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

Alderperson Ketchum moved to approve the October 21, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

The Rent Fun Kayak Rental is in hibernation for the winter.

Mayor Mendenhall attended the Pike County Elected Officials meeting hosted by the Pike County Economic Development.

Mayor Mendenhall met with Senator Tracey and Representative Davidsmeyer while they were in town hosting the ICASH event at the library.

Mayor Mendenhall and Attorney Morris attended the Pike County Board Meeting regarding the agreement with the county concerning the 1 ½ mile buffer around City Limits development.

A finance, airport and personnel committee meeting occurred.

A gas safety meeting will be held at the Firehouse on November 13 at 6:30 pm.

There will be an IDOT Aeronautics Airport Meeting on November 10 at 3:15.

No Public Comments

City Clerk Moffit read the minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting: Assistant Superintendent Gunder will return to the position of Gas and Water Laborer, removing the 5% salary increase given when duties were assigned. Kenny Gwartney will be placed in the position of temporary Utilities Superintendent with a 5 % increase. Mr. Gwartney will continue his current duties with John Neupauer assisting with maintenance.

Alderperson Whited advised that the Finance Committee met on October 30 to discuss property and liability insurance and review coverage. Budget status, City Hall Expansion Budget, Music with a Mission and Fire truck funding were also discussed. Finance committee also met today and Reznick Insurance presented a property and liability quote from ICRMT in the amount of \$156,555 and a worker's compensation quote in the amount of \$30,945.

Alderperson Wilson stated that the utilities committee met today and Mayor Mendenhall informed the committee that Mr. Gwartney had been temporarily assigned to the Utilities Superintendent position. Mr. Gwartney advised that he crews have started on Monroe's new gas and water service. The new

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service at Roots Subdivision is on schedule. Terry Leahr stated that the resin of the softener is bad, he has received one quote for \$54,000. Alderperson Ritchart asked about the long-term gas agreement. We are waiting for IMGGA. Mayor informed the committee that a meeting was held in reference to out of town water lines.

Alderperson Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met today. Tom Reinhardt stated that sidewalk and road projects are scheduled to begin soon, and the Julie's have been called in. It is recommend that the water main on Grove Street to tap into the 10" main.

Alderperson Little moved to refer the request of a Stop Sign North Bound on N Madison and East Bound on West Kellogg Street be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for review.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Little moved to refer the supervisor residency requirements to the Ordinance Committee for review.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Wombles moved to approve Ordinance No. 1755 – An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Tax Levy of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, on its second reading, by title only.
Alderperson White seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderperson White moved to accept the Worker's compensation quote from IPRF in the amount of \$30,945 and the Property and Liability quote from ICRMT in the amount of \$156,555.
Alderperson Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Alderperson Little moved to approve the façade loan request from GV Pizza in the amount of \$ 6,000.00.

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Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

Farm Lease – Industrial Park West – Postponed.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the City Lake Campgrounds will close November 24, 2025, weather permitting.

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

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Lennon, Little, Ritchart, White, Wilson, Wombles (8)
	Nay:	NONE (0)
	Present:	NONE (0)

The motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Grimsley thanked the Police Department for assisting with the Golf Cart Parade.

Aldersperson Ketchum asked that an Ordinance Committee Meeting be scheduled at 4:30 p.m. on November 18.

Aldersperson Wombles stated the SROs did a great job with the Truck or Treat event.

Alderman Little thanked Tom Reinhardt and Kenny Gwartney for getting Gas Certified.

Attorney Morris attended the County Board meeting to discuss the 1/12 mile development radius. She believes that this matter will be placed on the back burner, given the current issues the County Board is dealing with.

Brittney stated that Girls Night Out will be Thursday the 6th and Deer Santa will be December 7. We received notification that we have moved into the second round for the OSLAD grant.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:40 p.m.