

August 20 , 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 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 Kevin Ketchum, Bill Grimsley, Chris Little, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Beth White, Robert Wilson and Kevin Wombles.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the August 2, 2024, city council minutes as amended.

Alderman Little seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

Mayor's Announcements:

Mayor Mendenhall attended the Legislative Steak Fry at the Farm Bureau last week.

An IMGA meeting was held and we are closely looking at the futures. We have seventy percent of our five year average locked in for 2026, 2027 , and 2028, we would like to lock in one hundred percent.

A meeting occurred with Hutchison Engineering and our DCEO grant monitor in reference to the downtown project.

The Make My Move monthly meeting showed that we are trending higher than most communities in all areas. Availability of rental property seems to be the only issue preventing movers.

Diamond Construction will start this week on the Newburg Township road. We have agreed to contribute an additional \$5,000 for additional work.

Alderman Ritchart stated that the Public Safety Committee met and had general discussion and learned that Chance Stamper has started the academy.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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

Alderman Grimsley seconded the motion.

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

The motion carried.

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New Business:

Mayor Mendenhall gave an update on the Honey Creek Project. He stated that Tom Reinhardt and Todd Scranton waded the manholes to gather information to obtain a bid for raising them and have been able to mow a path to most of them. They did not identify any visual mechanical failures. The homes on Jill Street that have had issues are being reviewed by Damon Plumbing for individual solutions.

Mayor Mendenhall announced that the Public Hearing for the Downtown Revitalization will be held Tuesday, August 27, 5 pm - 7 pm.

Alderman Lennon stated that the Park Board met and discussed funding and the tax levy. Additionally they discussed the Pickle Ball Courts, Mayor stated that the upcoming Rotary Golf Outing proceeds would benefit the Pickle Ball Court.

Max Middendorf stated that they have been working with IDOT officials on some contract issues on the Adams Street project.

Alderman Ritchart asked if the airport equipment has any updates. We do not have any updates per Mayor Mendenhall.

Alderman Grimsley stated that he has noticed individuals have obstructed the sidewalk on Jackson and Memorial Street for quite a while.

Alderman Ketchum asked for an update on the Water tower. Mayor stated that they are working on the Seal and it will be placed on the water tower and King Park and the water tower uptown soon.

Tom Reinhardt stated that the Big Buck Classic Disc Golf tournament would be held this weekend. The East Boat ramp should be poured this week. The fall festival is next weekend and Madison from Washington to Jefferson would be closed for the car show. Flashing stop signs have been installed at Memorial and Jefferson.

Alderwoman Whtie moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Ann Moffit