

April 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, April 04, 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, Paul Lennon, Chris Little, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, and Kevin Wombles.

Alderman Robert Wilson was absent.

Mayor Mendenhall presided.

Alderman White moved to approve March 21, 2023, city council minutes.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that David Forshey was the sole applicant for the Parks and Recreation Director position and he has been hired for the position.

Mayor Mendenhall judged the Pike CEO Pitch event. He noted that the students have extremely creative businesses.

Mayor Mendenhall, City Clerk Ann Moffit, Alderman Robert Wilson and Paul Lennon, and Tom Reinhardt attended the Annual IMGA meeting.

Mayor Mendenhall and City Clerk Ann Moffit have been working with Supervisors on budget, and in doing so have discussed and reviewed equipment that is needed. Additionally, a very productive finance meeting was held to discuss the budget.

The Street and Alley Department plans to begin sidewalk replacement and repair and Mayor Mendenhall, Tom Reinhardt, and Todd Scranton have reviewed and identified areas that are possibilities for repair or replacement.

Reviews and meetings have occurred in reference to solar panels for the water and wastewater plants since they are our biggest energy users.

Maguire Iron should begin on the uptown water tower repair at the end of April. We will need to decide what design we would like on the tower.

Alderwoman White moved to accept the bid from Hood Construction Group in the amount of \$132,160.00 for project 21-00000-01-RP, the Memorial and Fair Streets Intersection Reconstruction. Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

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The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to advertise, interview and hire three summer helpers.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Ketchum moved to advertise for the upcoming Street and Alley position that will be vacant due to the retirement of Steve Barker in May 2023.
Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to approve the amendment of the Airport Hangar Lease Agreement to include Aircraft Use and payment being semiannually or annually.
Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Insurance Renewal – Tabled

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

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Mayor Mendenhall shared that Max Middendorf, with MECO Engineering, has been assisting Ed Knight in applying for a RAISE grant for the Higbee Street repair. We have been waiting for the plans from the Pikeland Unit 10 Engineer for their parking lot improvements to ensure their plans coincide with ours. Mr. Middendorf presented the plans that he received this week from Klinger and Associates. The plans do make concise lanes of traffic entering and exiting the parking lot. Mr. Middendorf does not see any conflicts with the plans.

Alderman Grimsley stated that there is a section of sidewalk on Grant Street that needs attention. Mr. Reinhardt indicated that had been identified and is planned to be repaired.

Alderman Lennon indicated that Jefferson from Illinois to Madison has several areas that need repair. Mr. Scranton will review the area.

Mayor Mendenhall asked that if Alderman have areas of concern that they email Mr. Scranton and Mr. Reinhardt so the requests made at council meetings aren't overlooked.

Alderwoman White stated that the Finance Committee had a very productive, hour and a half budget meeting and called another Finance Committee meeting on April 11 at 7:30 am.

Alderman Ketchum stated that the Kids Trout Fishing event had 75+ attendees despite being cold and windy. He thanked everyone who helped. He stated that the Department of Conservation places 150 pounds of trout in the lagoon and he would like the City to purchase an additional 150 pounds next year. He believes the cost would be \$1,000.

Alderman Wombles again thanked the Street and Alley crews for their hard work.

Alderman Little has had a resident ask about the storm drain ditches at Susie Drive. Mr. Reinhardt stated they are overgrown. Alderman Wombles suggested having an IDOT work crew clean and cut the brush.

Ed Knight stated that he is still working with several companies to determine the best direction for the City to go concerning Solar projects.

Max Middendorf presented the Maysville Bridge Replacement plan with a bid date being May 2, 2023.

Chief Starman stated that the new truck has been completely outfitted and is on the road. There is a Public Safety Meeting on April 14.

Todd Scranton stated that his department has been assisting at the lake preparing for the opening of the campgrounds.

Tom Reinhardt stated that eh lake opens on April 15th. The bathrooms at the parks should be open very soon after.

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Chief Starman stated his department has issued 70 Ordinance violation warnings and the grace period for correcting the problems has come to an end, therefore any uncorrected violations will now have citations issued.

Attorney Hollahan asked the status of the Model Ordinances that have been prepared. Alderman Ketchum called an Ordinance Committee Meeting on April 18 at 5:15 pm to discuss Park Model Trailers, Food Trucks, Trash Contracts and Stop Signs.

Alderman White moved to enter into closed session on April 4, 2023, at 6:34 pm to discuss personnel.

Alderman Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman Wombles moved to enter into open session at 6:48 pm.
Alderman White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderman White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Ann Moffit