25,950.00 as per contract, for completion of dry dam project at the Pittsfield Penstone Airport. Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderman Wombles moved to approve payment of Invoice 1548, in the amount \$19,737.00 for Crackseal on various streets.

Alderwoman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to amend Ordinance to file a corrected legal description for Industrial Park East property.

Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried

New Business:

Alderman Ritchart stated the Christmas Lights look very nice. He also asked what the status of the property near Lowry Park. Mr. Hollahan advised that the lender wont issue a partial release.

Alderman Grimsley thanked the Public Works department for all of their hard work all while being short staffed.

Alderwoman White asked about the status of the trailer on Dutton Street. Chief Starman advised that a 10 day warning was issued 10 days ago. Officer will attempt to contact today.

Alderman Ketchum commended the Gas Department on replacing the South Border Station.

Alderman Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Department has worked very hard on Cherry Street.

Ed Knight stated that we are in the final stages of the fix or flatten grant application process.

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Public Works Director Tom Reinhardt stated that the campgrounds were closed yesterday and he will be obtaining bids from CASCO for crackseal projects.

Alderwoman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Ann Moffit