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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 05, 2025, 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, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles. Robert Wilson was absent.

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the June 17, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit, Brittney Emerick, and Max Middendorf met with Steve Kline to review TIF boundaries and currently excluded properties for accuracy.

Mayor and the Economic Development Director attended the Pikeland new teachers luncheon.

The 2nd Annual Music with a Mission Concert will be held on September 7, with gates opening at 4pm. The headliner will be Little Texas, and the opening act will be Los Honky Tonkers.

A special meeting was held today, a tour of the Wastewater Plant was conducted.

Oil and Chip street repairs will begin soon. Mayor reiterated that the chips will be down for 4 weeks. There will be no sweeping of the chips before that time.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve the variance as requested by Steve Cawthon.

Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson White stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed needs for the Wastewater Plant Rehab, reviewed debts and outstanding loans an, and discussed the possibility of a grant program regarding fix or flatten properties.

Alderman Ritchart stated the Utilities Committee met and learned that Doug Whitlock has been hired for the Wastewater plant and Lindsey Smith has been hired for the Gas and Water Department. A new two-inch water service is being installed at the First Christian Church and a new residential gas service will be installed. Terry Lehr updated that the lead and copper samples have all came back from the lab

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with zero evidence of lead. Mr. Reinhardt informed the committee that we have received notification of eight EPA violations for sewer back-ups, and follow-up documentation will be submitted.

Alderman Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met tonight. General Discussion occurred. The committee learned that the pipe project on Meadow Street should be completed by the end of the week, and the East Washington pipe repair is at a standstill due to wet ground conditions. The Street Department has been patching ahead of the milling project.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1752 – Annexation Ordinance on its first reading by title only.

Aldersperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1752 – Annexation Ordinance.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1752 Annexation Ordinance on its second reading by title only.

Aldersperson Ritchart seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

OSLAD Grant – Tabled

Aldersperson White moved to approve the acceptance of the bid estimate for the maintenance and patching of various streets from Diamond Construction in the amount of \$173,122.20.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to approve the temporary closure of South Monroe Street between the practice fields to Higbee Street from 4pm – 10 pm on September 2, September 26, October 10, and October 24.

Aldersperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall thanked Tom Reinhardt and Michael Starman for prepping the Lake Ball Diamond for the Softball Benefit last weekend.

Aldersperson Little thanked the Street and Alley department for their hard work with brush pickup.

Brittney Emerick stated that the Art Event went very well; hopefully, next year it can be a monthly event. She will present information in regards to the OSLAD grant budget next week. Hometown Consulting will present grocery information next meeting.

Mayor Mendenhall recommends that everyone check out the GIS mapping created by Hometown on our website.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:31 p.m.
