

January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, January 20, 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, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Kevin Ketchum and Beth White were absent.

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

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wombles (5)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	Wilson (1)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the annual audit for fiscal year May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 as presented by Franklin & Vaughn.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Ritchart moved to approve the December 2025 Monthly Treasurer's Report.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Attorney Keisha Morris is currently working on a Social Media Policy.

There will be a Community Meeting regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project on February 5 at City Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

A meeting was held with Rees Construction and Hutchison Engineering this morning to review the timeline for the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Brittney Emerick participated in the Pike CEO Pitch program.

No Public Comment

Alderperson Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight. The Committee approved the sale of prior service weapons as well as allowing Chief Starman to begin union negotiations.

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There was no discussion during the standing Ordinance Committee.

The Finance Committee meeting was passed.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve a Business Incentive Application as submitted by the Green Acres Hotel.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Little moved to approve a Business Incentive Application as submitted by the William Watson Hotel.

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to approve the Ty Rylander Walk/Run to be held March 21, 2026 with the route being the same as it has been previously.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Wombles moved to approve resolution 2026-01 Amended TIF Redevelopment Project Inducement Resolution for Longhorn Cattle & Swine Confinements, Inc.

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

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

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles (6)
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New Business:

Aldersperson Ritchart asked the status of the Airport Equipment Grant. We are waiting on our engineer to come over to complete the paperwork.

Aldersperson Little identified that the Street light on Liberty Street is no longer in place after being struck by a combine months ago.

Mayor Mendenhall stated that we are still looking into furniture for the new council room.

Tom Reinhardt stated that Randy Smith began work on Monday with the gas department. He also asked the public and businesses have patience during the revitalization project.

Aldersperson Lennon moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:37 p.m.
