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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, September 02, 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, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson, and Kevin Wombles. Kevin Ketchum was absent.

Alderperson White moved to approve the August 21, 2025, city council minutes.

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that he and Attorney Morris have met to discuss the Solar Ordinance.

Mayor Mendenhall participated in a radio interview with KJFM "the Eagle" to promote the upcoming Music with a Mission concert.

Mayor Mendenhall attended Rotary last week. The guest speaker was Quincy Mayor Linda McKee, with whom he, and other local mayors and county officials met briefly afterwards.

Mayor Mendenhall, Clerk Moffit and Public Works Director Reinhardt, met with Curt Rezinck to begin the property insurance audit ahead of seeking insurance quotes.

The Fall Festival this pas weekend was an all time high attendance. Mayor Mendenhall has heard several compliments about the festival, parade, and car show.

The 2nd Annual Music with a Mission concert will be held this Sunday, gates open at 4pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall or online at Eventbrite.com

Mayor Mendenhall met with the new owners of Green Acres Hotel.

Mayor Mendenhall urged everyone to be patient with the dust over the next month while the gravel chips works the way into the tar.

Alderperson White stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the Park Board's request for a loan due to the tax payments coming late. It was determined that there will be a \$20,000.00 permanent transfer to the Park Board. The upcoming Music Festival was discussed.

Mayor Mendenhall stated the Utilities Committee today. Heather Veile with IMGA will attend the next council meeting to give a presentation on prepaid gas. Terry Leahr stated that he is waiting for the technician to analyze the water softener issues. Mr. Leahr stated that he had an EPA Inspection last week. The inspector found a few minor issues and anticipates violations; however, the issues have been resolved.

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The Committee discussed the possibility of the extension of water main service to 3-4 homes out of town that currently share a meter. The resident requested that the city take ownership of the lines to each home. The current mains are two inch (2") and the EPA minimum is three inch (3').

Alderman Wombles stated that the Street and Alley Committee met tonight. Alderperson Wombles stated that the oil and chip project is complete. The inlet on Meadow Creek Road is done. The tube on East Washinton Street is not complete, we are waiting for rain to settle the dirt.

Alderperson White moved to approve Ordinance No. 1753 – TIF District I Extension to the redevelopment plan, projects area and Tax Increment Financing on its first reading by title only.

Alderperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson White moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 1753 – TIF District I Extension Ordinance.

Alderperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Alderperson Wombles moved to approve Resolution 2025-10 ITEP Funding Agreement

Alderperson Lennon seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Attorney Morris presented a sample ordinance regarding Solar Energy System Regulations for review.

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Aldersperson Little moved to approve the modified Business Incentive Program to include In-Home Day Care Facilities.

Aldersperson White seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Aldersperson Ritchart moved to approve the Restore Pittsfield Incentive Program

Aldersperson Wilson seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

Aldersperson Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall stated that he received an updated to-do list on the next-door expansion.

Aldersperson Ritchart asked about Hangar availability.

Aldersperson Lennon said the Lake Board would like to know if the tennis courts could be used for a Pickle Ball Court. Mayor Mendenhall stated that we have received a bid for \$180,000 for courts but do not have funding at this time.

Aldersperson Little stated that the Forshey's, the Fall Festival Committee and the Lion's Club did a great job with the Fall Festival.

Brittney Emerick stated that upstairs of the City Hall Expansion is complete and the paperwork has been done for the grant.

Aldersperson White moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:38 p.m.